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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
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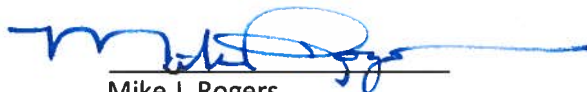
It is our understanding that the Federal Communications Commission will soon select the Administrator for the Local Number Portability Administration. We are writing to urge you to carefully consider the security implications of the Commission's selection.

The Local Number Portability database is generally used when a customer switches carriers, but elects to retain their phone number. The information in the database is frequently updated and pushed out to more than 2,000 carriers across our country. Additionally, a separate service is used by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies during the initiation of an authorized investigation to determine which carrier is associated with a specific telephone number.

We are concerned that the bidding and selection process will not adequately address the inherent national security issues involved in this database. We urge you to consult with federal agencies charged with protecting our national security, including the FBI, DHS, and DOD to determine how best to protect this infrastructure from both outsider and insider threats. We also recommend that you to incorporate security requirements into the RFP and award process for the contract.

This letter is not intended to promote or advocate for any particular vendor, and we have no position on which vendor the Commission ultimately selects. Rather, we seek to ensure security considerations are adequately prioritized in any decision-making involving critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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