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Ms. Marlene Dortch
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Room TW-B204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We are writing this letter to the Commission to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers may receive.

We appreciate the leadership of Commissioner Tate and the other members of the Joint Board and Staff as they consider the difficult questions associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support.

We believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers in Nebraska. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board the benefits that universal service provides to my rural customers would be in serious jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Benkelman Telephone Co., Inc.
Wauneta Telephone Co., Inc.
Hartman Telephone Co., Inc

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell



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Sincerely,

Delbert Wilson
General Manager

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA

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From: Carla Shearer [carla@hometelephone.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2007 12:37 PM**To:** Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell**Subject:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER TATE

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Sincerely,

Carla Shearer
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
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cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Theron W. Jensen
General Manger

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Sincerely,

Eric L. Damman

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General Manager

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Sincerely,

E. L. Silkwood, President

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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■ Telephone service

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■ Local net

■ Megaband

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■ Long distance

■ Voice mail

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■ System design

■ Installation & maintenance

Sincerely,

Jerry Melick

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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bbraunig@gmail.com wrote on 7/4/2007 7:16:01 PM :

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am a deaf person and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate.

I was appalled to learn that the FCC staff is intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS availability for the deaf. Instead of seeking to limit the number of deaf people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to more deaf people.

I, along with other Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I/we communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

The VRS rate should encourage the VRS providers to:

Serve more deaf people, not discourage them from reaching out to more deaf people

Provide interpreter training programs so that there will be an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS and the local Deaf communities

Provide service and technology improvements, such as the development of new videophone equipment, fulfilling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate of functionally equivalent telecommunications services

I, along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, depend on VRS and other relay services.

Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

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