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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication - GroupMe, Inc.'s Petition  
for Declaratory Ruling and Clarification in CG Docket No. 02-  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 13, 2014, the undersigned and Staci Pies of GroupMe, Inc./Skype Communications S.A.R.L (“GroupMe”) met with Maria Kirby, Legal Advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler. We also met with Suzanne Tetreault, Marcus Maher, Diane Griffin Holland, and Claude Aiken of the Office of General Counsel, along with Mark Stone and Lynn Follansbee of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to discuss the GroupMe Petition for Declaratory Ruling (“Petition”), filed March 1, 2012.

During the meetings, we discussed the procedural status of the GroupMe litigation. We also discussed the Petition and emphasized that any relief the Commission can provide to GroupMe would inure to the benefit of not only GroupMe but other petitioners, as well as to the larger social media ecosystem. In particular, GroupMe seeks clarification that an intermediary can be relied upon for consent when group creators trigger the sending of non-commercial, administrative or informational text messages to group members. Clarifying that relying on intermediary consent is consistent with the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”) would provide much-needed relief and would remove some of the perverse incentives that underlie much of the TCPA-related litigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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