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March 23, 2018

The Honorable John Thune
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Thune:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's efforts to reduce unwanted robocalls to consumers with reassigned numbers and your encouragement to move forward with a rulemaking that creates a comprehensive reassigned numbers database.

I agree that this is a pressing issue of concern to both consumers and businesses. That's why, as part of our multiple-front battle against unwanted calls, the Commission today adopted a *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* that proposes to establish a comprehensive reassigned numbers database. More specifically, the *Second Further Notice* proposes to ensure that one or more databases are available to provide callers with the comprehensive and timely information they need to discover number reassignments before making a call. Making such a database available to callers will benefit consumers by reducing unwanted calls intended for another consumer while helping callers avoid the costs of calling the wrong consumer, including potential violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. I agree that a reassigned numbers database should be comprehensive, accurate, accessible, secure, and efficient.

The *Second Further Notice* seeks comment on the specific information that callers need from a reassigned numbers database and the best way to make that information available to callers. In addition, it seeks comment on whether and how the Commission should adopt a safe harbor for callers that choose to use the database.

I appreciate your interest in this matter, and I look forward to working with you to address this significant and longstanding problem. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ajit V. Pai



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