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October 28, 2008

Mr. Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Martin:

It has come to my attention that at your upcoming November 4, 2008, meeting, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is planning what appears to be a major reform of the rules governing telecommunications in this country including the alterations to the intercarrier compensation system (ICC) and the universal service fund (USF). I would urge the FCC to be cautious and not rush into decisions that could have dire consequence to states across the country. It would, in my opinion, be in the best interest of the FCC to act only after full deliberations, an evaluation of impacts on consumers and providers, and an opportunity for further input as to the many facets of the proposed plan. It appears the FCC may be moving at a pace that will not provide time for these needed steps.

Missouri could well be impacted negatively if the necessary due diligence is not afforded Missouri citizens, businesses, telecommunication companies, stakeholders and other interested parties. Due process and the meaningful opportunity to be heard are the cornerstones of a fair administrative process.

My understanding is that one goal of the plan is to mandate broadband deployment. While broadband deployment to rural areas is a laudable goal, I am concerned that your proposal may adversely affect my state. While Missouri companies are making progress to expand broadband services, this mandate may cause significant increases in subscribers' telephone rates and fewer dollars for network investments for rural Missourians.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that you postpone moving forward with this proposal until all interested parties have a full and fair opportunity to provide comments

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so that you have adequate information with which to weigh the potential disadvantages to rural customers. Again, I would encourage you and the Commission to seek public comment on this very important proposal in its entirety before any further action is taken.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matt Blunt

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