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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Portals II
445-12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation
WT Docket No. 96-198**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday, July 7, 1999, representatives of the VON Coalition met separately with Robert Calaff, Daniel Connors, and Peter Tenhula regarding the above-referenced proceeding. Participating in the meeting with Mr. Calaff on behalf of the VON Coalition were Peter Pitsch, Bruce Jacobs, and Susan Hafeli. Participating in the meeting with Mr. Connors were Dr. Leigh Chinitz, Leo Fitzsimon, Mr. Jacobs, and Ms. Hafeli. Participating in the meeting with Mr. Tenhula were Messrs. Pitsch, Fitzsimon, and Jacobs and Dr. Chinitz. Mr. Jacobs also had several telephone conversations with Ellen Blackler.

The VON Coalition representatives stated their views concerning the lack of need for the Commission to assert regulatory authority over Internet telephony in this proceeding and the Coalition's voluntary commitment regarding disability access. That commitment is set forth in the attached letter, which was filed in this proceeding after the meetings. The Coalition also urged the Commission to use informal processes to follow-up on and monitor industry progress in this area, rather than taking any formal action.

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As required by Commission rules, two copies of this letter have been filed with the Secretary. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Jacobs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruce D. Jacobs
Counsel to the VON Coalition

Enclosure

cc: Ellen Blackler
Robert Calaff
Dan Connors
Peter Tenhula