

Resolution Supporting Federal Legislation To Combat Caller Identification Spoofing

WHEREAS, Congress is considering legislation to prohibit the intentional falsification of the name or number that appears on a consumer's caller identification (ID) display, commonly referred to as “caller ID spoofing”; *and*

WHEREAS, The Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006, H.R. 5126, would make it unlawful for a person, in connection with any telecommunications service or VOIP service, to cause any caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud or cause harm; *and*

WHEREAS, The use of Internet technology to make telephone calls has made Caller ID spoofing easier; *and*

WHEREAS, Caller ID spoofing may be used for fraudulent or deceptive purposes which could harm consumers and lessen consumers’ trust in the telecommunications industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Caller ID spoofing may also threaten public safety by fabricating emergency calls and thereby diverting public safety resources away from real emergencies; *and*

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is attempting to address this problem through enforcement actions and coordination with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); *and*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) and its member States have consistently supported and encouraged consumer protection and safety issues; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 2006 Summer Meetings in San Francisco, California, expresses its support for Federal legislation that would make it unlawful for a person to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud or cause harm; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC is committed to working with Congress, the FCC, the FTC, and the industry on a comprehensive approach to this issue in order to educate and protect consumers from caller ID spoofing.

***Sponsored by the Committees on Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs
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