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The Honorable Alan B. Mollohan
U.S. House of Representatives
2302 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Mollohan:

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me about the proposed transfer of control of Verizon assets to Frontier Communications. Other parties expressed similar concerns, and the Commission considered very carefully the potential impact of this proposed transaction on competition, commerce, jobs, and service quality.

The problematic examples that you highlight in your letter – the transactions in Hawaii and New England – inform the Commission's examination of new transfers such as Verizon-Frontier. But based on our review, considering the issues and concerns with the status quo path and Frontier's enforceable commitments to be good stewards of this vital infrastructure on behalf of consumers in its regions, the Commission concluded that on balance the likely public-interest benefits outweighed the potential public-interest harms. On May 21, 2010, the Commission adopted an *Order* approving the transaction subject to Verizon and Frontier's enforceable, voluntary commitments.

We made your letter part of the record in the Verizon-Frontier proceeding, WC Docket No. 09-95. I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Genachowski", with a small dot at the end of the signature line.

Julius Genachowski