

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to day in regard to CC Docket No. 01-338. The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce and organization of over 700 business members urge you and the FCC to support the elimination of the current unbundling regulations that have hurt the telecommunications industry and the high tech manufacturing industry.

The current unbundling rules have not worked and there are news reports that many jobs have been lost, approximately 500,000, over the past three years in this very important industry. The telecom companies have cut back in building facilities as well, this is not good for our struggling economy.

We support the proposals that are before the FCC that would eliminate unbundled switching and UNE-P provisions. Our economy needs your support to help eliminate one more problem to our recovery.

Sincerely,

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The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce