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Dear Mr. Aviles:

Thank you for your letter to President Clinton regarding a charge that has been added by your carrier to your telephone bill to recover its contributions to the universal service support mechanisms. The White House has asked me to respond to your inquiry.

On May 7, 1997, the Commission adopted an Order to implement the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendations on universal service as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). The Commission established universal service support mechanisms that fulfill Congress's goal, as stated in Section 254 of the 1996 Act, of ensuring that affordable, quality telecommunications services are available to all American consumers, including low income consumers and those located in high cost, rural, and insular areas. Universal service support for carriers serving high cost areas and for low income consumers has been provided for decades. In the 1996 Act, Congress expanded universal service goals to ensure the nation's classrooms and libraries receive access to the vast array of educational resources that are accessible through the telecommunications network. These support systems also will link health care providers located in rural areas to urban medical centers so that patients living in rural America will have access, through the telecommunications network, to the same advanced diagnostic and other medical services that are enjoyed in urban communities.

In the 1996 Act, Congress required all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services to contribute on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis to universal service. The Commission implemented this statutory provision by requiring all such telecommunications carriers to contribute to the universal service support mechanisms. Neither Congress, nor the Commission, requires such carriers to pass this contribution on to their customers. To the contrary, carriers decide how and to what extent they recover their contributions. Carriers, however, may not mislead customers as to how they recover contributions and may only recover an equitable share from any particular customer.

The Commission is monitoring the universal service support mechanisms and their impact on telephone ratepayers. This issue will be carefully reviewed as the support mechanisms are administered.

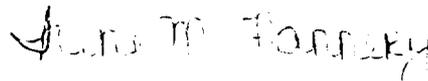
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Your letter has been placed in the official public record of the universal service proceeding (CC Docket No. 96-45). I appreciate your interest and views on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Irene M. Flannery". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capitalization.

Irene M. Flannery  
Acting Chief, Accounting Policy Division  
Common Carrier Bureau

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 WHITE HOUSE BULK MAIL

Thank you for your continued hard work in ensuring responses to the Presidential letters and inquiries forwarded to your agency. The volume of mail that the President and Mrs. Clinton receive still remains unprecedented.

Please return any misreferrals to me at the following address:

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202/456-7486.

Thank you very much.

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Date: Wed, 10 Jun 1998 12:24:20 -0400  
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PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position  
TOPIC: Taxes  
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen  
SUBJECT: The Gore Tax (E-rate plan)

[Message]

Vice President Al Gore, in conjunction with the Federal  
Communications Commission, has created a new fee (tax),

to be paid by every U.S. long distance telephone service  
provider. The E-rate plan, it is commonly being referred to as  
the Gore Tax. When long distance carriers said they planned to  
pass this monthly cost along to you, the consumer, the FCC  
warned them not to

"line-item" this charge. They want it hidden in with other charges. so you can't tell how much you're paying in taxes.

This is unconstitutional, taxation without representation. The United States Constitution, in Article 1, Section 8 gives Congress the power to lay and collect taxes. Our elected representatives were

not involved in the implementation of this plan and did not vote to increase our federal taxes.

Please oppose the E-rate plan, commonly being referred to as the Gore Tax.

PS: I am having trouble finding the Vice Presidents email address to send him the same message. Could you send it to me please.

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