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July 18, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S. W.
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Re: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

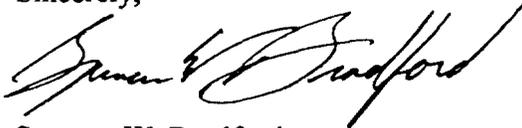
Dear Chairman Kennard,

As Director of Durham Community Shelter for H.O.P.E., I am concerned about the imminent danger many people would be faced with if payphones were not readily available. Payphones are the lifeline to the world for thousands of citizens in our city. Having access to a payphone is critical for the single mother (like dozens who stay at our shelter) who may have a sick child at home and needs to call the doctor and call work to say she will be late.

For someone who is homeless and without personal transportation, having access to a payphone serves as their connection to the world. The shelter has two payphones inside our facility for clients to make calls to potential employers, to schedule doctor appointments, to make contact with families and other sources of support, as well as to offer them a sense of dignity during their transitional period. These payphones are a necessity, not a luxury.

I strongly urge the FCC to make it possible for local phone companies to install and maintain reasonable rates so that more payphones will be available for the needy and underprivileged. Removing payphones throughout the cities and rural communities would be devastating. Please don't let it happen.

Sincerely,



Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director



June 26, 2000

Rockingham County Chapter

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Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As Executive Director of the Rockingham County Chapter of the American Red Cross, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. The following are examples of possible needs for payphones:

- **Many low-income people**
- **Victims of domestic violence**
- **Crime Stoppers™ programs**
- **Teens seeking drug counseling**
- **People away from home with no cell phone**
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I understand that there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that this Initiative be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

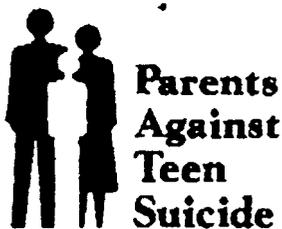
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Nowell".

Jana Nowell
Executive Director



United Way



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August 4, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As President/Executive Director of Parents Against Teen Suicide, Inc. a non-profit, 501 © 3 organization operating a TEEN EDUCATION AND CRISIS HOTLINE serving North Carolina and the six surrounding states. We see and experience the importance of the public telephone system since our toll free 800 number is displayed in many telephone booths in the state where people of all ages have access to our service in obtaining help with drug abuse, domestic violence, school violence, and suicide. We are able to help many people who would not have access to the 800 number other than through a public telephone booth.

I understand that there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that this initiative be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Davis
President/Executive Director



Friends For Life

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard;

As Executive Director of Alcohol and Drug Services, I am aware that we serve many clients that use public payphones as a ready resource to communicate. Many alcoholics and drug addicts have used their monetary resources to feed their addictions. They can no longer pay to have a phone in their home. To access our detoxification services they call us from pay phones and we must frequently return their calls to pay phones. Without access to payphones I am afraid they would not be able to make arrangements to enter treatment.

I am concerned that many telephone companies are removing public payphones. This may be based on costs, especially costs of the telephone lines.

I understand there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available. I firmly support this initiative.

Please take necessary action to make sure payphones remain readily available.

Sincerely,



Chuck Fortune, Ex. Dir.
Alcohol and Drug Services





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NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

**NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS FCC ACTION TO ENSURE
WIDESPREAD DEPLOYMENT OF PAY TELEPHONES**

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association recommends that the Sheriffs support FCC action to make sure that pay telephones will remain available for the public, and

WHEREAS, Sheriffs are the highest elected Law Enforcement Officer on the local level with the responsibility to provide for the safety of all the citizens, and

WHEREAS, citizens rely on the availability of pay telephones for emergencies and for use away from home, and

WHEREAS, pay telephones are a critical lifeline service-the "last line of defense" for many low-income people, and

WHEREAS, today telephone companies are removing a significant number of payphones due to the increased use of wireless services, and

WHEREAS, citizens who cannot afford to have a phone in their home must have pay telephones available to access 911 emergency services, and

WHEREAS, citizens who are away from home and have no wireless service must have pay telephones available to access 911 emergency services, and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted Section 276 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 "to promote the widespread deployment of pay telephone services to the benefit of the general public."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association urges the FCC to make sure pay telephones will be available for the general public.

Adopted at a meeting of the General Membership on
this 26th day of July, 2000, in Asheville, North Carolina.



Crime Victim Services

Court Advocacy

Juvenile, Misdemeanor, & Felony

- Notification of Hearings
- Attend Hearings
- Victim Impact Statements

Domestic Violence

Support 24 Hours

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Money Assistance

- Restitution • Victim Compensation
- Emergencies • Medical Bills

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Practical & Spiritual Support

Victim Impact Panels

Share your story to make a difference

ALLEN,
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PUTNAM Counties

Victim Offender Mediation

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November 15, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Suite 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Executive Director of Crime Victim Services, which has services in 10 counties in West Central Ohio, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones to reach our crisis lines. When a member of our community is in trouble and reaches out for help, there must be an avenue by which to reach those in the community that CAN help. Those seeking assistance may only try once – they must be able to contact that lifeline. If there is no phone in the home, or no comfort level for calling from home, payphones may be their only means of communication.

I have a concern that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the payphone. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand there are three proceedings before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that these initiatives be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,

David Voth
Executive Director, Crime Victim Services

cc: Senator Mike DeWine
Senator George Voinovich
Representative Paul Gillmor
Representative Mike Oxley
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*With Friends
Youth Crisis Shelter*

July 27, 2000

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Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Executive Director of *With Friends Youth Crisis Shelter*, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. The shelter provides emergency shelter to teens that are runaway, abused, neglected, throwaway, and at risk seeking a safe refuge.

I have a concern that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to low volume of calls, but more importantly, due to the cost of operation of the telephone. It is my understanding that a large component of the cost incurred by the payphones provides is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand that there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably proceed so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that this initiative be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Krikorian, J.D., C.C.S.W.
Executive Director

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Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554
RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As Director of Albemarle Hopeline, a multi-county domestic violence/sexual assault program in North Carolina, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. For these victims, access to a payphone could be the difference between life or death as they reach out for assistance and safety.

I have a concern that more and more telephones companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to low volume of calls but more importantly due to the cost of operation of the telephone. It is my understanding that a large component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand that there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that this initiative be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone, including victims of abuse.

Sincerely,

Patricia K. Youngblood

Executive Director

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Families First^{INC.}

Committed To Serving Victims Of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault

July 20, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am the Director of Families First, Inc. which serves a large number of citizens that have the need for public payphones. We serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our program is located in a very rural county in North Carolina. Many of the residents in our county do not have a working telephone in their home. Due to the low income average, they also cannot afford cellular service. They often must escape a potentially deadly situation and have no other options than going to a public payphone to call for help. Without these payphone their lifelines are very literally removed.

I have been informed that the reason some payphones are being removed is because of the lack of profitability. I have been advised that not only the low volume of calls but also the cost of operation of the telephone is the reason for removal. It has been explained to me that a large component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand that there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure payphone rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. I would very much like to see that this initiative is passed so the victims which we serve will have access to one of the payphones when they need it.

Chairman Kennard, I cannot stress the importance of these phone being available to these victims of violence. Please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are there when these victims need them.

Sincerely,

Vickie S. Pait
Executive Director

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW Suite 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As representative of Teen Challenge International, USA, we serve thousands of citizens that have a need for public payphones. In our organization the pay phones provide our clients with the opportunity to stay in touch with their home and families. Many of them come without phone cards and make many collect phone calls from the pay phones at or near our centers. These phones are a necessity in the lives of our clients. Many of them are long distances from home and the average length of our program is 12-18 months. For most here is a therapeutic need for them to stay in touch, mend bridges that have been broken, and strengthen their relationships at home.

I have a concern that more and more telephones companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the payphone. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

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Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,

Cc: Congressman Roy Blunt, 7th district
Senator Christopher Bond
Senator John Ashcroft

American Public Communications Council, Inc./Kara Delahunt, Fax: 202-659-8287



November 10, 2000

The Crisis Care Line / House of Transitions

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Suite 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

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Executive Director
Kathy Boaz

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Executive Director of the Crisis Care Line House of Transitions located in Van Wert, Ohio, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. When a member of our community is in trouble and reaches out for help, there must be an avenue by which to reach those in the community that CAN help. Those seeking assistance may only try once - they must be able to contact that lifeline. If there is no phone in the home, or no comfort level for calling from home, payphones may be their only means of communication. Our agency provides temporary emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence. We provide a 24 hour hotline to those in our community and surrounding counties as a referral service and crisis intervention line. Many of our callers have called our hotline within emergency situations by using pay phones.

I am concerned about the removal of public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and operational cost of the payphone. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

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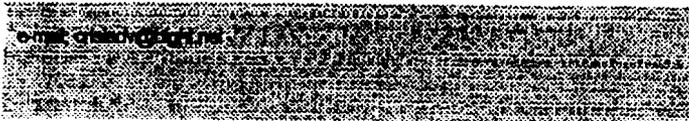
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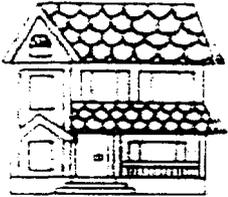
Sincerely,

Kathy Boaz

Kathy Boaz
Director, Crisis Care Line

Senator Mike DeWine
Senator George Voinovich
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September 29, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-01, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As Director of The Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, we serve victims of domestic violence in an 11-county area. Victims who are running for their lives often have no other way of communicating to law enforcement or to the shelters except by pay-phones. Public access to pay phones really is a matter of life or death.

I have concerns that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the payphone. In my area, I have not seen a dwindling of calls from pay phones on our crisis line - they come in every day here and in all the shelter programs across the state. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand that there are three proceedings before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so that more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire, not to mention the people we serve, that these initiatives be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky Sims
Director

c.c. Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth
Commissioner Michael K. Powell
Commissioner Gloria Tristani
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May 8, 2000

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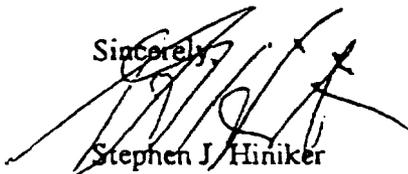
Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Executive Director of the Wisconsin Citizens' Utility Board, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to deny the petition for a stay and review of the Wisconsin Payphone Order filed by the RBOC's and GTE.

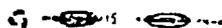
Many of Wisconsin's public school, libraries, parks and rural communities are dependent on the services of a payphone. In the past months, several hundred payphones have been removed from these areas because it was no longer economical, due to rising line charges, for the independent payphone provider. Here within lies our problem, these phones are essential to those consumers that do not have the means to purchase cell phones or even have a telephone in their home.

With the implementation of the New Services Test, we hope to see an end to the removal of public payphones. To deny the petition for a stay and review will ultimately benefit the Wisconsin consumer.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Hiniker
Executive Director



FAIRVIEW BEACH GROCERY

June 23, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CCD/CPD No. 00 1

Dear Chairman Kennard,

As Owners of the Fairview Beach Grocery, we serve a large number of senior citizens that have a need for public pay phones. We recently had our pay phone removed because "it didn't generate enough revenue and was too costly to keep".

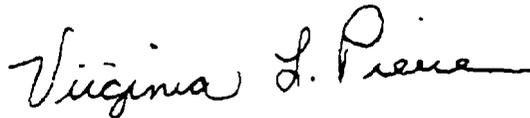
We are concerned that more & more telephone companies are removing public pay phones because they are not profitable, but more importantly due to the cost of operation of the phone. I assume a large part of the cost incurred by the pay phone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand there is a proceeding (CCB/CPD No. 00-1) before the FCC to make sure pay phone line rates are reasonably priced so more pay phones will be available to the public. It is my desire that this initiative be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a pay phone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure pay phones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,

Art & Virginia Pierce
Owners



C: Senator Charles S. Robb
Senator John W. Warner
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American Public Communications Council

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50 Years Providing Solutions...
When Children & Families Need Them Most

November 20, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As the Executive Director of Child Guidance Center, we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. When a member of our community is in trouble and reaches out for help, there must be an avenue by which to reach those in the community that can help. Those seeking assistance may only try once. *They must be able to contact that lifeline.* If there is no phone in the home, or no comfort level for calling from home, payphones may be their only means of communication.

I have concerns that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the payphones. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand there are three proceedings before the FCC to make sure payphones line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that those initiatives be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone. With over 90% of our clients at the poverty level, pay phones are essential. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Veronica W. Valentine, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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www.childguidancecenter.org



Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

**Of Montgomery County/Radford
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The Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Is a Partner Agency of United Way

September 14, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW Suite 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Coalition of Montgomery County & Radford we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. Many low-income people do not have a phone in their homes and must rely on payphones. People, whether adults or children, who must leave their homes under emergency circumstances, such as threat of bodily harm, must have access to phones to summon help. Public pay phones have always been conveniently accessible in emergency situations.

I have a concern that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones because they are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the pay phone. Please remember that not everyone has a cell phone, or even a home phone.

I understand that there are three proceedings before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonable priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that these initiatives be passed so that all citizens will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to keep payphones available to everyone.

Sincerely,


Nancy Moore, Executive Director

Cc: Congressman Rich Boucher, 9th District, Senator John Warner, Senator Charles Robb, American Public Communications council, Inc./fax: 202-659-8287 attn: Tara West

AGAINST ABUSE, INC.

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November 9, 2000

Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CCB/CPD No. 00-1, CCB/CPD No. 99-27, CCB/CPD No. 99-35

Dear Chairman Kennard:

As Director of Against Abuse, Inc., we serve a large number of citizens that have a need for public payphones. When a member of our community is in trouble and reaches out for help, there must be an avenue by which to reach those in the community that CAN help. Those seeking assistance may only try once - they must be able to contact that lifeline. If there is no phone in the home, or no comfort level for calling from home, payphones may be their only means of communication.

I have a concern that more and more telephone companies are removing public payphones. I have been advised that these payphones are not profitable due to a dwindling number of local calls and the cost of operating the payphone. It is my understanding that the largest component of the cost incurred by the payphone providers is the cost of the telephone line.

I understand there are three proceedings before the FCC to make sure payphone line rates are reasonably priced so more payphones will be available to the public. It is my desire that these initiatives be passed so that the citizens we serve will have a payphone when they need one.

Chairman Kennard, please take whatever action is necessary to make sure payphones are available for everyone.

Sincerely,


Pat Griffen
Executive Director

cc: Senator Jon Kyl
Senator John McCain
Representative J. D. Hayworth
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RURAL HOUSING, INC.

June 20, 2000

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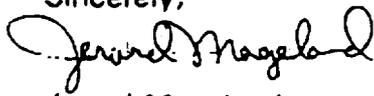
Dear Mr. Kennard:

It has been brought to my attention that many of the public pay phones are being removed. We are a small non-profit agency that assists low-income families in the rural areas (cities under the population of 10,000) in Wisconsin.

Many of our clients are unable to afford phones and rely on use of public phones to make all their calls (be it an emergency, business, or pleasure). Some of these families must walk to make their phone calls. This could be a problem for the elderly and handicapped persons in rural areas and in larger communities.

I feel that there is a real need for payphones and would be a real burden to everyone, anywhere, if they are removed or made less accessible to the public.

Sincerely,

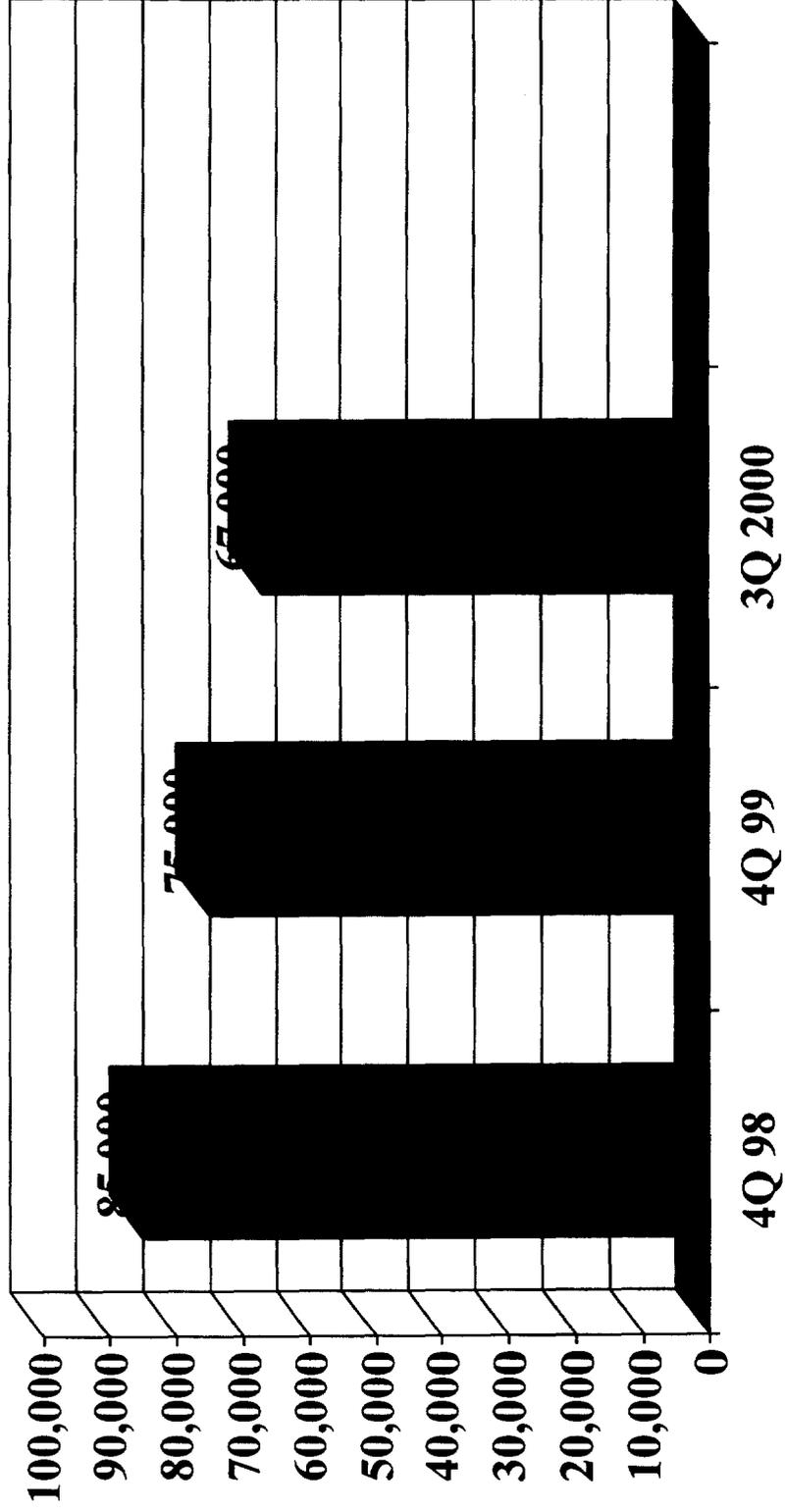


Jerard Mageland
Housing Specialist
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CC: Wisconsin Pay Telephone Association
CC: Terry M. Musser, State Representative, 92nd Assembly Dist.

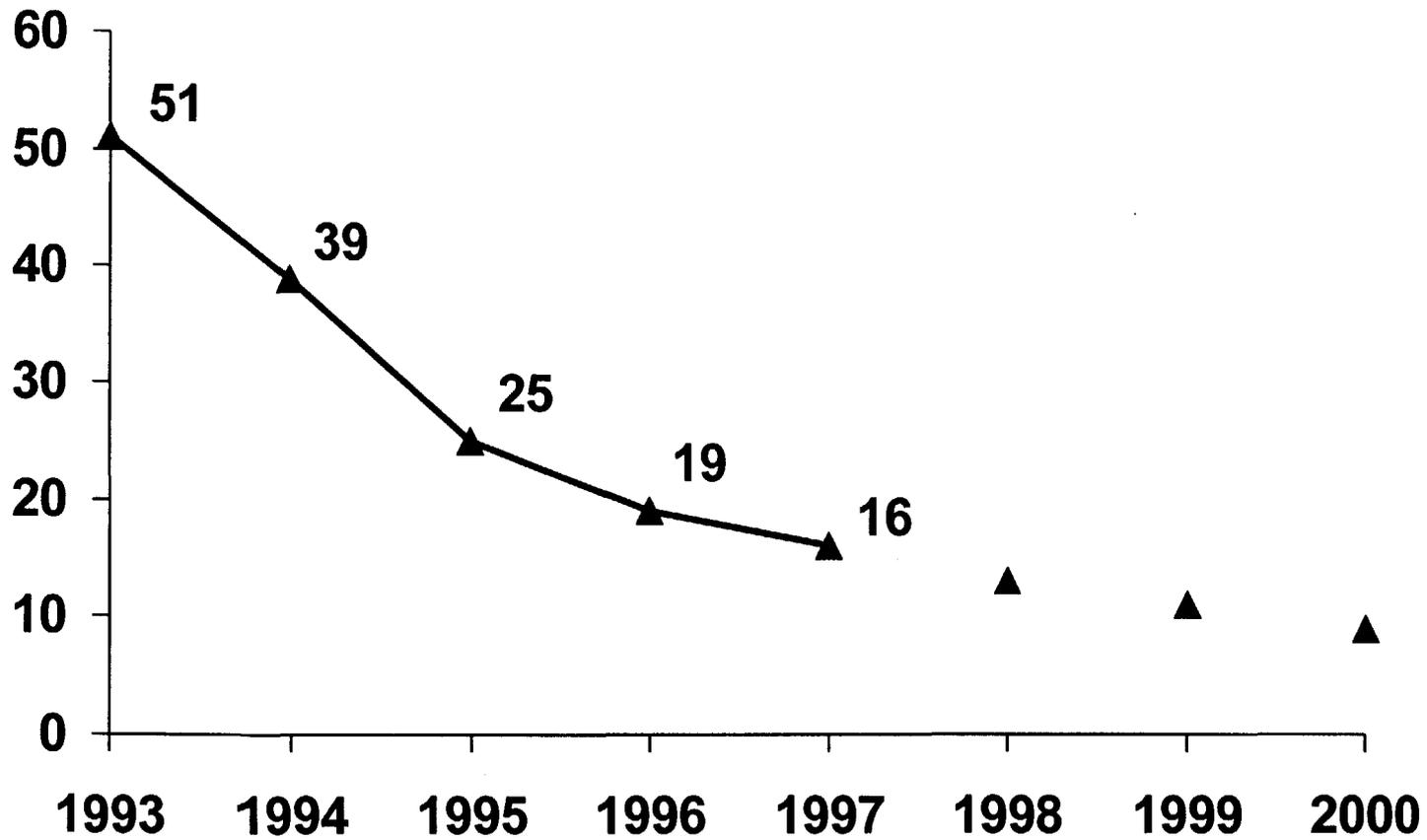
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Davel's Payphone Base



Dramatic Decline in "0+" Calling From Payphones

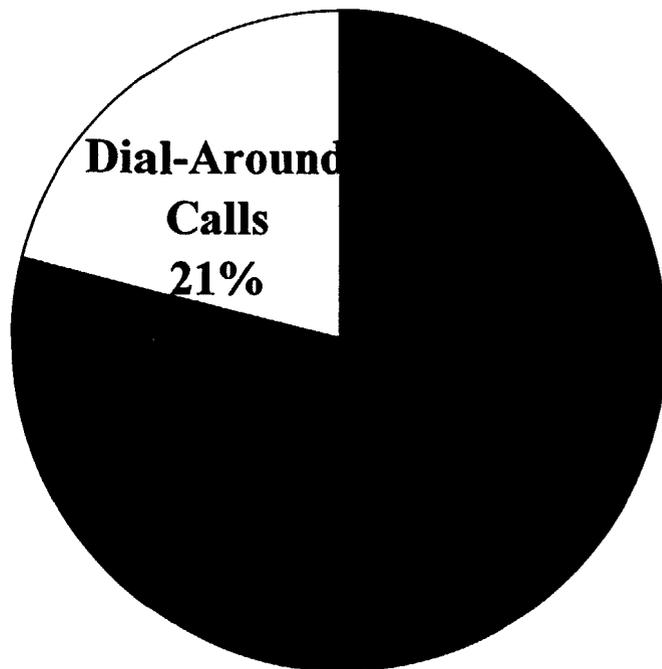
(Calls Per Payphone Per Month)



Source: Frost & Sullivan

Composition of Independent Payphone Traffic

1996



1999 - 2000



Source: Independent Payphone Surveys

EXCERPTS FROM CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS REQUESTING ACTION IN PAYPHONE DOCKETS

For millions of Americans, public payphones are the only access to the telecom network.

Senator Conrad Burns,
Chairman of the Senate Communication
Subcommittee

...[P]ay telephones are essential for many Americans. They are a great convenience when we are traveling, when we are away from the office, and in many cases, when we have an emergency.

U.S. Representative James Barcia

The implementation of Section 276 is of interest to me as it is critical that all citizens, especially low-income citizens who predominantly utilize public payphones, continue to have access to basic telephone services.

U.S. Representative Richard Burr

It clearly is in the public interest to retain adequate availability and access to pay phones both for safety and socioeconomic fairness reasons.

Senator Carl Levin

Congress recognized the reality that payphones are an essential lifeline service for many low-income people, particularly those who are transient or have been disconnected from the local telephone networks. Assuring the payment of dial-around compensation and implementing the payphone line rate requirements as prescribed by Section 276 are critical to ensuring the continued availability of this lifeline service to the residents of California.

Senator Dianne Feinstein

In enacting Section 276, Congress recognized that payphones are an essential lifeline service for many low-income people, particularly those who are transient or have been disconnected from the local telephone network. Implementing the payphone line rate requirements as specified in Section 276 is critical to insuring the continued availability of this lifeline service.

Senator Mitch McConnell,
Senator Jim Bunning,
Congressman Ron Lewis,
Congressman Ed Whitfield, and
Congressman Ken Lucas

JERRY KLECZKA
4TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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Larry Strickling
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

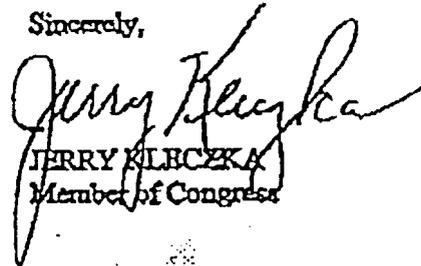
I am writing to urge the Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to issue in as timely a manner as possible an order requiring the four largest local exchange carriers (LEC) in Wisconsin to file their pay phone services, tariffs and cost support data with your agency so that a new services test analysis can be conducted on LEC rates in Wisconsin.

The record of this proceeding suggests an unfortunate indifference to the interests to the parties involved.

After more than a year has passed since its November 6, 1997 letter order, it is clear that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) will not be taking any further action on this matter. From my discussions with my constituents, some who are members of the Wisconsin Pay Telephone Association, I understand that representatives of the association have met with FCC officials twice in Washington, have made numerous telephone calls and sent correspondence requesting the FCC to act consistent with both Section 276 and the FCC's own regulatory requirements in its Payphone Reclassification Proceeding.

I urge the FCC to recoup the lost time in this proceeding by acting with dispatch.

Sincerely,


JERRY KLECZKA
Member of Congress

GDK/DDP

RICHARD BURR
5TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

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The Honorable William E. Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to inquire about the Commission's progress in implementing Section 276 of the Communications Act.

Section 276 of the Communications Act was added by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to promote competition among payphone service providers and to promote the deployment of payphone services for the benefit of the general public. It is my understanding that the Commission, consistent with Section 276, has required all incumbent local exchange companies to file payphone access tariffs at the state level and that these tariffs, among other things, must be cost-based and non-discriminatory.

It has come to my attention that several states may have applied the requirements of Section 276 inconsistently, and that those issues are now pending before the Commission.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me at your earliest convenience of the status of the Commission's efforts to implement the requirements of Section 276 and when final action by the Commission on the pending proceedings may reasonably be expected. The importance of a timely resolution of this issue is self-evident.

I appreciate your attention to this important issue. If any questions should arise in connection with this request, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Hans of my staff. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Burr
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Susan Ness
The Honorable Harold Furchgott-Roth
The Honorable Gloria Tristani
The Honorable Michael Powell

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The Honorable William Kennard
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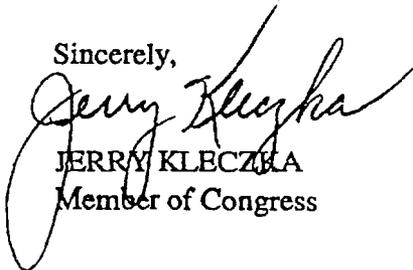
I am writing to follow up on my letter to the Chief of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Common Carrier Bureau dated January 29, 1999, regarding your pending order to require the four largest local exchange carriers in Wisconsin to file their pay phone services, tariffs, and cost support data with the FCC.

As you know, in November 1997, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) found that it lacked jurisdiction under state law to ensure that the rates applicable to payphone lines comply with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Commission's implementing rules. On October 28, 1998, the Common Carrier Bureau, acting on a request by the Wisconsin Pay Telephone Association, advised the Wisconsin PSC that the Bureau intended to order the four largest local exchange carrier's in Wisconsin to file with the Commission tariffs for payphone services with the required supporting cost data.

In response to my January 1999 letter, I was advised that "the Bureau is proceeding on the matter." Another 5 months have passed and the Bureau has still not issued what appears to be a simple procedural order.

Again, I urge the Commission to act expeditiously on this matter and request a date by which you expect the Common Carrier Bureau to issue an order. Thank you for your immediate attention to my request.

Sincerely,



JERRY KLECZKA
Member of Congress

GDK/jwm

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 15, 1999

William E. Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
145 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

We are writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to take long overdue action on payphone issues that affect our constituents in Wisconsin. Prompt resolution of this matter may mean the rollout of more pay telephones by competing payphone companies.

In November 1997, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission ("PSC") found that it lacked jurisdiction under state law to ensure that the rates applicable to payphone lines comply with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Telecom Act") and the FCC's implementing rules. The Wisconsin Pay Telephone Association promptly requested that the FCC review the matter. Several months later, by letter dated October 28, 1998, the FCC's then Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau advised the Wisconsin PSC that the Bureau intended to order the four largest local exchange carriers ("LEC's") in Wisconsin to file with the FCC tariffs for payphone services with the required supporting cost data. The Wisconsin PSC has not objected to his procedure.

In January 1999, Congressman Kleczka wrote Lawrence Strickling, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, complaining of the Bureau's delay in issuing the promised order. A copy of Congressman's Kleczka's letter is enclosed, as is Mr. Strickling's March 31, 1999 response indicating that "the Bureau is proceeding on the matter."

Another four months have passed since Mr. Strickling's letter -- in total more than 18 months have elapsed since the Commission was asked to take action -- and yet the Bureau still has not issued what appears to be a simple procedural order. This is so despite repeated urgings to Commission staff by representatives of the Wisconsin Pay Telephone Association, members of the Wisconsin delegation, and others.

For these reasons, we ask that you intervene in this matter and direct Commission staff to take prompt action to (1) issue an order directing the four largest LECs in Wisconsin to file the requisite tariffs and cost support, and (2) conclude expeditiously any ensuing proceedings regarding the lawfulness of the rates filed by the LECs.

As you know, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously passed legislation that would establish time limits with regards to when the Commission reviews license transfers, and similar legislation has been introduced in the House. We hope that the Commission will make a ruling promptly, so that the businesses and consumers will be able to move forward, whatever your decision.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

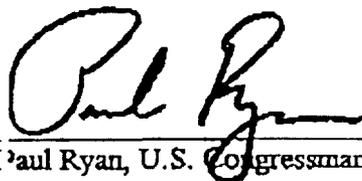
Very respectfully yours,



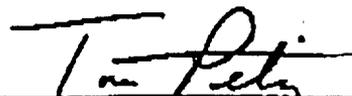
Herb Kohl, United States Senator



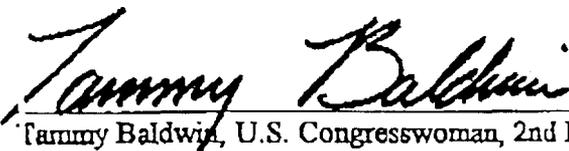
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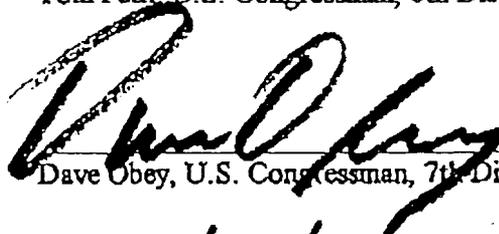
Paul Ryan, U.S. Congressman, 1st District



Tom Petri, U.S. Congressman, 6th District



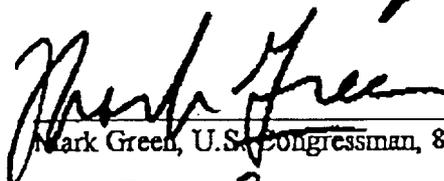
Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Congresswoman, 2nd District



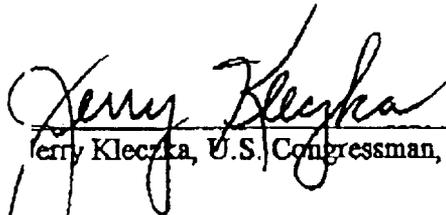
Dave Obey, U.S. Congressman, 7th District



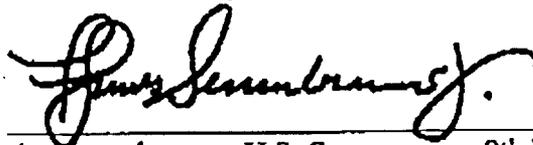
Ron Kind, U.S. Congressman, 3rd District



Mark Green, U.S. Congressman, 8th District



Jerry Kleczka, U.S. Congressman, 4th District



Jim Sensenbrenner, U.S. Congressman, 9th District



Tom Barrett, U.S. Congressman, 5th District

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