

March 14, 2007

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***
Analog Sunset Date Proceeding, RM-11355

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (“NNEDV”) recently filed an Ex Parte letter with the Commission shedding light on claims by ADT and the Alarm Industry Communications Committee that an extension of the analog sunset date is necessary to protect victims of domestic violence who rely on ADT alarms in emergencies.¹ CTIA-The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”) takes this opportunity to support NNEDV’s filing and to show that for the last six years CTIA member companies participating in The Wireless Foundation’s CALL TO PROTECT program have been providing victims of domestic abuse only digital mobile phones, unaffected by the analog sunset, to serve the same purpose as ADT alarms.

NNEDV points out in their filing what every American already knows, that wireless service has become nearly indispensable to the industry’s more than 230 million subscribers. The wireless industry recognizes how critically important reliable mobile communications are to victims. To that end, since 1996, The Wireless Foundation (a 501(c)(3) formed in 1991 by the member companies of CTIA), has administered CALL TO PROTECT, a national educational and philanthropic program aimed at combating domestic violence.

CALL TO PROTECT provides victims of domestic violence with the security and mobility of wireless phones. Since 2001, when The Wireless Foundation began distributing all digital equipment through CALL TO PROTECT, nearly 11,000 digital handsets have been provided to victims of domestic violence. CTIA is not alone in its efforts in this arena. CTIA’s members have also taken an active role in helping survivors of domestic violence protect themselves from their abusers.²

¹ See Letter from Cynthia R. Southworth, National Network to End Domestic Violence, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, filed March 5, 2007.

² See e.g. Verizon Wireless administers the HopeLine® program aimed at helping victims of domestic violence. Available at: <http://aboutus.vzw.com/communityservice/hopeLineFact.html>. Last accessed Mar. 14, 2007.

Programs like CALL TO PROTECT provide survivors of domestic violence with the tools necessary, today and going forward, to get the help they need to avoid abuse.

A copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

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cc: Richard Arsenault