

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: FCC Clarifies That 911 Call-Forwarding Rule Does Not Preclude Wireless Carriers From Blocking Fraudulent 911 Calls From Non-Service Initialized Phones Pursuant to State and Local Law, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 94-102

I write separately to emphasize my support for this public notice, which makes clear that the Commission's rules in no way preclude Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and carriers from blocking harassing wireless 911 calls from non-initialized phones. Harassing 911 calls from non-initialized phones are a significant problem for PSAPs, causing disruptions to emergency telephone services and a waste of public safety resources. Such calls have been a source of real concern for public safety officials. For example, in my home state of North Carolina, a non-initialized wireless phone made over 3600 harassing 911 calls from December of 2001 to January of 2002. *See* Letter from James R. Hobson to Marlene H. Dortch at 3, CC No. 94-102 (May 31, 2002). The wireless carrier believed it was unable to block the calls based on its understanding of the Commission's rules. *See id.* This public notice should put an end to such confusion and make clear that PSAPs and carriers may block harassing 911 calls pursuant to state and local law. I am pleased that the Commission has addressed the issue, and I strongly support the Commission's efforts to help public safety officials focus their resources on true emergencies.