



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **ANNOUNCING APPOINTMENT OF SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE FCC'S CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) announces the appointment of six additional Members to its Consumer Advisory Committee (“Committee”).

### **MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND BACKGROUND**

The mission of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including underserved populations, such as Native Americans, persons living in rural areas, older persons, people with disabilities, and persons for whom English is not their primary language) in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee may consider issues including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Consumer protection and education;
- Implementation of Commission rules and consumer participation in the FCC rulemaking process; and,
- The impact of new and emerging communication technologies (including availability and affordability of broadband service and Universal Service programs).

The duties of the Committee include providing guidance to the Commission, gathering data and information, and performing those analyses that are necessary to respond to the questions or matters before it.

In November 2000, the Committee was initially established for a period of two years from the original charter date. Following expiration of the original charter, the Committee was subsequently renewed several times. Most recently, the charter was renewed on October 21, 2016, for another two-year term, the ninth such renewal. The Committee operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988).

## APPOINTMENT OF SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

On October 31, 2016 the Commission announced twenty-nine members appointed to the Committee for a term which will expire on October 21, 2018 or when the Committee terminates, whichever is earlier.<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, one member withdrew from the Committee. Chairman Ajit Pai hereby appoints six additional members to the Committee for a term beginning September 1, 2017, and ending October 21, 2018, or, when the Committee terminates, whichever is earlier:

- Consumer Technology Association – Julie Kearney (primary representative)
- Digital Policy Institute – Barry Umansky (primary representative)
- Kyle J. Hildebrand – (serving individually as a subject-matter expert, Special Government Employee)
- T-Mobile – Luisa Lancetti (primary representative)
- William Rinehart – (serving individually as a subject-matter expert, Special Government Employee)
- Wireless Internet Service Providers Association – Alex Phillips (primary representative)

We expect that, with the addition of these new members, the Committee will provide the Commission with guidance on several key consumer issues. Specifically, we expect the Committee to provide guidance on robocall blocking and reassigned numbers, preventing slamming and associated cramming, and outreach on spectrum re-packing.

The full Committee roster by organization/name and primary representative is as follows:

(1) AARP

Coralette Hannon, Senior Legislative Representative

(2) American Cable Association

Ross J. Lieberman, Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs

(3) American Consumer Institute

Steve Pociask, President/CEO

(4) American Foundation for the Blind

Mark Richert, Director Public Policy and Senior Advisor Strategic Initiatives

(5) Americans for Tax Reform

Katie McAuliffe, Federal Affairs Manager

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<sup>1</sup> Consumer Advisory Committee – Announcement of Renewal of Charter, *Public Notice*, 31 FCC Rcd 11906 (2016).

- (6) Appalachian Regional Commission  
Mark Defalco, Manager
- (7) Benton Foundation  
Kevin Taglang, Executive Editor
- (8) Call For Action  
Eduard Bartholme, Executive Director
- (9) Center for Media Justice/Media Action Grassroots Network (MAGNET)  
Paul Goodman, Legal Counsel, Greenlining Institute
- (10) Competitive Carriers Association  
Elizabeth Barket, Law and Regulatory Counsel
- (11) Consumer Action  
Ken McEldowney, Executive Director
- (12) Consumer Federation of America  
Irene E. Leech, Ph.D.
- (13) Consumer Technology Association  
Julie Kearney, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
- (14) Consumers Union  
Jonathan Schwantes  
Senior Counsel, Telecommunications Policy
- (15) CTIA  
Krista L. Witanowski, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
- (16) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network  
Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf
- (17) Digital Policy Institute  
Ball State University  
Barry Umansky, Senior Fellow and Senior Policy Advisor
- (18) Electronic Privacy Information Center  
Alan Butler, Senior Counsel
- (19) Free Press  
Dana Floberg, Research Fellow
- (20) Kyle J. Hildebrand  
Serving individually as a subject-matter expert, Special Government Employee
- (21) Mass. Department of Telecommunications & Cable  
Joslyn Day, Director, Consumer Division

(22) National Association of Broadcasters  
Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel, Legal and Regulatory Affairs

(23) National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates  
Kenneth Mallory, Esq., Assistant People's Counsel

(24) National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors  
Mitsuko R. Herrera, Tech Policy, Planning

(25) National Consumers League  
Debra R. Berlyn, Board Member & Officer

(26) National Consumer Law Center  
Olivia Wein, Lead Telecom Attorney

(27) NCTA – The Internet and Television Association  
Steven Morris, Vice President and Associate General Counsel

(28) National Digital Inclusion Alliance  
Amina Fazlullah, Policy Advisor

(29) National Hispanic Media Coalition  
Carmen Scurato, Policy Counsel

(30) Public Knowledge  
Sara Kamal, Policy Fellow

(31) T-Mobile  
Luisa Lancetti, Chief Counsel, Law and Policy

(32) USTelecom  
B. Lynn Follansbee, Vice President, Law & Policy

(33) William Rinehart  
Serving individually as a subject-matter expert, Special Government Employee

(34) Wireless Internet Service Providers Association  
Alex Phillips, President

Of the 34 Committee members, one represents academia; 16 represent interests of general consumers, two represent interests of people with disabilities, nine represent interest of industry, one represents minority interests, two represent interests of quasi-government/regulators, one represents interests of seniors, and two serve individually as a subject-matter expert, SGE. The Committee's membership is designed to be representative of the Commission's many constituencies, and the diversity of the selected members will provide a balanced point of view as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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