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Dear Chariman Powelson,

I am contacting you because I understand that Verizon has filed a petition to declare certain areas of its operating territory in Pennsylvania to be competitive under Section 3016 of Chapter 30, enacted as Act 183 of 2004. You may recall that I was Chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee and very much involved with the drafting and passage of HB 30 in 2003 and 2004, so I am thrilled to see our vision of enacting this law, especially the forward-looking Section 3016, being acted upon.

Pennsylvania has clearly experienced a surge in competitors in the communications market. With the use of Internet-based services, wireless services, and the constant barrage of messaging in the marketplace, it is clear to me that Verizon is no longer the only game in town. Comcast and Time Warner Cable and many other cable providers have invested billions in this state and achieved significant market share as a result of their ubiquity. In addition, I know many folks who have abandoned traditional phone service altogether and use their wireless service exclusively. Either way, my constituents and those of my peers have reaped the benefits of having choices for services that are priced reasonably and are reliable. This is the climate we aimed to establish with Chapter 30.

The arguments we heard in 2003 and 2004 about dissatisfied customers and other "sky is falling" repercussions are nothing more than scare tactics. I am sure you will be confronted by the same naysayers we were ten years ago, that insist on holding Verizon to the long-imposed regulations that have been etched into Pennsylvania's rules and statutes. We shouldered through the process and provided the leadership to enable our state's communications providers to grow and develop

their infrastructure. For some to argue that today's world is the same as a decade, or in some cases a generation ago, is pure folly.

Pennsylvania's ongoing restriction of companies that invest billions of dollars and employ thousands of people isn't going to help this state or this economy. Our businesses shouldn't have to worry about whether their investments are going to be compromised because of regulations that apply to them but not their competitors. You and your peers are in the enviable role of executing on the vision we had over a decade ago, and I am excited to see it happen!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Bunt, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Rosemary Chiavetta – Secretary PA PUC

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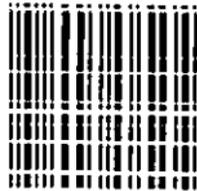
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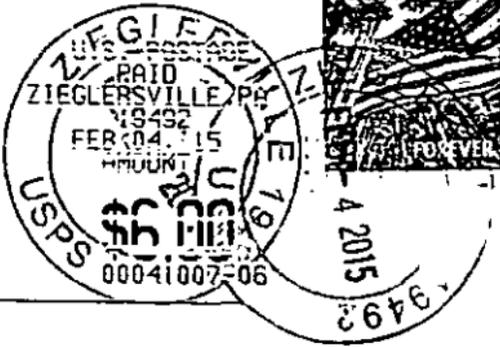


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