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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bilirakis:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Detection Innovation Group (DI Group) asking that we consider the DI Group's pending request (Request). As you note, the DI Group filed the Request in the Commission's existing rulemaking proceeding, GN Docket No. 13-111, regarding the promotion of technological solutions to combat contraband wireless device use in correctional facilities. In the Request, the DI Group seeks a rulemaking and determination of its iLink system used to detect and disable contraband cellphones.

The Commission remains committed to identifying technologies to help combat the illegal use of wireless devices in correctional facilities that endanger prison employees, other incarcerated persons, and members of the public. In 2021, the Commission adopted rules requiring wireless providers to disable contraband devices detected in correctional facilities upon satisfaction of certain criteria and sought further comment on other technological solutions. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) is currently accepting and evaluating applications to certify contraband interdiction systems to ultimately be used to submit requests to disable contraband wireless devices. To date, the Bureau has received and found acceptable for filing five separate applications seeking certification of contraband interdiction systems for purposes of such disabling consistent with the Commission's rules. On March 24, 2023, the Bureau sought comment on each of the filings submitted, respectively, by: CellBlox Acquisitions, LLC; ShawnTech Communications, Inc.; Tecore Networks; SOC, LLC; and OmniProphis Corporation.

I have asked the Bureau to place your letter in the docket so that it becomes part of the official record and is visible to all stakeholders in this proceeding. I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Rosenworcel", is written over a horizontal line.

Jessica Rosenworcel