



May 27, 2025 – (Alexandria, V.A.) – The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) released the following statement from Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, (Story County, I.A.) in response to Verizon's latest filing and in praise of President Trump's Executive Order.

“The National Sheriffs' Association is proud to stand with President Trump's Executive Order requiring federal agencies to eliminate outdated regulations, particularly those that have a direct impact on law enforcement officials. As technology has evolved and criminal enterprises have grown more sophisticated, device unlocking rules have born serious unintended consequences and pose an ongoing threat to law enforcement agencies.

NSA represents a vast network of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals, including police officers, sheriffs, and deputies. Device trafficking has become a significant problem for our members. International criminal rings are ripping off U.S. companies and consumers costing them billions of dollars per year in stolen and trafficked devices. In 2021 alone, [it's estimated that more than \\$10.8bn](#) was lost by U.S. carriers globally due to device fraud and this problem is only growing. Combatting these illegal acts requires significant resources from law enforcement agencies and puts the brave men and women we represent at risk.

NSA supports Verizon's waiver to eliminate its unlocking requirements and do away with this outdated rule. Granting the waiver will mark a turning point in reducing this growing threat and make it much harder for criminals to traffic devices. It's a commonsense reform in line with President Trump's call to make government more efficient. It's time to delete this exploitable loophole. The FCC must take action to help keep illicit devices out of the hands of criminals, protect American businesses from fraud, and support law enforcement professionals.”

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest non-profit associations of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of approximately 10,000 individuals. NSA is dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-four-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as local, state, and federal government agencies.

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