

March 20, 2002

Representative Richard DeBolt
Washington State Legislature
424 JLOB
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~~Dear Representative Richard DeBolt:~~

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Is there anything consumers can do to fight high long distance phone rates?

It's a problem that continues to plague our state. Each year consumers and businesses throw away millions and millions of dollars, paying far more than we should on long distance service.

Other states — like New **York** and Texas — have resolved to do something about this mess. They've introduced real Competition into long distance. The results have been mind-boggling. Consumers in these and many other states are now saving millions on their phone bills. In addition, they're also benefiting from extras like improved overall phone service and marvelous new technological enhancements.

There's absolutely no reason this same new day for consumers couldn't dawn in our state. **All** that is required is the introduction of competition in the long distance market. Companies like Qwest are chomping at the bit to enter the market. So why not let them?

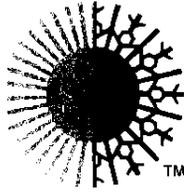
Consumers concerned about high long distance rates need to speak out for competition. It's the only way **we** can change things for the better.

Sincerely,



Don Franklin
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Grand Forks



Chamber of Commerce

June 17, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell,

The Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce is constantly working to improve the vitality of our community's business climate. Having fast, affordable and powerful telecommunications services are a critical part of this.

Business leaders have closely evaluated the telecommunications services in Grand Forks, and we are eager to encourage more competition and investments in our community. Currently, the state's largest telecommunications provider is unable to offer long distance service. More importantly, they are restricted from providing effective statewide service by the LATA line regulatory structure that was implemented during a vastly different era.

Qwest is applying to the FCC for approval to offer long distance services. The process they have been through has been thorough and will assure a vibrant market for both local and long distance services. On behalf of the business community of Grand Forks, I encourage the FCC to review Qwest's application favorably. Another competitor in the long distance/data business will be very good for our business climate.

Sincerely,

Dan Schenkein
Grand Forks Area Chamber of Commerce





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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

April 17, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

For a small business owner, it's hard enough to turn a profit... today's economy without having to throw money away needlessly on high long distance rates.

That's why I'm writing. I think it's time we removed the burden of inflated long distance rates from the backs of small business people like myself. Many other states have already done this. Businesses in states like New York and Texas are saving millions of dollars in lower rates for local and long distance phone service as the result of increased competition. They are also benefiting from higher quality phone service and advanced technologies.

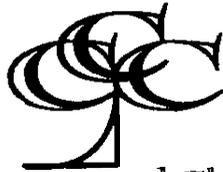
Competition is a good thing. I face it every day and it makes my business stronger. I can't see any reason to protect one phone company from another in today's market. All phone companies should be allowed to compete equally against each other for consumers like myself.

Please support small business in my state and approve Qwest's application to sell long distance in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Lee", is written over a white background.

Jon Lee, owner
Bread Poets Baking Co.



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Sincerely,



//Juanita Lee, owner
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Feb. 27, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairinan
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Chairinan Powell:

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

The purpose of this letter is to communicate support of the Greater North Dakota Association for the 271 process and the opening of North Dakota's long-distance market to competition from our local bell operating company, Qwest. We urge the Federal Communications Commission to sanction Qwest Corporation's Section 271 application. The GNDA recognizes that Qwest must first meet all of the requirements set forth by the 1996 Telecommunications Act in order to receive approval to enter the Inter-lata long-distance market.

Businesses and residential customers across North Dakota will all benefit by increased competition in telecommunications. While the CNDA recognizes there are already hundreds of telecommunications resellers licensed to do business in our state, not all of them are actively marketing services here. Increased facilities-based competition will add high technology choices and new services throughout our state, especially those high-speed, high-tech services that are so important to the economic viability of North Dakota in supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones.

The savings to North Dakota consumers when Qwest re-enters the long-distance market is estimated to be as much as \$17.5 million per year. That is a valuable savings and we believe that swift action of the 271 process demonstrates the state's support of a positive business environment. North Dakota's position in today's competitive economic environment is bolstered when we are able to offer attractive high-tech telecommunications packages and services to businesses throughout our state.

I encourage the FCC to take swift action regarding the Section 271 application by Qwest Corporation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale O. Anderson".

Dale O. Anderson, President
Greater North Dakota Association



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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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445 12th Street, S.W.
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-189
March 8, 2002

Dear Chairinan Powell.

As president of Hedahls, Inc., I urge you to support legislation that allows local phone service providers to offer long distance service in North Dakota.

When our local provider, Qwcst, is allowed to offer long distance services in North Dakota, consumers here will have access to increased product and service offerings made possible by opening up Qwest's network potential.

This is important to Hedahls and other business customers because we will have telccoinmunications services tailored to our **unique** needs at lower prices than are currently available. And North Dakota will be better able to attract and retain other large businesses when Qwest is able to provide the range of communications services available elsewhere.

Studies show that in New York and Texas, where local providers now offer long distance services, rates have dropped by at least 10 percent, and it's even spurred more coinpetition among local service providers. I encourage you to address this issue promptly and enhance long distance competition a North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Dick Hedahl, president
Hedahls, Inc



Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D C. 20554

March 29, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

I recently launched a new marketing and advertising agency in Bismarck, N.D., and I am writing to support Qwest's efforts to enter our state's long distance market.

Small businesses like mine race tight profit margins. In order for my new business to succeed, I must squeeze the most value out of each dollar I spend. I do everything I can to control costs, and telecommunications costs are a big one. I invest a significant amount of money on phone and data lines in order to maximize my accessibility to clients and to give them the quality, reliable services they deserve. Unfortunately, I find myself wasting time and effort by dealing with multiple telecommunications companies: local, long distance, wireless, and Internet.

Opening the local and long distance markets to competition is a step in the right direction for consumers. Other states already have choices for long distance, **and** their customers are saving millions of dollars. We'll benefit here too when we finally get the chance.

It's time to wrap this up, and let consumers begin benefiting from a more sensible regulatory scheme that allows all vendors to compete equally for our business.

That's why I'm in favor of Qwest's entry into North Dakota's distance market, and I urge you to move quickly to approve their application.

Sincerely,

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Mike Mabin, President
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March 22, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell,

I urge the FCC to quickly in review and approve Qwest's application to provide long distance telephone service in North Dakota.

As a person involved with economic development in my community, I see every day the important role telecommunication service plays in a business's location decision. Telecommunications are a significant cost of doing business.

Other states are benefiting from the increased competition the incumbent local phone service provider adds to the market. Local and long distance rates for consumers in those states have dropped 10 percent since the FCC allowed the Baby Bell to compete in long distance.

North Dakota is ready for the same. Qwest is our state's largest telecommunications provider. They have the greatest capacity and the best opportunity to help meet the growing need for telecommunications services.

The current LATA regulations prevent us from making the most of Qwest's investments in our state. Eliminating the outdated LATA regulatory structure will be another important benefit of giving Qwest 271 relief.

I urge you to deal with this issue rapidly and positively

Sincerely,



Tom Rolfstad, Director

June 10, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell,

The FCC is currently reviewing an application to allow Qwest into the long distance market. I urge you to approve this application and allow my community and state to enjoy a number of important benefits that will result from it

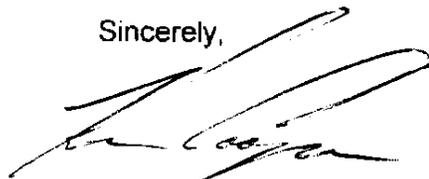
As the director of Jamestown/Stutsman Development Association, I am involved in efforts to improve our community's competitiveness in order to stimulate job growth. Telecommunications infrastructure and services are a major factor in business location today. My community must offer the same type of affordable, quality telecommunications that are available elsewhere or we simply can't compete. As you well know, this is a serious challenge in rural states like North Dakota.

Qwest is North Dakota's largest telecommunications provider, owning the most infrastructure and capacity to help meet the constant demands for better, faster telecomm services. The current LATA regulations that restrict the ability of Qwest and all North Dakota consumers to take full advantage of this infrastructure must be changed. Businesses operating statewide should be able to choose Qwest as their sole provider if they so desire. The LATA requirements are adding unnecessary costs and hurdles to businesses that already struggle to compete. It's time to reduce these regulations.

Other states are also proving that allowing the Regional Bell Operating Company into the long distance market does indeed save consumers money – a lot of money. Studies suggest North Dakotans will save \$17.5 million annually due to the downward pressure on prices created by Qwest's presence in the market.

These are compelling reasons to support Qwest's entry into the long distance market, and I urge you to approve this application without delay.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cooper, CEO

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March 14, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman,

After recently been forced into single life, I relocated 60m Chicago to Salt Lake City. Along with the challenges of divorce and moving to a new area, I'm also adjusting to the reality of living on a fraction of the income I was used to. As a result, I carefully monitor every penny I spend.

One **bill** that continues to frustrate me is my long distance bill. The issue that irks me the most is that my long-distance service is a separate **bill** from my regular phone bill. Two bills means I'm essentially paying the taxes and the "mystery fees" twice on the same type of service.

It seems to me that it would certainly make more sense to package these services into one **bill** to save time and money. This could happen if more long-distance companies were allowed to compete **for** business in the state of Utah.

I urge you to support competition in the telecommunications industry.

Sincerely,

Mary Stevenson
President

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March 4, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I support Qwest's application to re-enter the long-distance market in the state of Utah. Their successful entry in other states has enabled consumers to benefit from lower prices, improved customer service and extra bonus services.

For example, in Pennsylvania, when Verizon was allowed to compete in the long-distance market, AT&T offered its residential customers 30 minutes of free long-distance to thank them for being loyal customers. They expanded that offer to residents in Massachusetts, Kansas, and Oklahoma in response to increased market competition.

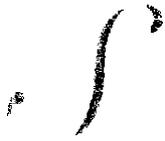
By limiting choice in the state of Utah, companies such as AT&T have no incentive to provide quality customer service and low prices to consumers. In other words, we are at their mercy.

Everyone in America should have the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits of fair competition in the marketplace. After all, competition is what this country was founded on.

Please support competition.

Sincerely,

Jim Bone



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March 5, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell.

I recently heard that Qwest is once again attempting to re-enter the long distance market in the state of Utah. I strongly support their efforts and hope you will too.

Competition is good for our state, but, more importantly, consumers. Healthy competition in the marketplace translates to better customer service and lower prices. Who wouldn't want that?

Please join me in supporting competition in the telecommunications industry.

Sincerely,

Steve Moffat



March 8, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman.

As a business owner, I am writing this letter to express my support for competition in the telecommunications market in the state of Utah.

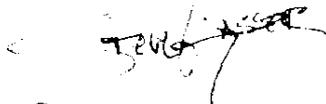
Small businesses, in general, are often pressed with tight profit margins and are faced with the challenge of stretching the almighty dollar just to remain solvent. Consequently, the more businesses can control their costs the more likely they are to succeed.

One area that eats an inordinate amount of my monthly profits is telecommunications costs. I'm reminded of this every month when I pay the bills. I find myself wasting time, effort and money by dealing with multiple telecommunications companies: local, long distance, wireless, high-speed Internet.

With real long distance competition, small businesses will be able to enjoy the benefits of bundling. a package of telecommunications services tailored to meet specific needs for a lower price than if purchased separately and with the convenience of receiving one bill with one point of contact for customer service.

For these reasons, I urge you to support Qwest's attempt to enter our state's long distance market. Competition is good for consumers and good for Utah.

Sincerely,



Steve Gasser

Great Basin



Turf Products

March 7, 2002

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I'm writing this letter to voice my support for Qwest to re-enter the long distance market in the state of Utah.

Telecommunications is an essential part of most business operations and, therefore, it is a fundamental component of a strong economy. On a smaller scale, it is an imperative part of a healthy community's infrastructure. This is important, because across the nation, competition for new and expanding businesses is intense. Only communities with a strong telecommunications infrastructure can attract these companies.

Full, fair long distance competition is central to a robust state economy and a growing economic climate. Only with real choice for interstate long distance service will relocating and expanding companies benefit. This is especially true for companies that engage in high-speed, high volume data transmissions.

Our state needs every benefit possible when attracting business. True long distance competition is one attraction...especially since other states already have it.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to support Qwest's attempt to re-enter the long distance market in Utah. I predict it will have a positive impact on the economic development in our state.

Sincerely,



Jerry Stevenson

March 7, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Once again Utah sits behind the eight ball with regard to technological advancement. We need to heed the example of other states that have real competition in long distance carriers.

As I understand it, the state of Utah is preventing companies like Qwest from entering the market. I strongly oppose this action. Other states are enjoying the benefits of a competitive marketplace – lower prices, improved service. These benefits attract new businesses that strengthen the states economy. Utah cannot afford to miss out on this opportunity.

I strongly urge you to support Quest in their efforts to compete in the state of Utah

Respectfully Yours,



Scott Macagno



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March 3, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Every month when I sit down to write out the checks for my monthly bills I get the most irritated when I come across the phone bill. Not only is the amount outrageous but I'm writing checks to several companies for telecommunications services such as internet, long-distance, local etc.

Several other states have a more commonsense approach to serving the telecommunications needs of consumers – competition in the market. Competition forces companies to provide better service and at a better price. Not to mention the convenience of packaging services on one monthly bill.

I strongly support opening the telecommunications market in Utah to allow more companies to compete for the business of consumers. Please join me in advocating for consumer choice

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2002

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I'm anxiously waiting for the day when I can select from a "real" choice of long distance providers. Unsurprisingly, I support companies like Qwest in their effort to enter the long distance market in the state of Utah.

More choice will naturally drive prices down and service up. This occurrence will most likely have a positive effect on the state economy as well.

All the way around, Utahns stand to benefit. This is a good idea and I hope you will help create a way for companies like Qwest to enter into the long distance market.

Thank you,

Kirsta Olsen

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Phone 801-575-8754

March 10, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairman.

I look forward to the day when I can have a phone conversation with my friends and relatives. who live out of state, without watching the clock so as to monitor my minutes within the limits of my calling plan. Regretfully, with the current high price of long distance - cutting my conversations to a minimum is a dreadful reality.

However, with your help the telecommunications market can expand, extending opportunities for more companies to enter the industry and compete for my business through competitive rates and quality services.

Please support the expansion of the telecommunications market in the state of Utah. It's a "no brainer" - this is good for consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Kurtz

March 18,2002

The Honorable Mark Shurtleff
Attorney General
236 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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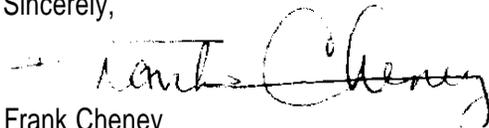
Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The opening of Utah's telecommunications markets will provide consumers the choice of the best possible long distance carrier for *their* companies.

I have seen the studies from other states that show the rates that have dropped and the money that the consumers are saving. Now I am wondering why our state is not yet benefiting from Qwest's entry into the long distance market? All we seem to have are delays – and no action. This process has gone on too long already.

I encourage you to join me in supporting Qwest's request to enter the Utah long distance market.

Sincerely,

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Frank Cheney
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March 15, 2002

The Honorable Mark Shurtleff
Attorney General
236 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Dear **Attorney** General Shurtleff:

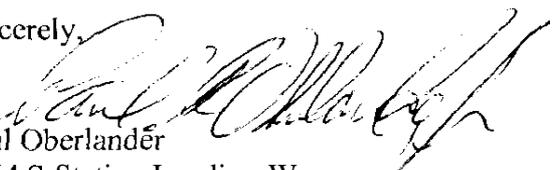
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We're interested in the issue of long distance phone competition. I hope you'll join me in supporting the entry of our local phone company into the long distance business in Utah.

The only way long distance prices will come down is if there is additional competition in the industry. Utah has falling behind other states by not processing expeditiously with this process. For too long, we've heard *too* much talk and seen too little action. Current long distance competitors want to keep the local phone company out of their market, and they're setting up roadblocks.

I hope that you agree that we need more competition for long distance service in Utah, and will join me in seeking an end to the delays.

Sincerely,


Paul Oberlander
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March 18,2002

The Honorable Mark Shurtleff
Attorney General
236 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Attorney General Shurtleff

I must make several calls a week to a family member in ^{New Jersey} ~~Maine~~ and I may not be able to do it any more because our long-distance bills are just too expensive.

I keep hearing that Qwest, our local provider, may be allowed to offer long distance service in Utah someday. When will this happen? I don't understand why it is taking so long.

I think more competition would be great. It certainly couldn't make things worse. Most of the time, it brings lower prices and better services. I'd like to buy a package of telephone services (local, long distance, DSL) from a single provider, and possibly get even more savings on my long distance and local phone service. I have out-of-state friends and relatives who use Qwest for long distance and they're very pleased.

Thank you for your time, and please consider allowing our local providers to enter the long distance market in Utah.

Sincerely,



Edward H. Davis
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March 18, 2002

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Mr. Rich McKeown
Office of the Governor
210 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Rich McKeown:

As an individual who uses long distance service extensively, it is important to me that I have a broad choice in the long distance carriers. I think that by opening up the long distance market for Qwest it gives consumers the opportunity to have the best service out there.

But it appears as if we'll have to wait even longer now for that day. We've been told it's coming, but the process seems to go on and on and on.

In states like New York, Pennsylvania and Texas, consumers are reaping the benefits of lower long distance rates as well as more choice. Hopefully sooner rather than later consumers in our state can benefit these rewards as well.

Sincerely,


Kevin Robinson

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March 18, 2002

Byron Major
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Mr. Rich McKeown
Office of the Governor
210 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. McKeown:

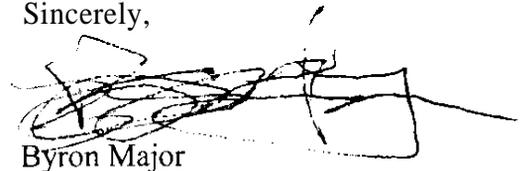
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Realizing that our nation is currently in a stressed economic state, it's hard to comprehend why consumers like me don't have a real choice – and the chance to save real money -- on long distance.

Efforts to open the long distance market to more competitors, have been approved in numerous states. Since Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long distance market have not yet been approved, I can't help but wonder why we are falling behind?

Once the telecommunication market feels the pressure of healthy competition, prices are bound to decrease and choices will be better suited for the consumers of Utah. Other states are benefiting from an open market, why isn't Utah?

Sincerely,

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Byron Major

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March 18, 2002

Speaker Martin Stephens
Utah House of Representatives
318 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Speaker:

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Everybody is adversely affected by our state's high long distance rates — but we seniors are more damaged by it than most.

After all, most seniors must generally make do on fixed budgets. **We** can't afford to waste money. And that's what these high long distance rates amount to — pure waste.

What else would you call the loss of tens of millions of dollars each year by consumers in our state but waste? Seniors in other states don't have to put up with this. In places like New York and Texas, where they recently introduced competition in long distance service, seniors don't have to worry about throwing away their money like this. Why should seniors in our state?

If this state were to allow competitors to enter the long distance market — companies like Qwest have already stated a willingness to jump in — then we'd enjoy lower rates in short order. And we would also finally get to take advantage of the other benefits that phone competition inevitably brings, like better service and more choices in technology.

And there's one other way that seniors would benefit. We'd be able to spend more time on the phone talking to our loved ones outside the state.

Please exercise your influence to help seniors in *our* state. I ask you to do everything you can to bring competition to long distance.

Sincerely,



MaryAnn Steinmiller
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

We're getting left behind. But we can do something about it

Our state is falling behind others that have real competition in long distance phone service. **As** long as companies like Qwest are prevented from entering the market, consumers will continue to suffer. They won't be allowed to benefit from the lower prices, improved service and advanced technology that come with competition.

Meanwhile, other states are enjoying the benefits of competition ... including saving millions of dollars a year, Their economies grow, they attract new businesses and consumers see improvements.

I urge you to join me in supporting Qwest's efforts to enter our state's long distance market.

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