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The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman  
The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
The Honorable Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner  
The Honorable Michael Powell, Commissioner  
The Honorable Gloria Tristani, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: WT Docket No. 99-217 and CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

It is an embarrassing to think that the Federal government enacted the 1996 Telecommunications Act to benefit the consumer, and it is the consumer who is denied access to gain from it. I am referring to how building owners are preventing telecommunications carriers from installing facilities-based services to tenants in multi-tenant buildings. Property owners can and do prohibit such installation and this directly denies access to tenants. Even if carriers are permitted to access the facilities, the owners demand such steep and unnecessary conditions and expenses that these companies can't financially afford to install. Once again, owners successfully have deprived their tenants with the right to use such services available. Those tenants that want such access are then forced to either physically move or be excluded from this technology. Simply changing a telephone number is much more cost effective than physically moving my location. I believe this issue to be a mute point. Take care of the consumer. I urge you to use your authority and provide access so that we can select our preferences when it comes to broadband services.

Sincerely,

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