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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC holds a monthly Agenda Meeting that is open to the public ("Open Meeting") where the FCC Commissioners vote on proposing or adopting rules and consider other matters. Please see highlights below of the main subjects discussed during the FCC's August 7th Open Meeting.

FCC Adopts New Alert Code for Missing and Endangered Persons
- The FCC adopted new rules to implement a dedicated Missing and Endangered Persons (MEP) event code to better and more widely disseminate information regarding missing and endangered persons across multiple jurisdictions. These new alerts will assist law enforcement efforts to find missing and endangered persons, including Indigenous persons who are disproportionately at risk of being missing and endangered, by notifying the public so they can help in the search. The FCC's action replicates what it has previously done for children with America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alerts.

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FCC Proposes AI-Generated Robocall and Robotext Rules
- In an ongoing effort to protect consumers from scams, the FCC proposed rules regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated robocalls and robotexts. The FCC proposes to define AI-generated calls and to require callers to disclose to consumers when they are receiving such calls as well as a caller's intention to use AI-generated calls and text messages when obtaining prior express consent. The item also proposes protections to ensure that AI currently assisting people with disabilities use the telephone network can continue to help such consumers without threat of Telephone Consumer Protection Act liability.

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FCC Examines Ways to Further Strengthen Robocall Mitigation Database
- In another robocall related item, the FCC proposed improvements to its Robocall Mitigation Database, a tool used in the fight against unwanted robocalls. All voice service providers are required to file certifications in the Robocall Mitigation Database regarding their efforts to fight illegal robocalls, including whether and to what extent they have implemented caller ID authentication throughout their networks. Failure to file certifications result in serious consequences. The FCC's proposals would seek to further increase accountability and accuracy among filers.

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The FCC will hold the next open meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024. For more information visit: www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/open-commission-meetings.

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