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Mr. William Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation**

**In The Matter Of Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access To The Internet Over Cable  
And Other Facilities**

**Gen Docket No. 00-185**

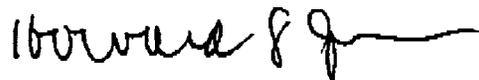
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Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 19, 2002, Betsy Brady of AT&T Corp., Douglas Garrett of AT&T Broadband, and the undersigned met with Matthew Brill and Stacy Robinson, legal advisors to Commissioner Abernathy, and Lori Kalani of Commissioner Abernathy's staff regarding the above-captioned proceeding. We discussed the need for the Commission to establish a uniform national policy for cable modem service. We noted that accomplishing this goal would be aided if Commission's order in this proceeding clarified local franchising authorities' lack of jurisdiction over interstate information services and took into account the characterization of cable modem service by the U.S. District Court last month in *Verizon v. Cox Communications*.

Please direct any questions regarding the foregoing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Symons

cc: Matthew Brill  
Stacy Robinson  
Lori Kalani