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RE: ACLU Request for Investigation, Docket UT-060856

Dear Chairman Sidran and Commission Members:

I am writing to encourage the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to investigate allegations that telecommunications companies operating in the State of Washington may have disclosed telephone records improperly.

As the State agency that regulates the landline telephone industry, the UTC is the proper entity to conduct such an investigation. Furthermore, an investigation by the Commission into the possibility of improper disclosures keeps with the UTC's strong history of protecting consumer rights.

I would certainly support an investigation by the UTC that examines whether a telephone company operating in Washington disclosed customer records without due process or customer consent. I would also support the Commission's efforts to take actions to remedy a situation where a customer's records were improperly disclosed.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Washington State Senator

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