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The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: GN Docket 13-111

Dear Chairman Carr:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), we commend the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for its Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 25-65), which proposes authorizing state and local correctional facilities to use jamming technology to prevent the use of contraband cell phones. We urge the Commission to adopt a final rule authorizing indoor jamming by the end of 2026.

NAPO is a nationwide coalition of police units and associations dedicated to advancing the interests of America's law enforcement officers. We represent more than 1,000 police units and associations and approximately 250,000 sworn law enforcement and corrections officers.

For NAPO, preventing the use of contraband cell phones is first and foremost an officer safety issue. Inmates have used these phones to coordinate attacks against correctional officers and their families, as well as inmate violence, strikes, disturbances, and full-scale riots. They also use contraband phones to organize deliveries of illegal drugs and weapons into correctional facilities. These dangers underscore the need to authorize indoor jamming in state and local correctional facilities.

Increased searches and confiscations alone have not been sufficient to stop inmates from using contraband cell phones. These additional searches also expose correctional officers to greater risk of physical attack. Authorizing indoor jamming would give state and local correctional facilities another tool to protect officers, inmates, and the public.

NAPO urges the Commission to move this proposal forward and adopt a final rule authorizing indoor jamming in state and local correctional facilities by the end of 2026. Correctional officers need effective tools to address the threats posed by contraband cell phones. Thank you for considering our comments and for your attention to the safety of those who work and live in our nation's correctional facilities.

Sincerely,

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