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Mr. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Derouen

We are writing today to collectively applaud the Kentucky Public Service Commission for issuing an order to address our state's outdated telecom access subsidy system. This is a positive step forward and we urge the PSC to act quickly on this matter.

Understanding what is at stake, other states have already taken action in reforming their access rate systems. Now, Kentucky has the opportunity to create a modern access system that is transparent to consumers, fair to everyone and sustainable given 21st century technology trends.

Our access rate system worked well when Kentuckians communicated primarily through traditional long-distance phone calls. But, times have changed and we now use wireless and broadband technologies more than ever before. This shift has made the current access subsidy model outdated and unsustainable.

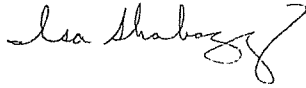
We urge the PSC to move quickly in updating the current system. Access rate reform is needed now to ensure future rural connectivity, encourage investment (and adoption) in high-speed networks, grow jobs and ensure that all Kentuckians can benefit from next-generation technology.

Sincerely,

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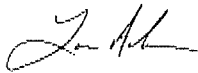
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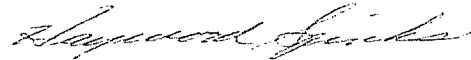
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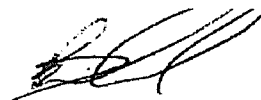
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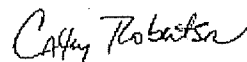
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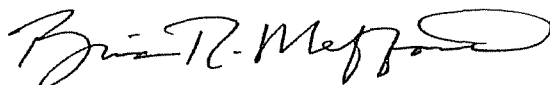
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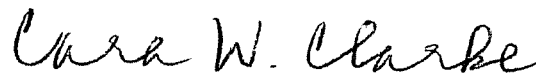
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cc: All Members of the Kentucky General Assembly