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

Concerns have been raised regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) implementation of its Universal Service Fund (USF)/Intercarrier Compensation (ICC) Transformation Order. Small rural carriers are concerned that this decision could jeopardize the services they provide after they have made investments in deploying telecommunications services contingent receiving Universal Service funding. However, many rural carriers fear that even though they were in compliance at the time of investment they will not receive adequate compensation due to the FCC's regression analysis associated with the ICC Transformation Order.

The health of our economy and American jobs should be the highest priority of our federal government at all levels. Reform of USF and ICC should go forward in a way that contributes to the fiscal well-being and economic recovery of our nation. These reforms also should stay true to the investment made by consumers over the years in universal service and should serve as an incentive for continued deployment and expansion of advanced telecommunications services in rural America. Given the concerns raised by rural carriers, could you please provide me with an update on the progress of the ICC Transformation Order with specifics on the use of regression analysis.

Sincerely,

*Jack*  
Jack Kingston  
Member of Congress

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