

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY STARKS**

Re: *Call Authentication Trust Anchor*, WC Docket No. 17-97, Notice of Inquiry (October 27, 2022).

I'm glad that today we consider this *Notice of Inquiry* as the next step toward closing critical loopholes in our STIR/SHAKEN call authentication regime. While we are making progress, unwanted and illegal calls continue to be a troublesome burden on the American public. As such, combatting these robocalls remains one of my highest priorities as a Commissioner. To truly make a dent, we must continue to push providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN. The record that develops from this *Notice of Inquiry* will help us chart a path forward on mitigating robocalls on legacy, no-Internet Protocol networks.

The other benefit of this *Notice* is that it can help to facilitate the transition to all-IP networks. The Commission has been working on incentivizing providers to transition their networks to IP for over a decade. I'm hopeful that this *Notice* moves us closer by adding another reason for providers to consider upgrading their networks. I thank the Wireline Competition Bureau staff for their fine work. I approve.