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Senator Christopher Bond
U.S. Senate
274 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator George Allen
U.S. Senate
204 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Representative Randy Neugebauer
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Robert Bennett
U.S. Senate
431 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Washington, DC 20515-0001

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