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Honorable Ira Ruskin
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2385 (Ruskin) Support

Dear Assemblymember Ruskin:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) is the independent consumer advocacy arm of the California Public Utilities Commission. DRA's statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rate for utility service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. DRA also advocates for customer and environmental protections in connection with utility service.

DRA supports your AB 2385, which would prohibit entities that have wireless subscriber aggregated or generated dialing number information from releasing this information to the public without first obtaining the express consent of these subscribers, as specified.

AB 2385 would expand the "opt-out" provision that currently applies to wireline and wireless telecommunication carriers to all other entities that possess mobile telephony service subscriber aggregated or generated dialing number information to ensure this information is not distributed without a subscribers express consent. As a result, wireless subscribers will have greater protection for their personal information and will be better armed to prevent unwanted incoming telephone calls.

DRA supports your efforts to protect ratepayer's privacy and looks forward to working with you to enact this important legislation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call DRA's Legislative Director Matthew Marcus, at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Respectfully,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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