

California State Senate

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SENATOR, 20TH DISTRICT



April 30, 2012

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 12-52 – Opening Comments

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for opening a public proceeding to engage stakeholders nationwide on issues related to communications service interruptions. As mentioned on page 2 of your Public Notice, I have introduced Senate Bill 1160 in the California Legislature to update and make technology-neutral our state law that requires a court order for cutting off landline telephone service.

I look forward to reviewing the comments filed in response to the Public Notice to determine what further amendments to SB 1160 may be warranted. Similarly, I would like to submit for the record of this proceeding information about my legislation. At the link below are the introduced and amended versions of SB 1160, committee analysis of the legislation, votes, and a description of the procedural status of the measure. Also attached is a fact sheet about the bill.

Again, I share your concerns about the implications of the service shutdown in the Bay Area last summer and the subsequent adoption of a local shutdown policy, and I appreciate you initiating a national dialogue about the many ramifications for public safety, democracy, and our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

ALEX PADILLA
State Senator, 20th District

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