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October 16, 2008

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: FCC Plan which lowers carriers cost recovery rate to \$.0007 per minute

Dear Sir:

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission is seriously considering a proposal that would wrongly relieve communications industry giants, Verizon, AT&T, and others, of billions in annual access and inter-carrier compensation responsibilities.

In this plan, there are four devastating outcomes that will have a dramatic impact on consumers;

- (1) This plan will automatically result into a \$4.00 monthly increase on every rural consumer's phone bill.
- (2) The revenue generated by access rates is one of the main ways small carriers are able to obtain credit and repay debt.
- (3) This plan would add additional pressure on the Universal Service Fund program.
- (4) This plan unlawfully preempts state jurisdiction to set intrastate rates; it breaches state and federal separations compacts; it results in a "taking" by failing to provide assured asset replacement, and it neglects the Regulatory Flexibility Act that mandates unique policy for rural providers.

This plan would be especially detrimental to local carriers in my district, and the effect on my constituents (in a time of economic downturn), many of whom have incomes below poverty level, would be very bad indeed.

I strongly urge you to reject this proposal, not only because of its effect on my district, but for the effect that it would have upon the nation.

Sincerely,

Rep. Doug Cox, M.D.
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