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Subject: The feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission, given personal circumstances I have had limited time to write one. I thank you for reading my brief version.

- I am making a submission on behalf of myself as a telephone subscriber.
- I would like the committee to clarify “national public number directory” as unlisted numbers will not affect IPND used for emergency services.
- If the silent line fee was prohibited I would be one of the first to delist my phone numbers, there is no benefit for me in having them listed. It is whitepages who benefit from commercially exploiting my data.
- Smartphones, email programs with contacts and CRM system, even landlines these days store contacts have made the large whitepages obsolete.
- Waiving fees based on extremely sensitive circumstances only makes the problem worse, by requiring those “at risk” to provide sensitive information that their carrier has no business knowing.

I strongly support the prohibition of silent line fees and will go further to suggest privacy as a default (opt-in for whitepages rather than the-now opt-out via payment)

Cheers,

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