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June 27, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 02-157
Application of Verizon Delaware for Authorization to Provide In-Region,
InterLATA Services in Delaware

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are writing to urge your favorable consideration of Verizon Delaware's application to provide long distance service in Delaware. On June 25, 2002, the Delaware Public Service Commission, after a comprehensive investigation, concluded that Verizon Delaware has complied with the mandates of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and that the local telecommunications market in Delaware is, in fact, open to competition. The PSC also determined that Verizon Delaware's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest. We agree.

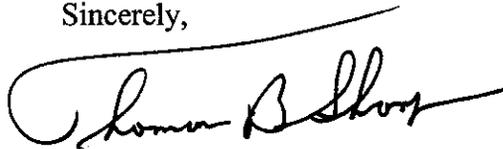
The encouragement of open markets and fair competition as well as increased benefits to Delaware consumers are primary concerns to us. Experience shows that consumers in others states where Verizon has been authorized to provide long distance service have realized significant savings and increased choices. We are anxious for Delaware consumers to reap those same benefits.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge the FCC to approve the entry of Verizon into the long distance market in Delaware.

Sincerely,

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Thomas B. Sharp
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Thurman G. Adams, Jr.
Majority Leader

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Steven H. Amick
Minority Leader