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Subject: FCC Field Hearing
Location: South Carolina Bar, Conference Center, 1501 Park Street, Columbia, S.C.
When: 4/6/2016 2:00:00 PM - 3:30:00 PM

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Should be listed in public schedule.
Media Availability? Ask NH.

APPROVED BY: NH

EVENT: FCC Field Hearing

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: South Carolina Bar, Conference Center, 1501 Park Street, Columbia, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP:

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PURPOSE: Governor Nikki Haley will host a field hearing with Commissioner Ajit on inmates' use of contraband cellphones. 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.scbar.org/PaiContrabandHearing>.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: n/a

INTRODUCED BY: FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 5-10 mins.

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

Opening remarks:

FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai (7 mins)

Gov. Haley (5-10 mins)

First Panel (Problems):

1. Robert Johnson, former SCDC officer that was shot six times in a hit ordered by an inmate using a contraband cellphone.
2. Homer Bryson, Commissioner of GA Department of Corrections, on behalf of the Association of State Correctional Administrators
3. Lura Hudson, Executive Director, SC Crime Victims' Council
4. Mitch Lucan, Charleston County Assistant Sheriff on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association

Second Panel (Solutions):

1. Marjorie Conner, outside counsel for solution vendor CellAntenna
2. Gerard Keegan, Assistant VP, CTIA, a wireless industry trade association
3. Bryan Stirling, Director, SCDC
4. Dan Wigger, VP and Managing Director for solution vendor CellBlox

BACKGROUND:

FCC Commissioner Pai is holding a field hearing on combating the public safety threats posed by inmates' use of contraband cellphones. The two panels are designed to discuss the problems associated with contraband cellphones, and possible solutions to the problem. The FCC is the U.S. government agency that regulates the nation's airwaves, including spectrum that cellphones use. In 2013, the FCC teed up technological solutions and regulatory reforms that could help prevent the use of contraband cellphones. To date, it has not taken further action in that rulemaking.

TALKING POINTS: