



# NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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## **National District Attorneys Association files amicus brief with US Supreme Court in Carpenter case**

ARLINGTON, Virginia – Today, the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) filed an amicus brief with the United State Supreme Court in the *Timothy Ivory Carpenter v. United States of America* case, which examines Fourth Amendment protections as they relate to cell site location information (CSLI). NDAA submitted the brief in support of the respondent (US government).

In the brief, NDAA argues that CSLI falls within well-established Supreme Court precedent holding that the Fourth Amendment does not protect information that is conveyed to a third party in order to obtain services or goods, including financial information in bank records, numbers dialed on a phone, and papers in the hands of tax accountants. NDAA also describes the important role CSLI plays in state and local investigations in verifying information provided to law enforcement, dispelling unwarranted suspicion, and retracing the steps of deceased victims. In addition, the brief argues that the provisions of the Stored Communications Act requiring a court order based on specific and articulable facts is adequate to control access to CSLI and address any privacy concerns.

NDAA looks forward to oral arguments in the case and appreciates the Supreme Court taking up an issue impacting daily investigations and operations of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies protecting the communities they serve.

*The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), [www.ndaa.org](http://www.ndaa.org), is the largest prosecutor organization in the country, representing 2,500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States, as well as 40,000 Assistant District Attorneys.*

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