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

RE: Petition of America's Carriers Telecommunication Association (RM-8775)

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to the procedures established in the Commission's Public Notice of March 25, 1996 (Report No. CC 96-10), entitled "Common Carrier Bureau Clarifies And Extends Request For Comment On ACTA Petition Relating To 'Internet Phone' Software and Hardware -- RM No. 8775", I am submitting this letter as my comments in RM-8775 and request that these comments be considered in that proceeding.

On March 4, 1996, America's Carriers Telecommunication Association ("ACTA") filed a "Petition for Declaratory Ruling, Special Relief, and Institution of a Rulemaking" relating to the provision of interstate and international interexchange telecommunications service via the Internet by non-tariffed, uncertified entities. ACTA alleges that providers of "Internet phone" software and hardware are operating as uncertified and unregulated common carriers, in contravention of FCC rules, and seeks three forms of relief. First, ACTA seeks a declaratory ruling from the Commission establishing the Commission's authority over interstate and international telecommunications services using the Internet. Second, ACTA asks the Commission for special relief to order named and unnamed respondents immediately to stop provisioning Internet phone software and hardware without complying with the regulatory requirements of the Communications Act applicable to interstate communications common carriers. Finally, ACTA urges the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider rules governing the use of the Internet for the provision of telecommunications services.

As a consumer and significant user of the Internet, I have a significant interest in the outcome of this proceeding, since any Commission action granting the ACTA Petition will significantly curtail the use of the Internet for innovative new uses by consumers, all in the name of protection of the private financial interests of certain well-established interexchange telephone common carriers. For this reason, I submit that my comments will materially assist the Commission in its resolution of this proceeding. For the reasons set forth below, I vigorously oppose the grant of the ACTA Petition.

[In the paragraphs which follow, give your own reasons for opposing the ACTA Petition]

In sum, the public interest would be sorely disserved by grant of the ACTA Petition, and, for this reason, I respectfully submit that the Petition should be expeditiously denied.

Respectfully submitted,
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From: Allan <ccassoc@web.net>
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Subject: More Internet regulation - Voice this time.

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One again, our ever growing federal bureaucracy shows its clout. Listening to another ever growing "Special Interest Group" to determine what is best for the public, it will soon pass more regulations allowing us to pass from state of chaos to a more perfect existence.

> "Our press coverage and inquiries to the FCC already have made an > impact, and we haven't even officially responded yet," VON Coalition > director, Sandy Combs, told Newsbytes.

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From: Mark Browning <Mark.Browning@natinst.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/9/96 11:10am
Subject: FCC Regulations on telephony services on the internet

To whom it may concern...

Please do not regulate the telephony services that have been applied to the internet. I feel that this regulation could subdue the technological advances that could be made in this area. These changes would be made at a crucial time when internet telephony is in its infancy.

Thanks for listening to my concerns...

Mark Browning
Applications Engineering On-line Services Coordinator

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Date: 4/9/96 12:03am
Subject: internet phone

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I don't think its a good idea to regulate competition to the long-distance telephone providers. I wish to have unregulated internet phone capability and yes, I am a voting united states citizen.

Oz Wilde oz@arup.com

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From: Alec J. Wasserman <awasser@primenet.com>
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Date: 4/8/96 11:34pm
Subject: internet telephone

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pls dont stop internet phone it is freedom of speech. I am paying at&t to use their service anyways. this is the wave of the future. I believe this type of communication is benefical to the growth of our great country.

thanks for your time.

alec w. phoenix az

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PHONE NET is the future.

Deny the petition to keep it off the Internet.

Protect the consumer. Preserve our right to use the Internet for voice transmission.

F. Gerald Bench
Platteville WI 53818

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From: Sheryl Segal
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("pbcerr01@homer.louisville.edu")
Date: 4/8/96 5:32pm
Subject: Chairman's Column Comments -Reply

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Please include this as an informal comment on RM 8775. thanks

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>>> <pbcerr01@homer.louisville.edu> 03/19/96 07:43am >>>
Patricia B. Cerrito (pbcerr01@homer.louisville.edu) writes:

This is in response to rule#8775. Technological advances are driving a new world of technology. There is no way to stop it. However, it appears that the long- distance carriers are attempting to stop the force by banning software which would permit direct voice communication over the internet. Instead of attempting to ban it, the phone companies should develop innovations of their own. I realize that they are fighting for their very existence since the internet is cheaper to use than the phone. However, a ban will only postpone the inevitable. The sooner the phone companies realize that, the better off they will be. If they succeed in banning the software officially, it will be distributed via freeware and shareware ultimately anyway. There are better ways to deal with the issue than to attempt to stop the waves of technology.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.0
Remote host: thales.math.louisville.edu
Remote IP address: 136.165.6.41

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Subject: You know what subject.

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Ya'll should be ashamed of yourselves.
To even consider this question is a waste of taxpayers money.
Whatever happened to innovation and free markets?
Are a man (or woman) or a mouse?
I could go on...

I just *love* my new Nicholas Scott 'URL-A-DAY' service! I'm telling all my friends and family about you! Just *tell* me where to send the subscription check!!! ...Michael Cloran (mcloran@enteract.com)

CC: Michael Cloran <michael@enteract.com>

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From: Craig Olson <olson@airmail.net>
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Date: 4/9/96 3:26am
Subject: Long Distance Phone calls on the Internet

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Please do your part to strike down the ACTA petition banning phone conversations on the Internet. I use the internet phone for contacting persons in a way similar to the way I used CB radios in the 70's and '80's. In other words as a way to chat with others of similar interests.

To try to ban progress, as the petition requests is not in the best interest of America.

Thank you,

Craig Olson

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