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February 3, 2000

Honorable Chairman William E. Kennard
Federal Communication Commission
Room 8B201, The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am the Director of Community Development for the City of Moberly, Missouri. In this capacity I understand that your Commission is reviewing the issues of allowing municipal utilities to provide telecommunications services to their citizens.

In Missouri, cities derive their authority from the State Legislature. The State passed HB620 which said that cities would not be allowed into the telecommunications market for five years (until August 28, 2000) so that full competition would develop without concerns that cities would abuse their authority over rights-of-ways to put at an unfair advantage private telecommunications companies.

In Missouri several cities had previously tried to use their regulatory authority to slow-up private investment and network expansion. The legislature passed HB620 so that situation would not deter economic development and expansion by private companies.

I fully support the provisions of HB620 and am convinced that this law's provisions should be upheld by your Commission.

As you review this issue please be advised that our city in North Central Missouri wants to encourage private investment and competition by upholding the provision of HB620.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Sanders
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