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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0504

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Richard G. Roach, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Mr. Roach 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward R. Jacvitz / for".

David L. Furth
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Enclosure

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May 21, 1996

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Ms. Daine Atkinson
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

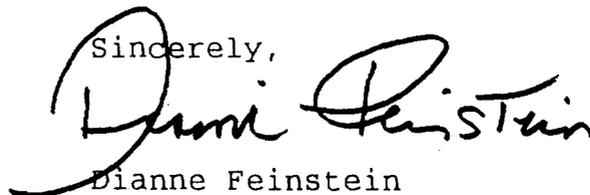
INQUIRY FROM: Richard G. Roach (Reference #: seg-42022)

RE: Freeze on 900MHz paging licenses

I am forwarding the attached constituent inquiry for your review and consideration. I believe that my constituent would benefit from your direct response to the specific issues raised in the enclosed letter.

I would appreciate it if you would return your response, in duplicate, as quickly as possible so that I can share the information with my constituent.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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April 22, 1996

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
11111 Santa Monica Blvd.
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Los Angeles, CA 90025

Dear Senator Feinstein,

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new 900 MHz paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

Channel Microwave believes that this freeze was ill advised and has already cost our customers as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. Channel Microwave Corporation currently supplies components to Glenayre and Motorola who are both major players in the paging radio transmitting industry. The freeze threatens our jobs and is an unnecessary slowdown for this 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 California and Ventura County.

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

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Roach
Vice President

cc: E.L. Vadnais