Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Brendan Carr Chairman Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street NE Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Carr:

We write to commend your leadership in advancing a rulemaking that would allow correctional institutions to deploy cellphone jamming technology to combat contraband devices. This is a critical step toward protecting the safety of correctional officers, preventing crimes from being orchestrated behind prison walls, and keeping our communities safe.

As you know, contraband cellphones have become one of the most dangerous tools available to incarcerated criminals. Inmates have used smuggled phones to order murders, direct drug trafficking, and intimidate witnesses. These activities endanger not only prison staff, but also innocent civilians across the country.

Recognizing this crisis, Senator Tom Cotton and Congressman David Kustoff introduced the *Cellphone Jamming Reform Act* to modernize outdated federal law and give correctional facilities permanent authority to use this life-saving technology. Many of us in Congress have supported these efforts, and we are encouraged to see the FCC taking action that reflects the same urgency. Your rulemaking recognizes the reality we have long highlighted: contraband cellphones are a public safety crisis that demands immediate solutions.

We strongly support this rulemaking and urge the Commission to approve it at the upcoming vote. Doing so will send a powerful signal that both Congress, the FCC, the Department of Justice, and state and local correctional systems are aligned in addressing this threat. Together, our legislative efforts and your regulatory action can finally close this dangerous loophole and give correctional officers the tools they need to keep our communities safe.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and continuing our efforts in Congress to finish this fight.

Sincerely,

David Kustoff

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