

**STATEMENT OF
ACTING CHAIRWOMAN JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Promoting Caller ID Authentication to Combat Illegal Robocalls*, WC Docket No. 17-97,
Appeals of the STIR/SHAKEN Governance Authority Token Revocation Decisions, WC Docket
No. 21-291, Third Report and Order (August 5, 2021).

It was a little over a month ago, on June 30, that the Federal Communications Commission required carriers across the country to put in place a call authentication system known as STIR/SHAKEN. Maybe you didn't take note of it when it happened. But you will benefit from it if you have a phone. That's because STIR/SHAKEN is a technology that helps protect against robocalls. And the more of it we put into our networks, the fewer junk calls we'll all receive.

The STIR/SHAKEN framework depends on carriers holding a digital token provided by the private Governance Authority. If a carrier abuses the system, the Governance Authority can revoke the token, meaning that the carrier cannot use STIR/SHAKEN and would fall out of compliance with our rules. Because due process matters, we clarify here the precise procedure to allow carriers with revoked tokens to appeal their decision to the FCC. This is the right thing to do.

But make no mistake: if carriers fail to properly put in place the technology they are required to use to prevent robocalls, they will hear from us.

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