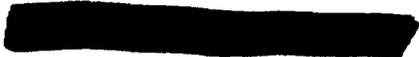


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Dear Commissioners:

It has just been brought to my attention that the upcoming legislation for "universal service" will adversely affect the rates which I now pay my internet service provider. Right now my rates are comparable to most on-line servers.

For years our city was penalized with extra long distance telephone charges for Internet contact, while similar cities only 10 miles away from us had direct access. Connecting to the Internet was extremely expensive for us.

This problem was finally solved when our area acquired a local provider with a local access number. The Internet is not simply a luxury -- it is fast becoming a necessity for information and business. **I am against any legislation that will again make Internet more expensive for me and people in my area.**

It is imperative that people everywhere in the United States have EQUAL ACCESS to the Internet. Fair government guidelines must provide equal Internet use with reasonable rates for all areas.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn G. Ekker
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Sharon, Pennsylvania

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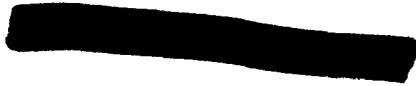
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TO: James Quello
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Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing in opposition to the Universal Service Plan that the FCC is going to vote on May 8, 1997.

I have more than one phone line and have for some time. Southwestern Bell advertises to get people to get a second phone line. They have OVER SOLD the bandwidth. Their selling of dialtone is based on the old method that people make short phone calls. With the increasing popularity of the internet, more and more people are dialing their internet provider and staying online for MUCH longer periods that the phone companies ever imagined. As the cable modems become available, the majority of people will probally switch to them from the phone for the MAJOR increase of bandwidth.

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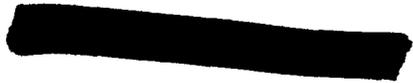
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Re: Telecommunications Act of 1996
"Information Highway"



Dear Commissioners:

We have recently received notification on the cost of the referenced act. I understand that politicians on the local, state and federal level do not have the willingness to implement the correct revenue policies to obtain the required funding for improving school services and meeting academic needs of the populace. And that the populace at large only begrudgingly approves an increase in school funding. However, I believe it truly unfair that the FCC and our federal legislators are considering a service tax on the internet/telephone system just to fulfill a campaign promise. The internet and telephone companies will be passing this tax along to the consumer.

Based on the information I have received I could be charged an additional \$148.00 per year just to satisfy a campaign promise. Needless to say I am not pleased with this new tax. I recommend that this new tax not be approved at this time and that the FCC and our legislators go back to the drawing board (or computer screen as the case may be) and find another way to fund this campaign promise.

Please note that I am not against funding academic needs, I truly believe that we need to better educate our populace. But I wonder how many schools have sufficient competitor systems and equipment to utilize this service.

Sincerely:

Joseph P. Pacchioni, P.E.
President

Faxed May 7, 1997 202.418.0232 (I would have e-mailed but I just connected to the internet and I am in the slow lane.)

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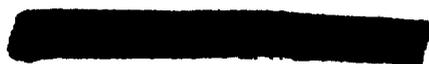
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Reference: iEx Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262i

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

It has come to our attention that the FCC may approve a significant increase in the telephone Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) and impose a new Pre-Subscriber Line surcharge (PSLC) for multi-line business customers. These fees would be used to subsidize telecommunications services to K-12 public schools, libraries, and rural health facilities through the Universal Service Fund. Universities are required to purchase business telephone services. Therefore, higher education institutions will, in effect, underwrite the costs to provide these services to other agencies.

Telecommunications access for every citizen is an important national goal and a Universal Service Fund may be needed to accomplish it. However, the FCC must also consider the impact of these proposed charges on communications costs paid by higher education institutions. At Virginia Tech, our annual costs would increase by at least \$120,000 on our main campus and by an unknown amount for Extension Office locations throughout our state.

We would encourage the Commission to review the impact of the proposed changes and the financial implications for higher education institutions before making a final ruling. Thank you for considering our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Earving L. Blythe
Vice President, Information Systems

- cc: Senator Charles S. Robb
- Senator John W. Warner
- Congressman Rick C. Boucher
- Dr. Paul E. Torgersen, President, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Mr. Ralph Byers, Director of Government Relations, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
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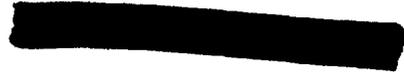
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Dear Ms. Ness:

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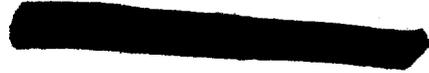
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FROM: Bill Eastman
TO: Rachelle Chong
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Dear Ms. Chong:

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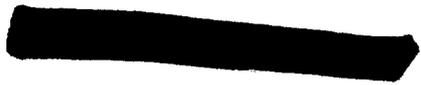
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Attention: Chairman Reed Hundt

We have just discovered, via the news media, that you are considering the implementation of a sweeping new tax on those of us who have 2nd line services for the purpose of access to the Internet and the ability to send faxes to our Family and friends! In almost 100% of these situations, this second line is not used for receiving incoming VOICE communications!

This tax is being proposed under the Universal Service program that subsidizes low-cost communication services for organizations and entities who might otherwise not be able to afford access to the service. I do hope you are aware we are already assessed a "Mandatory charge per FCC order" on our monthly telephone bill of \$7.00, \$3.50 per line,--what does this assessment cover? We also understand this new tax is for the specific purpose of covering the cost of the Federal Government in assisting schools in providing computers, etc., to train students! PLEASE! SAY NO! We all have limits, and we are assessed property taxes for schools and libraries, so WHY IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADDING TO OUR BURDEN?

We are senior citizens, and our only income is SS Pensions. We have added the fax and Internet service to maintain contact with our families and for knowledge in our retirement years.

Sincerely,

cc:James Quello; Susan Ness;
Rahelle Chong

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RE: UNIVERSAL SERVICE PLAN

Dear Sir:

I am a 61 year old homemaker using my computer and the Internet to keep in touch with my family and friends around the country. My husband is retired. We have installed an additional phone line into our home expressly for this activity.

At present we pay school taxes in addition to income, property, sales and other hidden taxes to fund any number of things. It is offensive to us that we now should be singled out to pay more taxes because we have two phone lines. Do you really think that is fair? We don't and plan to contact all our Senators and Congressman to complain.

Please register our disgust for this idea!

K. Anne Borland (Mrs. John)
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