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March 10, 2004

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Joint Petition for Expedited Rulemaking Concerning the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

Dear Secretary Dortch:

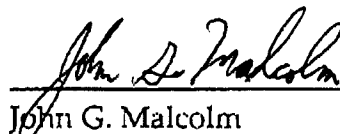
Pursuant to Section 1.401(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(a), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (collectively, "Law Enforcement") hereby submit an original and four (4) copies of a Joint Petition for Expedited Rulemaking ("Petition") which requests that the Commission promptly initiate a new rulemaking docket to resolve, on an expedited basis, various outstanding issues associated with the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act ("CALEA"), 47 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* Law Enforcement requests that the Commission assign a new docket number to the Petition.

Copies of the Petition have also been provided for delivery to the Chairman, each of the Commissioners, and selected members of the Commission's staff (as indicated on the certificate of service attached to the Petition).

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Respectfully submitted,

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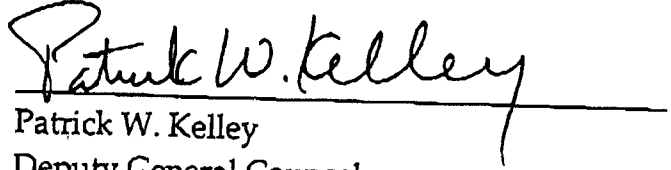
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