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**FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI**  
*Announces Agenda for Field Hearing on Contraband Cellphones*

WASHINGTON, March 28, 2016.—Today, Commissioner Ajit Pai announced the agenda and panelists for the April 6, 2016, field hearing in Columbia, South Carolina on inmates' use of contraband cellphones. The event will be hosted by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley.

The field hearing is open to the public. It will be held at the South Carolina Bar Conference Center, 1501 Park St., Columbia, SC 29201. The hearing will also be livestreamed at <http://www.scbare.org/PaiContrabandHearing>.

*Opening Remarks (2:00–2:20 PM)*

**Governor Nikki Haley**  
**Commissioner Ajit Pai**

*Panel One: Problems (2:25–3:10 PM)*

**Robert Johnson**, Captain (Ret.), South Carolina Department of Corrections, shot six times in a hit ordered by an inmate using a contraband cellphone

**Homer Bryson**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Corrections, on behalf of the Association of State Correctional Administrators

**Laura Hudson**, Executive Director, South Carolina Crime Victims' Council

**Mitch Lucas**, Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and President, American Jail Association, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association

*Panel Two: Solutions (3:15–4:15 PM)*

**Marjorie Conner**, outside counsel for solution vendor CellAntenna

**Gerard Keegan**, Assistant Vice President, CTIA, a wireless industry trade association

**Bryan Stirling**, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections

**Dan Wigger**, Vice President and Managing Director for solution vendor CellBlox

"I am honored that this distinguished group has agreed to participate in this field hearing," Commissioner Pai stated. "Their testimony will shed additional light on the public safety threats posed

by inmates' use of contraband cellphones, as well as the steps we can take to help law enforcement combat this problem.”

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