Summary of Top Six Consumer Informal Complaint Subjects Processed by the FCC's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Fourth Quarter - Calendar Year 2014

	October	November	December	Quarter Totals
Bundled and VoIP Services				
Number Portability	44	20	7	71
Broadband Services		48	10	150
Carrier Marketing and Advertising	86	58	16	160
Billing and Rates	358	188	76	622
Service	336	270	90	696
Totals	916	584	199	1,699

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Cable and Satellite Services				
Cable Cards	43	19	5	67
Broadband	128	86	25	239
Billing and Rates	167	89	36	292
Service	235	193	44	472
Programming	309	155	61	525
Totals	882	542	171	1,595

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Radio and Television Broadcasting				
Service	35	25	10	70
Interference	67	41	17	125
Indecency/Obscenity	98	62	9	169
Other Miscellaneous Programming (e.g. Children's TV, Pirate Radio)	510	283	68	861
Programming (e.g. Loud Commercials, Content Criticism, Violent TV, Scheduling Change)	566	380	81	1,027
Totals	1,276	791	185	2,252

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Wireless Telecommunications				
Number Portability	115	55	20	190
Equipment	109	64	37	210
Carrier Marketing and Advertising	173	101	29	303
Service	836	471	155	1,462
Billing and Rates	1,036	612	211	1,859
Totals	2,269	1,303	452	4,024

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Wireline Telecommunications				
Slamming	43	27	9	79
Number Portability	124	76	24	224
Broadband Access	314	197	69	580
Billing and Rates	352	193	101	646
Service Quality	380	216	84	680
Totals	1,213	709	287	2,209

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Telephone Consumer Protection Act				
Wireline TCPA				
1088 A - Unsolicited Fax Complaints	687	490	306	1,483
1088B - Do Not Call Complaints	9,635	4,980	1,539	16,154
1088C - Prerecorded Messages	2,336	1,250	409	3,995
1088D - Abandoned Calls & War Dialing	2,146	1,178	489	,
1088E - Business Telephone Complaint	559	278	80	917
1088F - Emergency Telephone Complaint	61	37	14	112
1088H - Call or Message to Toll-Free Number	111	58	23	192
Wireless TCPA				
1088G - Call or Message to Wireless Device	5,231	3,064	1,074	9,369
Totals	20,766	11,335	3,934	36,035

Notes:

- * An informal consumer complaint is defined as any correspondence or communication received at a Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) Consumer Center via U.S. mail, fax, e-mail, the Internet or telephone from or on behalf of an individual that: (i) identifies a particular entity under the FCC's jurisdiction; (ii) alleges harm or injury; and (iii) requests relief. The complaint figures in this Summary reflect selected categories of complaints -- specifically, the top complaint categories listed above-- and are not inclusive of all complaints handled by the FCC. A Report containing a brief description of each subject category is attached to this Summary.
- ** The number of broadcast programming complaints assigned to each of the programming subcategories is based upon initial processing. The distribution of programming complaints among the subcategories may change upon further review. Complaints regarding alleged indecency/obscenity/profanity during specific programs are forwarded to the Enforcement Bureau (EB) for appropriate handling. The number of programming complaints noted in this Summary reflects complaints received by CGB, EB, and those e-mailed directly to the respective offices of the FCC Chairman and the Commissioners. The reported counts may include duplicate complaints or contacts that subsequently are determined insufficient to be actionable.
- *** The data noted in this Summary reflect statistics at the national level as reported to the Commission, and therefore are not necessarily indicative of corresponding state or local trends.
- ***** During the fourth quarter of 2014, the FCC began to test its new Consumer Help Center, with increasing percentages of complaints being directed to the new Consumer Help Center portal over time. The test period began October 31 and ended December 29, 2014, with the launch of the new Consumer Help Center. Initially the percentage of complaints routed to the Consumer Help Center ranged from 20 to 30 percent. That percentage reached 100 percent shortly before the launch of the new system in late December. As a result, consumer complaints for the fourth quarter 2014 were received by both the legacy complaint system as well as the new Consumer Help Center. The Quarterly Report for fourth quarter 2014 includes only those complaints filed in the legacy complaint system. Data for complaints filed in the new Consumer Help Center during the test period can be found at https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.