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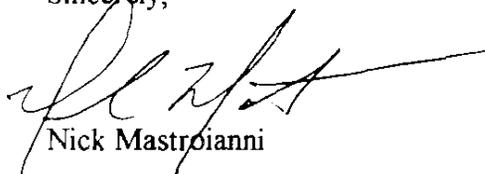
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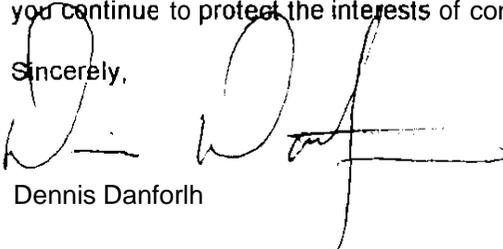
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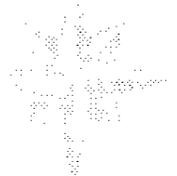
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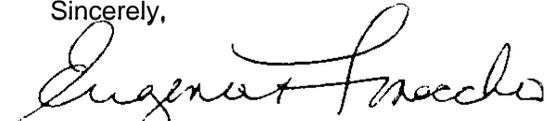
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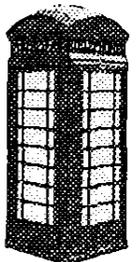
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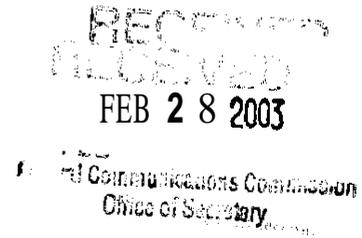
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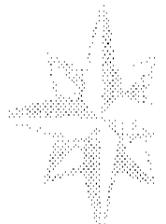
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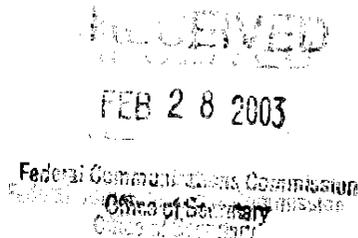


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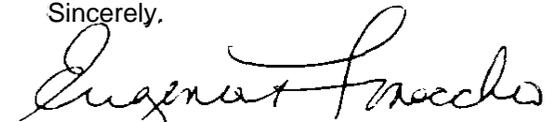
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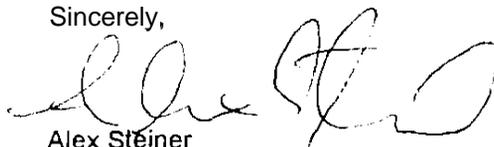
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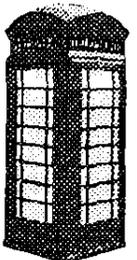
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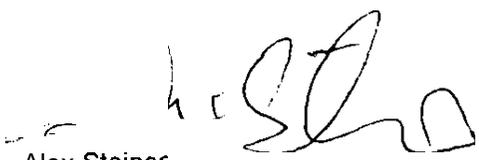
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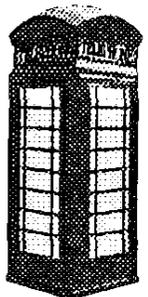
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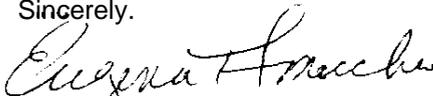
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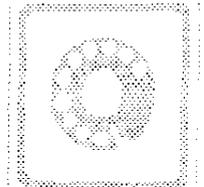
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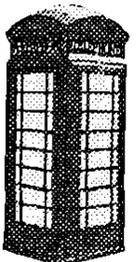
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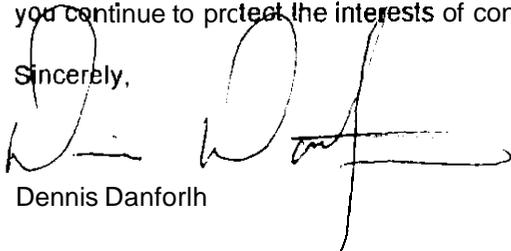
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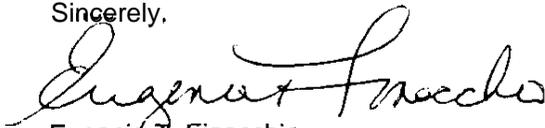
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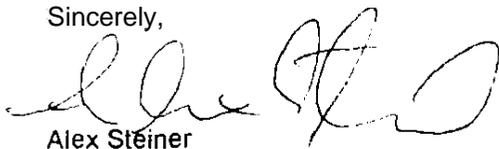
As it undertakes in February its triennial review of the regulations governing the Unbundled Network Element Platform (UNE-P), the Commission appears all but ready to hand the RBOCs back the monopoly the Act was supposed to eliminate. If the Commission insists on enacting onerous restrictions on access to UNE-P by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs), the nation's small businesses and consumers will suffer.

The claims of the RBOCs that they are suffering under the current UNE-P regulations flies in the face of both the TERIC pricing system and the steady gains the RBOCs are making in the long-distance market. Now that they are getting the "carrot" promised by the 1996 Act, they also want Congress to eliminate the "stick" so they can be free of the demands competition places on them.

Those competitive demands, of course, are what have given small businesses and consumers across America a choice of phone companies, and with it the lower prices and superior service that competition spawns. The highly-restricted UNE-P regime that RBOCs demand would reverse all the benefits of competition since the passage of the 1996 Act- surely not what Congress intended. Such restrictions also fly in the face of the position of state regulators, whose ability to make decisions based on local competitive conditions was also enshrined in the law.

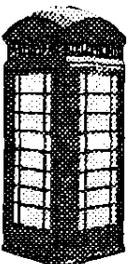
We thank you for your leadership on this important telecommunications issue and respectfully ask that you continue to protect the interests of consumers and small businesses.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Senator John McCain
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Dear Chariman McCain

Ever since the passage of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) have worked hard to fulfill the promise of providing Lower prices and better phone service to small businesses across America

I'm writing today because the Federal Communications Commission is poised to destroy that promise and return our customers to the monopoly the 1996 Act was designed to eliminate

The FCC intends to decide in February on new rules governing the availability of certain parts of the networks of the incumbent telephone companies, otherwise know as the Unbundled Network Element Platform (UNE-P) We fear the Commission intends to so severely restrict UNE-P regulations that CLECs will not be able to obtain the network access they need to serve their customers

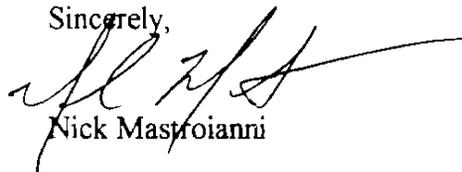
If that happecs, small businesses that today enjoy the benefits of competition for their phone service will face higher prices, poorer service, and no prospect of competition This is simply not what Congress intended when it passed the 1996 Act

Further, such onerous restrictions from Washington will greatly impede the ability of Public Utilities Commissioners in the states to make the local decisions on competition contemplated by the 1996 Act

We ask that you urge FCC Chairman Michael Powell and his fellow Commissioners to protect small businesses by ensuring that CLECs continue to have the full access to UNE-P they need.

Thank you for your leadership on this important telecommunications issue that affects millions of small businesses, and the millions of Americans they employ.

Sincerely,



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