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**From:** <Soc06mom@aol.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/29/02 1:38PM  
**Subject:** Keeping Your Cell Phone Number

I would like to request that the FCC maintain our right to keep our cell phone numbers if we choose to change providers. This is the right choice and benefits the consumer!

Please do not let the major cell phone providers keep this law from being enforced. This is our right!!!

Thank you.

Pamela S. Ricca

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**From:** "Diane Eck, Prudential CT Realty 860-676-3964" <piperowner@attbi.com>  
**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/27/02 9:08AM  
**Subject:** Retaining the same phone number when switching cell phone companies

I recently read an article regarding the above subject and it indicated a vote was forthcoming which would decide whether the mandate would be overturned in favor of Verizon and the "biggie" cell phone companies.

I am emailing you to say I do feel "married" to my cell phone company and although I would like to switch as I am not happy with their service, I feel I am unable to do so as it would mean I would "loose" my existing phone number. I am a real estate agent and this number is my life-line to my customers. It would create a monetary hardship with new business cards, informing all my customers etc. and the fear of loosing business in the transition. I would venture to say anyone who has their cell phone as their business connection to customers would ask you NOT to reverse this mandate. Thank you.

**CC:** <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>

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**Date:** 4/27/02 4:02PM  
**Subject:** Same Cell Phone Number

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on the subject topic. Having recently purchased another cell phone from a different carrier and not being aware of the pending proposals we accepted another cell phone number. However, our preferences would have been to keep our old number for several reasons two of which are our relatives and friends were aware of it and the other has to do with proliferation of telephone numbers that really are unnecessary.

Thank You  
Louis D. Hauht

P.S. By the way why do we have to buy another phone just because we changed carriers?

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**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/28/02 2:22AM  
**Subject:** Cell Phone Number

Commissioners,  
I request that you allow cell phone users to keep the same phone number if they change providers!

Rick Elder  
2015 Patrick Lp  
Cottage Grove,OR 97424

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**From:** "David Young" <youngdm@corp.earthlink.net>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/28/02 8:48AM  
**Subject:** Cell Phone Numbers

Companies should not tell people what they want. 'The People' have spoken and they want to keep their cell phone numbers. Of course the companies can charge a premium for that but it should be a choice. The people deserve a choice.

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**From:** John Willers <john@rooftopsystemsengrs.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/28/02 7:03PM  
**Subject:** cell phone numbers

I want to be able to keep my cell phone number regardless of my provider.  
John Willers

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**From:** "James H. King" <jimk@dmv.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/25/02 2:29PM  
**Subject:** Cell phone number portability

Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Please do not delay cell phone number portability. You will work against the people who use the phones while benefiting only the phone companies and ultimately delaying market improvements.

Thanks for listening.

James H. King  
5151 Airport Rd.  
Salisbury, MD 21804

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**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/25/02 11:28AM  
**Subject:** cell phone numbers

I agree with this statement from Clark Howard! Please don't let the cell phone companies keep us from being able to take our cell phone numbers with us when we change companies!

Do you want to switch cell phone providers, but you don't want to give up your number because everyone knows it? Well, you shouldn't have to. For more than two years, a federal mandate has existed, requiring cell phone companies to allow customers to keep their number regardless of what carrier they use, the L.A. Times states. But the nation's largest mobile service providers have won a series of delays on this issue, and now Verizon is attempting to reverse it all together.

Mike Skillman

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**From:** "A Brown" <ABROWN@cfl.rr.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/24/02 9:11PM  
**Subject:** Local Number Portability

I own a small business where profits are small. I watch every dollar that comes in and that goes out. If local number portability is allowed to go through, it will allow me to have control of who I do my cellular phone business without having to regroup my sales people and customers.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

Tony Brown

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**From:** "Chuck Machado" <cohiba3@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/24/02 9:53AM  
**Subject:** Cell numbers

I want to have one and only one cell number. Thx Chuck Machado

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**From:** <AhmadSaleem@aol.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/23/02 8:51PM  
**Subject:** phone numbers

Please allow cell phone customers to keep their existing phone no. even if they switch the phone company(to avoid the RIPP\_OFF from the phone companies) and promote the competition.  
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**From:** <Jjohnny3468@aol.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/23/02 8:55PM  
**Subject:** cellular phones

Dear Sir

Please do not bow to the big cellular phone companies and overturn the federal mandate that goes into effect in November. I am a small business owner and have been using my cellular phone as my business number for over 10 years. If I were to switch phone companies in order to save money, I would lose a large percentage of business just because of the number change. Therefore I am stuck with my present cellular company. Competition is good for business.

Thank you for your time.

John Lloyd  
Charlottesville, Va  
434-981-1985

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**From:** "R Mc" <mcmurryr@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/23/02 8:13PM  
**Subject:** Allow cellular (wireless) phone customers to keep their phone numbers.

For more than two years, a federal mandate has existed, requiring cell phone companies to allow customers to keep their number regardless of what carrier they use, the L.A. Times states. But the nation's largest mobile service providers have won a series of delays on this issue, and now Verizon is attempting to reverse it all together.

Please vote to allow cellular (wireless) phone customers to keep their phone numbers.

Robert McMurry  
 1224 Hamstead Ct  
 Knoxville TN 37922

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**From:** "Nancy Lefever" <lefever@cgemc.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/23/02 6:25PM  
**Subject:** Portable cellular numbers

Please give us portable cell numbers to be used when we change providers.

Thanks for your attn --

Daniel Lefever

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**From:** "Mark Edgar" <markedar@mindspring.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/23/02 3:36PM  
**Subject:** Allow For True Number Portability

Dear Commissioner Copps,

On behalf of millions of cell phone customers, I would like to encourage you to allow the provision for true number portability to take place in November.

Please don't be persuaded by the cell phone companies who want to disadvantage customers by limiting number portability and therefore limit competition among the cell phone providers.

Sincerely,

Mark Edgar

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**From:** <BK2LOU@aol.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/24/02 8:36PM  
**Subject:** keep cell phone # if we change carriers.

Please dont buckle to big business, allow us to keep cell phone # if we change carriers.

Thank You,  
Dennis Sawyer

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**From:** Scott Rudy Villines <scottvillines@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/6/02 9:23PM  
**Subject:** Cell phone mandate

Members of the FCC,

I am writing to voice my concern over the recent developments concerning the cell phone industry and their fight to reverse an FCC mandate that would require them to allow customers to keep the same cell phone number when changing companies. Allowing cell phone companies to extend, or eventually reverse this mandate does not benefit the consumer, the market, or the country.

Businesses and individuals alike often feel locked into a certain company's plan because of the hassles involved with getting a new number. This is rightfully not the case with land line companies. Consumers are free to change carriers and retain their phone number if they feel they are not getting adequate prices or service. This should also be the case with cell phone companies. Please do not allow Verizon and other cell phone companies to continue a practice that restricts the choices of consumers. Please stick to the original mandate and follow through in a timely manner. Thank you so much for your time.

Scott Villines

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**Sharon Jenkins - Cell phone number portability**

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**From:** "Graham, Scott" <SGraham@CBBURNET.COM>  
**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/7/2002 6:57 AM  
**Subject:** Cell phone number portability

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a realtor who has been an ardent cell phone user since about 1992. I use about 3000 minutes a month and made the choice about 5 years ago to make my cell phone number my primary number because of the nature of my business. When I chose to move from Sprint to Verizon I had to change cell phone numbers. Because of the current rules I felt forced to continue my old service for a full year and pay to have every call forwarded at a cost of many hundreds of dollars. Because of the experience I will never change carriers again. I am held hostage.

I strongly feel that cell phone numbers should be the possession of the end user. At a cost of approximately \$4,000 per year I deserve the portability. Please enact legislation to allow portability.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Sincerely, Scott Graham (612) 597-7778

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**From:** "Neal Cohen" <neal\_cohen@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/5/02 4:47PM  
**Subject:** Cell Phone Numbers

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Dear FCC Commissioners:

Please implement the law which allows cell customers to bring their phone numbers with them if they switch companies (LA Times). Cell companies already have the consumer in a stranglehold of contracts and hidden renewals, the least the FCC can do is allow consumers freedom of choice.

Thank you for your time.

Neal Cohen  
13981 N. Morningside Dr NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306  
neal\_cohen@hotmail.com

**CC:** <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>

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**Sharon Jenkins - Keep our cell phone numbers**

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**From:** "Utecht, Elizabeth" <EUtecht@CBBURNET.COM>  
**To:** "mcopps@fcc.gov" <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/6/2002 4:21 PM  
**Subject:** Keep our cell phone numbers

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Please vote to allow us to keep our cell phone numbers. Elizabeth Utecht

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**From:** "V&M" <dsteffenson@vaughanandmurphy.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/25/02 9:17AM  
**Subject:** Consumer comment

Please do what you can to ensure that consumers will be able to take their cell phone numbers with them if they switch companies instead of allowing cell phone companies to hold consumers hostage.

I appreciate your assistance

Dane Steffenson  
1116 Napier St.  
Atlanta, GA 30316

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**From:** "Dick Stadler" <roosterradia1.co@mindspring.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/29/02 7:45PM  
**Subject:** Cell Phone Mandate

Dear Mr. Copps,

I understand there is an issue by Verizon to lock the phone numbers their company assigns customers - As I understand it they want to blackmail customers who have used this number for many months or years - Those who have advertised and depend on that number for their business and otherwise- Bullied into staying with that company no matter what as they would loose the number if they changed companies - I do not feel it right to monopolize a number and stop a person from entering the free enterprise system of getting a better deal or price and keeping that number - The Mandate the Govt. issued, they have tied up for 2 years and should stand, that we are allowed to keep our number changing companies - Your committee has the power to keep this mandate issued to help and protect our rights -I feel you should not be bullied into changing it because they want more money and power over their customers - Enough Americans rights are in jeopardy to big business as it is - Who do we go to for help unless it is the people in power of these issues - We need and ask for your help in keeping these numbers should we ever need to change a provider for better service or price and put the provider back in the business of taking care of their customers and create a friendly environment to keep them instead of bullying them to stay - Let the American Consumer WIN for a change!! Thank you and I hope you have the courage to stick by the first mandate - Dick Stadler-Atlanta,Ga.

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**From:** "Ned & Faye Rahn" <rahn@charter.net>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/2/02 8:38PM  
**Subject:** Cellular phone number portability

Commissioner Copps, my wife and I would like to express our strong support for the portability of cell phone numbers when customers choose to switch providers.

Respectfully,

Hugh and Faye Rahn  
2809 Smilax Ave.  
Port Royal, SC 29935

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**From:** "Tony Morris" <tmorrismikr@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/6/02 12:37PM  
**Subject:** local portability of phone numbers

I wish to voice my support to allow mobile customers to keep their existing phone numbers. I am aware of the petition by the major wireless providers to reverse the 1996 federal mandate requiring cell phone companies to comply. Customers like myself would not have to keep tolerating poor service from these companies if it were easier to switch to a competitor who wants our business enough to work for it. Thanks for your consideration.

Tony Morris

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**From:** "Katrina Kandoll" <kandoll@bluedot.worldaccessnet.com>  
**Date:** 5/8/02 1:13PM  
**Subject:** let us keep our cell phone numbers

Please keep the amended November 2002 deadline that allows consumers to keep their cell phone numbers even if switching providers. I believe it would improve the quality of cell phone service if providers knew consumers had a choice to keep their number and find better service.

Thank you,

Katrina L. Kandoll  
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La Center, WA 98629  
kandoll@wa-net.com

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**Date:** 5/8/02 5:23PM  
**Subject:** Portability of cell phone numbers

Please insist that the provision put into place a couple of years ago to allow for the portability of cell phone numbers, just like local land-line service, be enforced. Please do not allow Verizon, et. al., to reverse or further inhibit the application of this provision. The attempt to reverse or further delay the enactment of this provision is as anticompetitive as any other practice they could carry out.

Thank you for serving us.

Benny Grizzell

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