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The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

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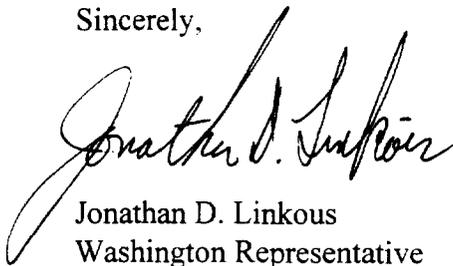
Exparte Communication
Re: CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Chairman Kennard:

Enclosed is a video tape of two national programs that were recently broadcast regarding the unfortunate accident that occurred to the Lechuga family in Los Angeles, California. The accident resulted in the death of all four members of the Lechuga family after Mrs. Lechuga was unable to reach 9-1-1 using her cellular telephone. First, is a segment broadcast on the nationally syndicated program EXTRA. Second, is a segment that appeared on the spanish-language Univision network.

As we mentioned in our meetings with your staff last month, we conducted tests at the site of the accident where we have evidence that, had Mrs. Lechuga been able to reach the strongest compatible signal on her portable phone, she would have been able to reach 9-1-1 emergency services. We implore you and the other members of the Commission to act swiftly on the pending strongest signal issue that is now before you.

Sincerely,


Jonathan D. Linkous
Washington Representative

cc: The Honorable Susan Ness
The Honorable Michael Powell
The Honorable Harold Furchgott-Roth
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