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Statement of FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell Regarding FCC Enforcement Action on Junk Faxes

The Federal Communications Commission today issued a record \$5,379,000 forfeiture against Fax.com for violating the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the FCC's junk-fax rules. Chairman Michael K. Powell issued the following statement:

"Consumers hate to go to their fax machine only to find their resources have been wasted on spam and junk. We're sending relief in the form of a simple message to junk faxers: violate our rules, and you will pay the consequences. Today's action marks the largest forfeiture the Commission has ever issued in this area. We will not rest until consumers find peace from unwanted and unlawful intrusions – whether from telemarketing calls or junk faxes."