

October 31, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CTIA Stolen Smartphones Database Implementation  
Status Update**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On April 10, 2012, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission and the Major City Police Chiefs, announced a voluntary commitment by CTIA and participating wireless companies to take certain actions to help law enforcement deter smartphone theft and protect personal data. CTIA writes today to confirm that participating wireless providers covering more than 90 percent of U.S. subscribers have met the October 31, 2012 deadline for implementing databases intended to prevent reactivation of stolen smartphones.

CTIA is pleased to state that AT&T, Cellcom, Nex-Tech Wireless, Sprint Nextel, T-Mobile USA, and Verizon Wireless have deployed databases that use unique smartphone identifying numbers to prevent smartphones reported by their customers as stolen from being activated and/or provided service on their own networks. In addition, AT&T and T-Mobile USA have established connectivity to populate smartphones reported as stolen in the GSMA Global IMEI database for use by other carriers, as recommended in the GSMA-NA Report entitled “Analysis and Recommendations for Stolen Mobile Device Issue in the United States,” and are using this to prevent smartphones reported by their customers as stolen from being activated and/or provided service on each other’s network.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Christopher Guttman-McCabe*

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