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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I represent many rural residents in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Kansas who rely on rural telecommunications companies to provide reliable broadband and telephone service at an affordable cost. We have made significant progress in linking the country with high-speed broadband, enabling countless individuals and businesses to connect and operate in an increasingly globalized world, but there is still much work to be done. The importance of reliable telephone voice and broadband service is important to the future economic viability of rural America.

It is my understanding that the Commission has scheduled a vote to determine final proposals for Universal Service Fund (USF) and Interoarrier Compensation (ICC) reform. I am concerned that the reforms as currently proposed would have serious negative consequences, including the latent effect of putting small rural carriers out of business. This result is unacceptable for Kansans.

Sincerely,



Lynn Jenkins, CPA  
Member of Congress

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CHAIRMAN Lynn Jenkins, CPA  
United States Congresswoman, Kansas 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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CHAIRMAN

November 17, 2011

The Honorable Lynn Jenkins  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1122 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Jenkins:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the Commission's efforts to reform and modernize the Universal Service Fund (USF) and the intercarrier compensation system (ICC). Your thoughts and concerns were a valuable contribution to our process, and were considered as part of the Commission's deliberations.

On October 27, after many years of hard work on Capitol Hill, among the FCC's Commissioners, and by Commission staff, the Commission unanimously adopted a comprehensive Order overhauling the broken and backward-looking USF and ICC systems for the Internet age. By transitioning these programs to the Connect America Fund, we are delivering on our shared national goal of universal voice and broadband service – including universal mobile voice and broadband service – and enabling increased private sector investment in the indispensable infrastructure of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: broadband. Importantly, our reforms are fiscally responsible, eliminating waste and inefficiency, using market-based mechanisms to target support where it is needed, and putting the Fund on a firm budget.

The Commission's Order will create jobs beginning in 2012, and lay the foundation for enduring job creation, economic growth, and U.S. global competitiveness for years to come.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Order's "Executive Summary." Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski".

Julius Genachowski

Enclosure