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Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Senator Mikulski:

Thank you for your letter regarding the petition for rulemaking filed by Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT). As you observe, COMSAT seeks a change in the Commission's Rules that would "cap" its current rates for multi-year carrier switched-voice services.

In a March 5, 1992 Public Notice, the Commission requested comment on the COMSAT petition. We have received comments from Sprint Communications Company L.P.; IDB Communications Group, Inc.; MCI Telecommunications Corporation; Pan American Satellite; and American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Commission is reviewing the comments and plans to address this matter expeditiously. I believe that the concerns expressed in your letter will assist us in reaching a decision on the request for rulemaking. We all seek a course of action that will result in a reasonable and fair solution for COMSAT which best serves the public interest.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman

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March 27, 1992

The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Sikes:

I am writing you on behalf of COMSAT Corporation. COMSAT is a major international communications company and is a leader in Maryland's high technology business sector. COMSAT currently has a petition before the FCC regarding regulatory reform for its long term contracts for switched voice services.

I want to make sure that their petition is given a complete, fair and quick review. COMSAT tells me that this deregulatory move is essential for it to maintain the ability to meet current and future customer requirements in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

As the FCC reviews its regulations on high-technology communications, I hope you will give full consideration to COMSAT's petition.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

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