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The Honorable Jesse Helms  
United States Senate  
403 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3301

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 4, 1996, on behalf of one of your constituents, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Your constituent expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth  
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Enclosure

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TO: Lou Sizemore

DATE: April 4, 1996

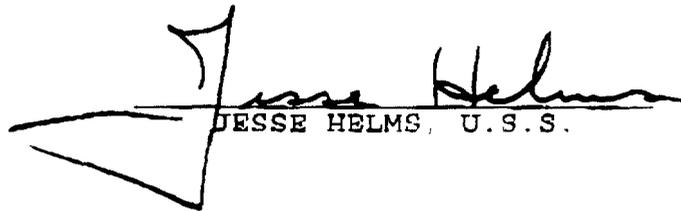
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JESSE HELMS, U.S.S.

Please direct to the attention of

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MARCH 27, 1996

The Honorable Jesse Helms  
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Dear Senator Helms:

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

This freeze was ill advised and has already cost Glenayre, as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. The freeze also threatens our jobs and causes an unnecessary slowdown of this very vibrant industry.

I encourage you to do everything possible to lift this freeze immediately. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 1996

The Honorable Jesse Helms  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Helms:

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

Our management team spent a considerable amount of time in Washington during the last two weeks visiting with various Representatives and Senators who promised overwhelming support for our position based on the fact that this freeze was ill advised and has already cost Glenayre, as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. The freeze also threatens our jobs and an unnecessary slowdown of this very vibrant industry

Please do not let a government agency arbitrarily slow down or shut down a very vibrant industry in a time when employment and economic growth is so important to this Country.

We encourage you to do everything possible to have the FCC lift this freeze immediately.

We appreciate your support

Best regards,

*Brenda Marshall*

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Finance Administrative Assistant

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