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This message was sent to:

Dear Senator Slade Gorton
Dear Senator Patty Murray
Rep. Jim McDermott

Copy of message text follows:

I am concerned about a new digital divide that threatens those living in apartment buildings and working in small and medium-sized businesses located in commercial buildings -- people who do not have the right to choose a telecommunication provider.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act was written to give consumers the right to choose new and better telecommunications services at a lower price. But it's not happening.

The Congress and FCC must stop abdicating its federal responsibility and work to ensure the benefits of competition are available to consumers in multi-tenant buildings.

S. 1301, H.R. 3487 and H.R. 2891, now in Congress, propose important national solutions to a growing problem of telecom discrimination against customers who live and work in commercial buildings - and the telecom companies committed to trying to serve them. The FCC should also use its power to help solve this digital divide caused by bricks and mortar.

Thanks

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