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Elaine Gardner
Designated Federal Official for the Disability Advisory Committee
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Nomination of Thomas Goode, ATIS General Counsel, for Membership on
the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Dear Ms. Gardner:

The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) would like to nominate Thomas Goode, ATIS General Counsel, to represent ATIS on the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC).

ATIS, a not-for-profit technical planning and standards development organization, develops and promotes technical and operational standards for communications and related information technologies worldwide using a pragmatic, flexible, and open approach. Industry professionals representing over 250 companies from all segments of the communications industry, including wireline, wireless and cable service and equipment providers, as well as public safety agencies and organizations, actively participate in ATIS' open industry committees, forums and "incubators". ATIS' consensus-based processes and the participation of key industry subject matter experts in ATIS' committees and forums allow ATIS to develop solutions essential to the operation of communications networks and the provision of reliable service.

As a standards development organization and the North American Organizational Partner in the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP), ATIS examines the use of existing networks and services by all consumers, including those with disabilities, and also develops specifications related to emerging technologies that will offer greater accessibility. Among these specifications is Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS), which will allow the transmission of multimedia content to and from wireless devices.

ATIS also is a key stakeholder in the development of SMS-to-911 standards that facilitate access to 911 by consumers with disabilities. ATIS has also developed standards related to commercial mobile alerts service (CMAS), which provides text-based alerts on wireless devices.

ATIS was also a key driver in the development of the FCC's current hearing aid compatibility rules for wireless devices and, through the ATIS Hearing Aid Compatibility Incubator, provided a venue for service providers, manufacturers and organizations representing consumers with disabilities to reach consensus regarding HAC issues.

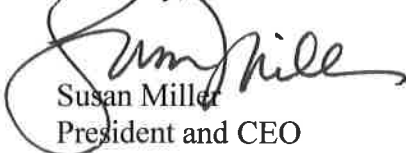
As General Counsel for ATIS, Mr. Goode provides direction to the association as a member of the Executive Management Team and on public policy related issues, including accessibility-related regulatory requirements. Mr. Goode was also significantly involved in ATIS' hearing aid compatibility work and oversaw ATIS' involvement in the Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC), which examined issues related to access to emergency services by individuals with disabilities as part of migration to NG9-1-1. Mr. Goode also served as ATIS' representative on the Commission's Emergency Response Interoperability Center Public Safety Advisory Committee, which was charged with making recommendations to assist the Commission's Emergency Response Interoperability Center in developing a technical framework and requirements to ensure that the public safety wireless broadband network is interoperable on a nationwide basis.

In my capacity as President and CEO at the ATIS, I would like to nominate Thomas Goode, ATIS General Counsel, to serve as ATIS' representative on the Commission's Disability Advisory Committee. Given ATIS' key role in developing the industry's SMS-to-911 standards, Mr. Goode would like to serve on the Access to 911 Emergency Services Subcommittee. Mr. Goode is not a registered federal lobbyist. His contact information is:

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We appreciate your consideration of ATIS' nomination of Mr. Goode to serve on the DAC. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.434.8828.

Sincerely,



Susan Miller
President and CEO