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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed acquisition of Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and its potential impact on the citizens of Vermont. Your letter raises several important issues concerning the merits of the proposed transaction, including that the transaction only be approved if certain conditions are imposed and met by Verizon Wireless. Please be assured that these and other issues will be considered as the Commission proceeds with its review of the application.

Initial comments concerning the transaction, including petitions to deny, are due no later than November 13, 2007. Responses or oppositions to the initial submissions must be filed with the Commission by November 23, 2007. Replies are due by November 30, 2007. Concerned parties may continue to file *ex parte* communications or late-filed comments for FCC consideration after the end of the pleading cycle. As of this date, no parties have yet asked the Commission to extend the petitions to deny deadline. However, the Commission will give careful consideration to any request it receives.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Martin".

Kevin J. Martin
Chairman