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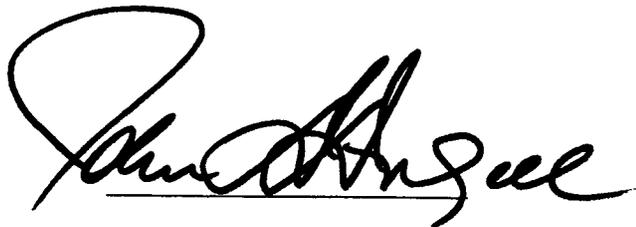
Dear Chairman Powell:

As you know, wireless carriers are in the process of making hardware and software changes to their networks so that these networks will be in compliance with the Commission's rules regarding E-911 service, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), and thousand- block number pooling. Implementation of these core Commission priorities should occur as quickly as possible.

The Commission is currently faced with a decision concerning whether wireless carriers should also be required to implement wireless number portability by the same deadline that carriers are required to begin thousand-block pooling. We believe that it is not prudent for the Commission to require wireless carriers to comply with thousand-block pooling and number portability simultaneously. A requirement that pooling and local number portability be deployed simultaneously raises significant network reliability and integrity issues. The local number portability mandate for wireless carriers should be delayed while number pooling implementation occurs on schedule.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. We ask that a copy of this letter be made part of the Commission's record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



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