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Mr. Thomas Engberg
P. O. Box 1106
Burlington, Iowa 52601

Dear Mr. Engberg:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1996, which was forwarded to us from the office of President Bill Clinton, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. You express 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,

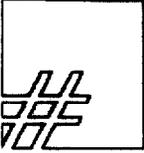
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THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20501

Re: FCC Robbery

Dear President Bill Clinton:

Dear Sir,
I would like to draw your attention to a severe problem brewing at the FCC. They are attempting to freeze the issue of licenses retroactively. This will cause the loss of capital to many people like myself who have complied with the process they dictated months ago, and now they wish to cancel all apps. This will cost me personally over \$7000.00, as well as many other people. Please review WT Docket No. 96-18 and PP Docket No. 93-253 and put an enf to this action. It is unfair, and just a form of highway robbery. I am forwarding a copy of the draft my atty. has put together. We need your help on this...please advise
Sincerely,

Thomas Engberg
P.O. Box 1106
Burlington, Ia. 52601

Sincerely,

T. Engberg

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

SUE J. SMITH *SJS*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 456-7486.

Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Again, thank you for your continuing help.