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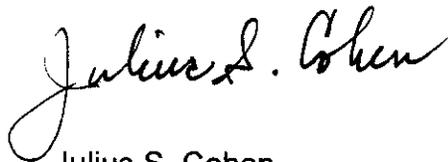
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Dear Chairman Martin,

Enclosed please find copies of letters that I sent to my Representative Joe Schwartz and my Senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow reflecting my opposition to your plans to change the way money is collected for the Universal Service Fund. I believe that your proposal will place the bulk of the tax burden on many low-volume users and away from high-volume big-business users.

This seems consistent with many of the policies of the current Administration protecting the wealthy and dumping the weight on the poorer members of our society. I urge you to reconsider your plans.

Sincerely,



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April 29, 2006 10:40 AM

Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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

Dear Senator Stabenow:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Chairman Martin is proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge Chairman Martin to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

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Senator Carl Levin
U.S. Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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

Dear Senator Levin:

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Representative Joe Schwarz
U. S. House of Representatives
128 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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

Dear Representative Schwarz:

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