

USTELECOM LEADING THE CHARGE.

Stopping the plague of illegal robocalls is a serious issue for consumers and our USTelecom member companies, industry partners, and folks at the FCC, FTC, and state Attorneys General offices investing time and resources to fight back.

HUNTING DOWN ILLEGAL ROBOCALLERS ▶

- USTelecom leads the 25+ member Industry Traceback Group (ITB Group) that includes cable, wireline, wireless and transit providers — both from the US and abroad.
- By sharing information on illegal robocalls, the ITB Group actively hunts down the perpetrators, no matter where they are hiding — even if they are overseas.
- The ITB Group shares this information with law enforcement so they can bring illegal robocallers to justice.
- And we're succeeding in finding more bad actors faster than ever before, and helping to bring them to justice. Last year, the FCC said the efforts of the ITB Group reduced the amount of time necessary to conduct a traceback investigation from start to finish "from months to weeks."

DEPLOYMENT OF CALL AUTHENTICATION STANDARD SHAKEN/STIR ▶

- A broad range of voice providers are already deploying a new caller authentication standard across their networks called SHAKEN/STIR to restore trust to the caller-ID system.
- When SHAKEN/STIR is fully implemented, consumers will have more useful information available to them when they to decide whether (or not) to answer a call.
- A [long list](#) of companies have publicly committed to deploy the standard in their networks this year.
- And while these companies compete vigorously in the marketplace, they're [working together](#) to guide the deployment of the SHAKEN/STIR standard.

BLOCKING ILLEGAL CALLS AND DEPLOYING CONSUMER PROTECTION TOOLS ▶

- USTelecom members are deploying powerful tools that block and label illegal calls and put consumers in control of their phones again.
- Consumers today have more choices than ever before.
- USTelecom members are partnering with services that protect consumers from robocalls (and these services work across wireless, IP and traditional copper networks).

Our list is long, our challenges significant, and much work remains to be done. The bottom line: with industry innovators and government joining forces, our civil and criminal enforcement apparatus ramping up, and media taking notice, expect more steady progress against robocallers in the months ahead.

America's broadband providers are committed to protecting consumers from illegal robocalls.