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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Implementation of Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Access to Telecommunications Services, Telecommunications Equipment, and Customer Premises Equipment by Persons with Disabilities, WT Docket No. 96-198**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Kathy Grillo, Leslie Owsley and the undersigned of Verizon met with Ian Dillner of Chairman Martin's office to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. Verizon explained it is committed to ensuring that its services are accessible to the disability community. Verizon urged the FCC to afford interconnected VOIP providers sufficient flexibility to develop the most innovative ways make to their services accessible to the disability community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Epps".