



February 12, 2003

Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington D.C. 20544

**Re: CC Docket No. 01-338,
Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers**

Dear Mr. Powell:

As the President & CEO of The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, I am writing to encourage you and the FCC to support the elimination of the current unbundling regulations that have hurt the telecommunications industry and the high tech manufacturing sector.

The current unbundling rules are not working. More than a half-million jobs have been lost in the telecom industry over the past three years with a substantial number in the Southern California area. In addition, telecom companies have cut back in building facilities and infrastructure.

I support the proposals that are before the FCC that would eliminate unbundled switching and the UNE-P provisions. This would free the way for broadband investment and the deployment of valuable new technologies nationwide -- providing small and large businesses with products and services to make them more efficient and competitive. In addition, new jobs would be created and telecom companies would have the incentive to increase capital spending and investment.

As the FCC moves forward toward a decision in its triennial review process, please take into consideration the overall economic impact of your decisions and lend your support to changing the unbundling rules.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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