

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Rules and Policies Regarding Calling Number Identification Service – Caller ID; Waiver of Federal Communications Commission Regulations at 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(b) on Behalf of Jewish Community Centers, CC Docket No. 91-281*

Over the past few years, we have seen a significant increase in bomb threats being called in to our schools, religious institutions, and community centers. According to one study, the number of bomb threats during the 2015-2016 school year more than doubled from three years earlier. And more than half of those threats were made by phone. In some cases, the perpetrators have been able to remain anonymous by taking advantage of an FCC rule that allows callers to block their caller ID information.

Today, we address this problem by adopting an exemption for threatening calls from our caller ID rules. Specifically, we allow carriers to disclose the blocked caller ID information associated with threatening calls to law enforcement, so that they can quickly identify and investigate the source of the threats. I am grateful that the FCC has moved quickly to address this issue, and the Order has my support.

Thank you to the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau for their diligent work on this important item.