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The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
401 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Doyle:

Thank you for your letter concerning the special access services market and the related pending proceeding before the Commission. I appreciate your continuing interest in timely and effective reform of the special access market and agree that just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions for these services are critical for wireless and other competitive providers.

The Commission has made progress on this issue, as I outlined recently in my response to your question for the record. The Public Notices that we issued in 2009 and 2010, and the workshop that we held in July last year have, garnered significant data, which the staff is now reviewing. The Commission anticipates issuing an additional Public Notice soon requesting further data to help us answer those questions.

There are a number of difficult issues in the special access proceeding and there are no quick fixes. However, the data we have collected so far will help us to understand how best to move forward. Please be assured that I understand your concerns, and the Commission will continue working to fulfill its mandate under the statute to ensure that the rates charged for those services are just and reasonable.

Sincerely,

Julius Genachowski

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