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The Senate voted 'Yes' on landmark anti-robocall legislation

What you need to know:

- The Senate voted to approve the TRACED Act, which was passed by the House earlier this month.
- TRACED Act is a landmark piece of legislation that enables better call-tracing and enforceable penalties for illegal robocallers
- Verizon has long been a proponent of this legislation, and thanks the TRACED Act's sponsors, Majority Whip Thune and Chairman Pallone.

WASHINGTON D.C. – *The Senate today voted to approve the TRACED Act, a major piece of pro-consumer, anti-robocaller legislation that Verizon has long supported. The following statement can be attributed to Robert Fisher, Verizon Senior Vice President, Federal Government Relations:*

“The TRACED Act is Congress's most meaningful anti-robocall action since it enacted the national "Do Not Call" registry many years ago. Consumers will benefit from the legislation, which includes penalties against illegal robocallers and enhanced

industry-government coordination on tracing back illegal calls. More importantly, signing the TRACED Act into law will help us begin to restore consumers' trust in caller ID. Verizon has long been a proponent of this legislation and on behalf of our customers, we're thrilled to see it cross the finish line.

In enacting the TRACED Act, Congress correctly recognizes that some service providers have been complicit in helping illegal robocallers send spam to U.S. consumers, and it arms the Federal Communications Commission with tools to prevent service providers from originating calls that they know or should know are illegal. The TRACED Act complements the work the Federal Communications Commission has done to combat robocalls, including its green lights to block unwanted robocalls more aggressively.

Although the fight isn't over, the passage of this legislation is a decisive victory for consumers. We thank Senator Thune (R-SD) and Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) for their leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with the FCC as it implements the Act.”

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