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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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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 July 7, 1999, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) met with Dorothy Attwood of the Chairman's office and Ellen Blackler of the Common Carrier Bureau regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

The discussion related to TIA's comments, reply comments, and other documents previously filed in this docket. The views expressed during the meeting focused on an approach to implementation and enforcement of Section 255 that affords telecommunications manufacturers and service providers the flexibility to offer a wide variety of accessible solutions across families or lines of products, including the mechanisms that will be established for addressing consumer concerns regarding accessibility. TIA also reiterated its commitment 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 original and one copy of this letter are submitted and copies have been forwarded to the staff present at this meeting, 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: Dorothy Attwood  
Ellen Blackler

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