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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: CC Docket No. CC-00-176  
Application by Verizon for Authorization Under Section 271  
to Provide Long Distance Service in Massachusetts

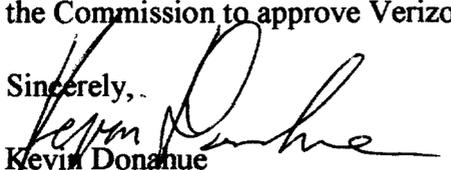
Dear Ms. Salas:

As you know, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is now reviewing Verizon's application pursuant to Section 271 of the telecommunications Act of 1996, to provide long distance service in the state of Massachusetts. As Executive Director of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, I submit this letter in support of allowing Verizon to provide long distance service in the state of Massachusetts.

Technology is the bridge to the information economy. For many years Lynn relied heavily on manufacturing to support its economic health and well being. Today, our city is looking toward high tech industries to shore up its economy and promote prosperity. Verizon's ability to provide long distance and Internet backbone services will promote technology investments, competition, and full Internet access for the growing economies of cities like Lynn

All consumers, including members of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, will benefit from additional competition in the long distance market. We therefore urge the Commission to approve Verizon's 271 application.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Donahue  
Executive Director  
Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Senator Kennedy  
Senator Kerry  
Congressman Tierney