

April 29, 2019

Honorable Robert Latta
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Subcommittee on Communications & Technology
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latta:

CTIA and its members work to prevent consumers from receiving irritating, intrusive and illegal robocalls, collectively stopping more than a million calls every day. That is why CTIA applauds your discussion draft confirming the ability of wireless companies to help prevent unwanted calls from reaching consumers, and aiding the FCC to pursue those wrongdoers.

Specifically, language allowing voice providers to provide robocall blocking on an informed opt-out basis makes clear that wireless companies help prevent robocalls from reaching consumers, particularly in combination with the draft's language that confirms providers can block calls as permitted by law. Additionally, when robocalls or spoofed calls do reach carriers' customers, the concept of ensuring that the FCC has established a streamlined process for a private entity to share information about those calls will help the FCC pursue robocallers that violate the law.

Thank you for your work to help stem the tide of intrusive robocalls, and CTIA looks forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Meredith Attwell Baker
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