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The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

***RE: State Attorneys General Support of FCC Action to Combat Contraband
Devices in Correctional Facilities***

Dear Chairman Carr,

The States of Arkansas, Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia write to express support for the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") proposal entitled "Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities" published on September 9, 2025, which would, in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 333, permit state and federal correctional facilities to deploy cellphone jamming technologies. The proliferation of contraband cellphones in prisons and jails poses a serious threat to public safety, undermines institutional security, and facilitates ongoing criminal activity from behind bars.

Current FCC interpretation of § 333 prohibits the use of jamming equipment, even in highly controlled environments like correctional institutions. This blanket restriction fails to account for the unique security needs of these facilities. Inmates routinely use smuggled phones to coordinate criminal enterprises, intimidate witnesses, and orchestrate violence both inside and outside prison walls. These activities compromise the safety of correctional staff, other inmates, and the public.

The proposed rule would empower correctional administrators to implement narrowly tailored jamming systems that disrupt unauthorized wireless communications within prison boundaries, without affecting legitimate service outside the facility. This targeted approach balances the need for security with the preservation of lawful communications.

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The FCC has a critical opportunity to modernize its regulations and support law enforcement in curbing the dangers posed by contraband cellphones. I urge the Commission to move forward with this change and work collaboratively with state and federal agencies to ensure its effective and responsible implementation.



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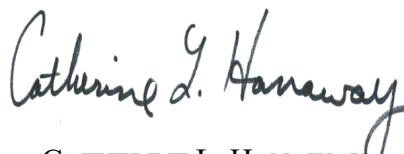
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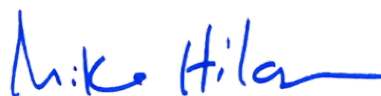
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