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Hon. Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Nomination of Gerald A. Norlander

FCC DA 01-369, *In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in support of the nomination by the New York State Community Action Association of Gerald A. Norlander to be a director of the Universal Service Administrative Company. I am the Executive Director of the Texas Legal Services Center (TLSC).

In the course of its work, TLSC advocates on behalf of low income consumers of telecommunications services in the State of Texas.

Mr. Norlander has done pioneering work in the areas of universal service, telephone lifeline assistance, and advanced telecom services for low income communities. Over the years he has provided much useful information and assistance to us at TLSC in our work to achieve higher penetration of basic telephone service in low income communities in Texas.

I encourage the Commission to appoint Mr. Norlander to the board of the Universal Service Administrative Company because of the depth of his knowledge and experience in this area, and because of his longstanding work benefitting low income consumers of telecommunications services throughout the country.

Very truly yours,

Randall Chapman
Executive Director

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