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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: Telecommunications Services Proposed Interior Wiring Rules
Customer Premises Equipment, CS Docket No. 95-184

Dear Mr. Caton:

The Community Associations Institute (CAI) is a 27-year old, national nonprofit association representing the homeowner industry (condominium, cooperative and planned communities) and everyone who provides professional services and products to them. CAI currently has over 15,000 members and 57 chapters nationwide. Approximately 8,000 of those members are associations, housing more than 8,000,000 individuals.

On behalf of our members, we would like to comment on the changes you are considering that might require property owners in the future to allow multiple telecommunications service providers to freely enter, wire and use their property to sell and provide services to residents.

The following comments are offered with regard to four issues, as you requested:

1. **CARRIER ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY** - CAI is committed to assuring that its members who are homeowners in common interest communities (condominiums, cooperatives and planned communities), receive efficient telephone and cable services at a reasonable, competitive prices.

An association's right to coordinate among residents and service providers, manage limited physical space, ensure safety and security, and comply with safety codes should be preserved while at the same time, assuring and complying with this administration's public policy of "access".

2. **DEMARCATATION POINT** - The demarcation point for residential properties should be outside each owner's building, outside the units of each owner/resident, or at the owner's private property line.

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3. **WIRING REGULATIONS** - There are industry standards and building codes in place nationwide. New standards are redundant and unnecessary. The FCC should take into account the differences in commercial and residential buildings.

4. **CUSTOMER ACCESS TO WIRING** - This should be in compliance with state property laws. Activities which occur on an owner's private property should be under their exclusive control.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, feel free to call me at: 703-548-8600. A copy of our "Fact Book", which may be of interest to you, is enclosed along with some information on CAI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Beach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara Beach, Staff Vice President
Public Affairs Department

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