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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 96-198, Implementation of Section 255 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 - Access to Telecommunications
Services, Telecommunications Equipment, and Customer Premises
Equipment by Persons with Disabilities

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 16, 1999, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry
Association (TIA) met separately with Karen Gulick of Commissioner Tristani's office,
Dan Connors of Commissioner Ness's office, and Peter Tenhula of Commissioner
Powell's office regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

The discussion at the three meetings related to TIA's comments, reply comments,
and other documents previously filed in this docket and focused on the following topics:

- The commitment by TIA and its members to continue working with the FCC and consumers to achieve the goal of Section 255 – the availability of a broad array of products and services that are accessible to persons with disabilities;
- An approach to implementation and enforcement of Section 255 that affords manufacturers and service providers the flexibility to offer a wide variety of accessible solutions across families or lines of products;
- The mechanisms to be established for addressing consumer concerns regarding the accessibility of telecommunications products and services; and
- The potential expansion of the reach of the proceeding to cover products and services not contemplated in the plain language of Section 255.

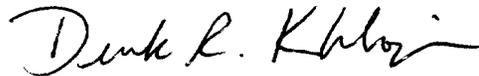
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An original and one copy of this letter are submitted and a copy has been forwarded to the Commission staff present at the meetings, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). If you have any questions about this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Regulatory Counsel

cc: Karen Gulick
Dan Connors
Peter Tenhula