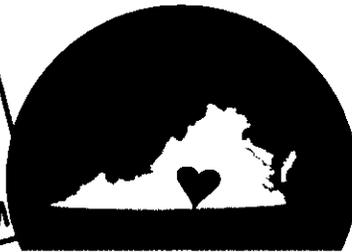


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WHEREAS, healthy competition between providers of services is considered to be valuable as it promotes higher quality and/or lower prices for those services as well as providing choice to consumers.

WHEREAS, locally owned and operated businesses are considered to be valuable to the community as they typically enhance the local economy, provide training and job opportunities to local citizens, encourage citizens to remain in or relocate to the area, and support local initiatives which raise the quality of life in the area.

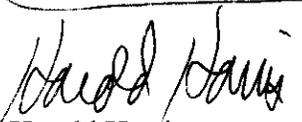
WHEREAS, the requirements listed in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "Computer Inquiry" [28 F.C.C.2d 267 (1971), 77 F.C.C.2d 384 (1980), and 14 F.C.C. Rcd 4289 (1999)] which require Incumbent Local Exchange Providers (ILECs) to tariff and offer the transport component of their broadband services on a stand-alone basis allow non-ILEC service providers, such as independent local providers, the ability to offer those broadband services, such as DSL, to their customers.

WHEREAS, a ruling in favor of Bell South's current request for forbearance of these requirements will return the ILECs, such as Sprint and Bell South, to a monopoly position with respect to telephone company-based broadband services such as DSL, eliminating the current climate of competition between the ILECs and independent service providers.

WHEREAS, the ability to provision and offer DSL and other advanced broadband services is of critical necessity for the continued health and existence of independent service providers in today's high-tech environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF THE FARMVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, VIRGINIA requests that the FCC do not grant forbearance from applying Computer Inquiry requirements that require ILECs to tariff and offer the transport component of their broadband services on a stand-alone basis and to take service itself under those same terms and conditions (28 F.C.C.2d 267 (1971), 77F.C.C.2d 384 (1980), 14 F.C.C. Rcd 4289 (1999) - collectively the "Computer Inquiry").

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