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Mr. Hans Vestberg
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Vestberg,

I write to invite you or a designee from your company to appear before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government to discuss contraband wireless device use by inmates in correctional facilities.

In testimony before the Subcommittee on June 16, 2020, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai specifically identified your company as not being proactive in finding a solution to this public safety problem. This hearing presents an opportunity for Subcommittee members to engage directly with the four wireless providers identified by Chairman Pai and to hear how your company plans to address the serious threat posed by contraband cell phones and potential next steps to eliminate this problem.

I look forward to working with you and the other three wireless providers to find an agreeable date later this year. Please contact Andrew Newton on my staff at 202-224-3088 or via email at Andrew_newton@appro.senate.gov to confirm your attendance and provide available dates. I look forward to your testimony and working together to address this issue.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
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