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Re: Petition for Policy Change re Per Line Caller ID
Blocking

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please allow this letter to serve as my petition to the Commission to reconsider its 1991 decision not to allow "per line Caller ID blocking" be available to general users in the State of Florida. It is my belief that this regulation may be outdated and no longer furthers the public interest.

It is my understanding that the State of Florida is the only state in the nation that does not permit this feature. That means that 49 other state commissions have considered this feature and judged it appropriate for public use. Just as Caller ID itself is a product that often has to be added as a feature to basic telephone service, so too would "per line blocking" be required to be requested by those who wish to utilize this feature. By the same token, users who do not wish to accept phone calls marked "private" can already opt for the feature entitled "Anonymous Call Rejection". Therefore, the interests of both caller and answerer are preserved.

Allowing this feature would be especially beneficial in this day and age of cellular phones as it would reduce a number of distractions for persons who would otherwise be required to utilize the "per call" blocking, and manually dial phone numbers while driving. As an example, I am often required to return the calls of clients (or potential clients) from my cell phone when I am away from my office. Although my office number is listed and occasionally advertised, it is sometimes desirable to

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preclude the persons I am dialing from having my personal cell phone number. In order to return the call without displaying my phone number, not only am I required to manually dial the "per call" blocking code, but I also must memorize the client's number, and then manually dial same, all the while attempting to maintain my concentration on surrounding traffic hazards. "Per line" blocking would allow me to simply press the return call button, without fear that my number is now being distributed.

I hope that the Commission is able to take into account the above, as I believe the citizens they serve would appreciate the option of having this feature, much like the rest of the nation. If you or the attorneys require any further discourse, I may be reached at any of the numbers or addresses above.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of those whom may consider this policy change. With very best regards, I am

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ted Shannon', written over the typed name below.

Ted Shannon, Esquire