



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

June 5, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to investigate caller ID complaints and enforce the Truth in Caller ID Act and the Commission's caller ID rules. Malicious spoofing of caller identification information poses a serious threat to consumers. I want to assure you that the Commission actively reviews caller ID spoofing complaints and will take enforcement action when appropriate.

The Truth in Caller ID Act has given the Commission new authority to bring enforcement actions against caller ID spoofers acting with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value. The Commission adopted rules implementing the Act in June 2011. The Commission's staff works closely with its partners in law enforcement – particularly state attorneys general – to identify potential targets and coordinate enforcement activities.

As required by the Act, the Commission also submitted a report to Congress in June 2011 that includes recommendations for consideration by Congress. I am enclosing a copy of this report for your information.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and look forward to working further with you and other Members of Congress to help ensure the privacy and safety of consumers. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a long horizontal line.

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