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The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), represents the unified voice of America's prosecutors, with its members consisting of elected and appointed district attorneys and their staff across the country. NDAA is the oldest and largest prosecutor association in the country, currently celebrating our 75th anniversary, with over 7,000 members. We wish to express our support for the proposed Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule *Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities*.

The use of contraband phones in State and Federal correctional facilities across the nation has been a consistent and serious issue with real safety concerns. Individuals with access to contraband phones can coordinate criminal activities both inside and outside the facility with little to no hinderance in communications. This can result in the continuation of illicit activities by the individual which may include drug trafficking, organized crime, and violent assaults. As recently as February of this year, 38 people, several of whom were already in prison, were sentenced for participating in an international drug trafficking operation originating in Mexico that spanned across the state of Georgia.¹

In addition to aiding in the continuation of illegal activity, contraband phones within correctional facilities can lead to inmates intimidating, threatening, or extorting victims, witnesses or even prison staff from behind bars. Allowing the use of contraband phones by inmates to threaten or intimidate victims and witnesses can ultimately result in additional trauma and make the healing process more difficult for those most affected by the original illicit activity.

The FCC's proposed rule acknowledges this longstanding problem and seeks to remove regulatory barriers that impede the deployment of effective technological solutions. NDAA supports expanding the technological tools available to corrections officials. Ensuring public safety inside and outside of correctional facilities requires effective wireless interdiction capabilities that can disrupt incarcerated criminal enterprises from operating.

NDAA appreciates the FCC's initiative on this issue and we look forward to its implementation as we continue to work with law enforcement to ensure justice and public safety within all of our communities.

¹ United States Attorney's Office Northern District of Georgia, Dep't. of Justice, *Thirty-Eight Defendants Sentenced in Massive Prison-Based Drug Trafficking Ring*, Feb. 12, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/thirty-eight-defendants-sentenced-massive-prison-based-drug-trafficking-ring>.