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Via Email

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Ex Parte – Wireless Emergency Alerts -- PS Docket No. 15-91

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 25, 2017, representatives from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Wireless Technologies and Systems Committee (WTSC) met via telephone with representatives of the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) and Enforcement Bureau (EB).

During the call, representatives from ATIS WTSC discussed WTSC's work to advance wireless emergency alerting (WEA). It was noted that the completion of WEA specifications in support of the Commission's existing rules is the main focus of WTSC efforts. However, WTSC has also started work on device-based geo-targeting to examine how such geo-targeting may be performed by a well-managed WEA application. ATIS noted that it is engaging with other stakeholders, including FEMA, which have significant roles in device-based geo-targeting.

The Commission asked about the timeline for the completion of WTSC device-based geo-targeting work. It was explained that, given the significant work that remains to be completed on this issue, it would be premature to speculate on when this work would be completed.

Finally, there was a discussion about changes to the proposed geo-targeting rules that could make compliance within the proposed Commission deadline achievable. ATIS noted that this issue would be discussed at the upcoming WTSC meeting and agreed to provide additional input after this meeting.

In attendance representing the FCC were Marcus Brown (PSHSB), Megan Henry (PSHSB), Linda Nagel (EB), Rasoul Safavian (PSHSB), and James Wiley (PSHSB). In attendance representing ATIS WTSC were Brian Daly (AT&T), Farrokh Khatibi (Qualcomm), Greg Schumacher (Sprint), and Mark Younge (T-Mobile), Steve Barclay (ATIS) and Thomas Goode (ATIS).

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A copy of this letter is being submitted on the record of the above-referenced docket. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Goode". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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