STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Protecting Consumers from One-Ring Scams, CG Docket No. 20-93.

It’s hard to keep track of robocalls scams. That’s because in the last several years they have multiplied. One especially pernicious variation is the one-ring call. A scammer dials a consumer’s number and has it ring just one time. The goal is to have the consumer dash to pick up the call, just miss it, and dial the number back. These numbers are usually from international locations, so that effort to reach back out comes at a cost, leading to surprise fees on their monthly bill.

In the TRACED Act, Congress directed the Federal Communications Commission to put a stop to this fraud. We need to do so with real speed. But when this effort was first proposed to my office, it was merely a Notice of Inquiry. That’s hardly moving with the urgency that a growing scam like this requires. So I am pleased that my colleagues agreed to my request to fast track this effort and turn it into a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. I look forward to the record that develops and more importantly, getting rid of these nuisance calls for good.