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Brett Miller
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WILLIAMSON, WV

DEAR:

My Name is Brett Miller.

I Live in Southern West Virginia. I

Am Currently Employed w/ Verizon

And a Communication Workers of America.

In Recent weeks We have heard

About a merger that will affect

Me AND My State tremendously.

It Seems we here in this great

State are Always getting left

behind and are dis carded as unimportant.

The current merger takes a small

Company and bombards it with a tremendous

load. IF we allow this merger to take

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Place, we will definitely put West Virginia.

In the dark ages as far as Communications

is concerned. As Verizon is a large

Company and at the forefront of

Services important to residential Services

and vital to Business here in this

State; We would be hard pressed

to allow our Company returning to

Plain old telephone Service. Not only

would this cripple our chances for

Advances in Global and domestic

Economic growth, but the quality

of living for our employees would

have Adverse affect on the West

Virginia Economy. Our employees

Retirement, benefits, and pay are all in jeopardy.

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Please do every thing in
your power to help us continue
to improve our State and
Stop this merger. Verizon has
dressed up Verizon to sell and
want to abandon us here
in the best State in the US.

Please help

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Dear Mr. Byrd

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I work in Williamson W. and am a member of the Communication Workers of America, and have been for 32 years as of May 13th 2009. I have worked for this company through CTP Telephone Bell Atlantic, Verizon in various jobs over the 32 years with the phone company. Presently as a Service Technician. I am Very Concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier sale/deal. and I am asking for your HELP to protect Our Jobs and the citizens of Our Home State of West Virginia.

I feel that this proposed SALE of Verizon interest in WV. will be detrimental to the state and the welfare of the people and the existing Employees of Verizon of WV. The service has been declining over the past few years & will only get worse ^{when sold} to a smaller company that does Not have the resources/capability to do the Job! The previous sale of Verizon holdings in other neighbouring states has already been a Failure! This looks to be another way for Verizon to Sale-OFF a part of their business because it is No longer Profitable enough for them? I feel that we are in Separday of losing our Retirement, benefits & healthcare and as

Well as Job security? I went to my Job of 32 years on my service anniversary date, to find out that my Company was selling out to ~~Footstar~~! on May 13th 2009? I learned of this just as all the other people in WV. did on the same day. I would have thought there would have been some type of information given to the Employees leading up to this decision?

We the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that would close the loop hole known as (The Reverse Morris Trust). Verizon should be encouraging investments in infrastructure, Not speculative paper transactions/and Tax loopholes? This will only put the workers for Verizon at Risk after they have dedicated their lives to their employment with Verizon here in the state of West Virginia! Please Help Us and the people of WV.

Thank You!

James W. McCoy (32 yrs. Service)
81 Parkway Dr.
Williamson, WV. 25661

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Dear Sir,

I am the wife of one of the thousands of Verizon employees whose jobs & livelihood will be impacted by the sale of Verizon WV to Frontier. My husband has dedicated his self to this company for 32 yrs. We have since his employment, been married, had 2 sons, bought our home and have been proud to say my husband works for the Telephone Company through C&P Telephone / Bell Atlantic and Verizon WV. Then on May 13th 2009 my heart sank as I learned the news that Verizon had proposed to sale its interest to Frontier?

I understand that the previous sales in our neighbouring states havent went as well as expected. So its only natural we are doubtful of this one? Should we not worry of our spouses retirement, health-care? After years of working towards the goal of retirement, to now have those dreams dashed by the company you have worked ~~for~~ - for so many years of your life, How could your life not be impacted??

I am asking you to stand-up for the employees of Verizon + the people of West Virginia that will pay the price of this Tax Loophole known as "Reverse Morris Trust" is used by Verizon to keep \$3.3 billion taxfree Dollars. When their own employees would or will be? along with everyone in WV. paying for Verizon to abandon the State!

This is so wrong in so many ways? It isn't fair towards the dedicated employees + residents of the State of West "By God" Virginia! Please Stand Up for all Verizon Employees, CWA members, every citizen in our state and support US, Working, taxpaying families in this State!

"The Truth Will Stand,
But a Lie Won't!"

JWR.

Thank You,
Wife of Verizon Employee!
+ CWA member
Kimberly McCoy

U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

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Dear Sen.

I live in Chapmansville, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am also the President of the local 2002 and an engineer for Verizon of WV. I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Verizon / Sprint merger and am asking for your help to protect WV.

I feel this deal is bad for WV and her people. Just look at the previous 3 spin-offs of Verizon as examples. Two of these companies are already in bankruptcy and the other has lost 95% of its value.

I have seen first hand how Sprint works when they come into a new area. I lived in Mineral County (St Asbury) when Sprint acquired GTE holdings in that area. Let's just say, they do not keep their promises. And with the new debt and their existing debt, I do not see how it is possible to invest in WV.

I am worried about my long term survival. A company with this amount of debt will not be able to fund my pension. I have 22 years of service with Verizon and while they are not perfect, at least they are solvent. I have too much time to leave, but not enough to retire. I do not want to leave WV, but am afraid I may have no other choice, if this deal is allowed to

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passed.

My union is asking for you to introduce legislation to close the tax loophole (~~Reverse~~ Morris Trust), that makes this a great deal for greedy corporate types at the expense of several thousand hard-working West Virginians. We should be encouraging investment in the infrastructure of WV with FIOS and other means of High Speed Internet Services.

As I stated before, I have worked for "Paco Co" since the age of 18. They have made me promises over the years to keep me as a loyal employee. Now I feel they are "throwing me under the bus" for a few dollars. Please do not let them do this to your loyal constituents.

If you need to contact me since, please do not hesitate to call me or email me.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Callie
President, Local 2002
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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Dear Senator Byrd and Senator Rockefeller

My name is Dyanne Keenan, I live in Riverside, West Virginia and I am the wife and step daughter of CWA members. My husband is a line man and my step mom is a CO Tech both employed by Verizon. My concern is for my family and our friends that will be affected by the Verizon / Frontier deal. I am asking you to do what is in your power to protect my family, friends and the citizens of West Virginia from the problems this deal could cause.

I believe this deal is bad for West Virginia and the thousands of Verizon employees. My family has already been affected by this deal. The loss of jobs are my main concern followed by decrease or loss of benefits and/or

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internet.

My husband and my stepmom take pride in their job along with their co-workers. They deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. If this tax subsidized sale actually happens, I'm worried quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia will suffer in the longrun.

As the wife of a CWA member with two small children I am asking you for your help with this situation. Please introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (the Reverse Morris Trust). My family and the people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,
Charles and Jeffrey Keenan
114 Stillwater Lane
Riverside, WV 25086

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Dear Senator Byrd,

Hello my name is Mitchell McClure, I reside in Charleston, WV & am a member of CWA Local 2001. I am currently employed by Verizon where I work as an Operator.

My family absolutely cannot withstand a job loss. If this were to occur I'm sure my family would be homeless. I'm aware that Frontier has promised to retain employees involved in the VZ sell off through the life of our contract (Aug. 2, 2011) but what then? Job loss &/or 50% decrease in pay for its employees who are/will be expected to assume the costs related to health coverage.

Apparently Verizon has forgotten that we (employees & landline consumers) are the people who made them into the successful company they are today. Are we merely backs 2 break while they climb their way to the top?

I am very much concerned about the

pending sale of Verizon landlines
to Frontier and am wishful in
thinking that the intelligent people
entrusted to make sound decisions
at the PSC & FCC will not approve
this sale/merger. I have reviewed
the previous Verizon sell offs of
their landline/copper customers
& all have resulted negatively
for employees, customers & the
buying company (job loss, decreased
service & Bankruptcy).

Today and everyday that follows
I am asking for your help in any
way that would STOP the sale
whether that be by influencing the
PSC &/or FCC or by passing
legislation to close the tax loophole
known as RMT (Reverse Morris Trust).

Michelle McClure
301 1/2 J. Hunter Rd
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(Michelle L. McClure)

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Dear Senator Robert Byrd,

I live in Nitro, WV and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I have worked for Verizon for 10 years. But, at this time, I am very concerned about the proposed Verion/Frontier buyout and am asking for your help to protect our jobs in West Virginia.

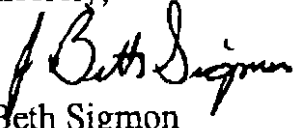
I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon and Frontier may say companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment or welfare. I am a single mother of three children ages 18, 12 and 4. I have been very fortunate and thankful for having this job. The pay and the benefits have helped me tremendously with the care of my children. I am currently working two jobs now to help with my mortgage, health and school bills. I don't necessarily enjoy being away from my kids so much but I have to provide a home, food and clothing and with this job I am able to do that. It scares me on several different levels: my kids see me now working and trying to get out of debt I don't believe in bankruptcy I have a 'I made them I will pay them' motto, I want my kids to see a responsibility in our actions and thank God my kids are healthy and have insurance now but there aren't a lot of jobs that offer insurance.

In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this very troubling issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Beth Sigmon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

J Beth Sigmon
1439 Park Ave
Nitro, WV 25143

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Dear Senator Byrd,

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My name is John Travis Orders, and I live in Charleston, WV. I am employed by Verizon, and am a proud member of the Communication Workers of America local 2001. I have a growing concern with the proposed sale of Verizon's wireline services to Frontier Communications. I am writing to you to ask for you to help protect our jobs, the economy of the community, and the integrity of the state's communication infrastructure.

My concern for my job, and the quality of it, stems from the fact that prior sales of Verizons land lines (Fairpoint) generally seem to go bad for the spin off. As an employee I fear I will be seeing a *dramatic* reduction in not only pay, but benefits. My wife draws SSDI due to having had several debilitating surgeries to remove a tumor in her lower spinal cord. Prior to her surgeries she was employed by AT&T, and later the Post Office. Since then AT&T has removed it customer sales and service office from WV, shipping its work overseas. The USPS position at the Rec Center is being shut down in October. I am now the soul provider of benefits for my wife and three daughters. We live paycheck to paycheck, and any reduction of money or benefits will have a detrimental impact on us. Because of her spinal condition, my wife has to have annual MRI's, ad checkups in Charlottesville, Va. My kids all need their checkups, dentist appointments, eye doctor visits etc. There is no possibility I could afford to pay for these things without the benefits that my position grants me.

My concern for the local economy is obvious. With the people who live in WV making significantly less money, the impact is across the board. Not only will there be less money flowing in the region, but the employees here have built their lives around what they make here with their career at *Verizon*. NOT Frontier. People live up to their means, loans for homes, cars, and who knows what else will be forced into default. Medical bills will be defaulted on, and more children will be forced onto public assistance for benefits. Which will further aggravate an already declining way of life in the valley.

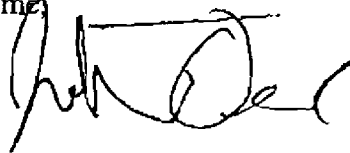
Last but not least is the concern for our states communications infrastructure. I am proud to work for Verizon. We provide outstanding services to our customers at reasonable rates. When there is a problem on the line, it is Verizon technicians that fix it. When there is a question on your bill, it is Verizon representatives that help our customers figure it out. I fear that the acquisition by Frontier will see a marked increase in the price of the services we enjoy now. I also fear for the future of the states graduation from copper line services, to fiber optic services. Verizon has a clear plan to wire their footprint with fiber optics. Only an *extremely* small number of Frontier customers enjoy the fiber services. Frontier also contracts all of their technicians. This means that the people who work on the lines have little or no allegiance to the company, or the quality fo work that they do. They are paid the same regardless of whether they do top notch work, or do their job with bubble gum and duct tape.

Regardless of what PR Verizon, and Frontier spin, I am terrified of what awaits the employees of Verizon. The economy is shaky, and big business will try to shed jobs

ASAP to increase money coming in. I feel a measure of security in my position with Verizon thanks to the hard work of my union. I do not want to put my family through unnecessary hardship, I do not want to see the small business men and women of the state crumble because of the financial blackhole that is created when jobs are lost, or pay is reduced by 25-50%. I do not want to depend on the state to care for my family, because I cannot. I am a proud Verizon employee who works to put food on the table. I hope that you hear the plea of the men and women of our company and rush to assist us in our struggle to keep Verizon jobs in the great state of West Virginia. We have been abused too long by companies who roost here until they get a better offer, then leave their employees and customers in the dust.

As a member of the CWA I ask that you help to introduce legislation that will close the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole. Companies in this West Virginia should be encouraged to invest in the infrastructure of West Virginia. Please stand by your constituents and help protect us all, and to pave a way for a better future for the state as a whole!

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Doe" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Charleston WV^{area} and work for Verizon. I am also a member of CWA (Communication Workers of America). I am very concerned about the Verizon/Frontier sale and I am needing your help in protecting West Va. and help in saving my job and my fellow employees jobs. We are all worried about our jobs and what kind of cut-backs are going to happen if this sale goes through. Myself, I do not want to face unemployment, nor can I afford to. I am proud of my job and the services we provide to the residents of West Va. and I want to be able to continue doing so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs will suffer throughout West Va. We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislature that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We need your help. The people of West Va. need your support! Please

listen to our pleas and help us to
keep our jobs in West. Va.

Regina Shelton
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Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in South Charleston, WV and am a member of the Communication Workers of America. I work for Verizon Communications as a Engineering Asst. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about job security and benefits. A company like Frontier (which from many news articles I have read) does not have the enough financial security to conduct daily business much less perform a buyout. I do not want to face unemployment in these tough economic times.

I also know how important it is for the State of West Virginia to have high speed internet. I question whether Frontier will be able to perform this function with the huge debt it will take on to perform this buyout. We are proud to provide this quality service to our community and would hate to see more deployment of high speed internet suffer from this acquisition.

We need to encourage investment in infrastructure not support of the Reverse Morris Trust. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,
Rick Fields
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