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Dear Chairman Armstrong:

Dear Commissioner Borders:

Dear Commissioner Gardner:

Dear Executive Director Derouen:

Case No. 2010-00162

I am writing to encourage the Kentucky Public Service Commission to begin addressing the need for access rate reform in our state's telecommunications sector. More than 20 other states have acted on this issue already, and I believe that we risk losing out on much needed technology investment and innovation if we do not keep pace.

Our economy is changing, and without new investment in advanced wired and wireless broadband networks, we will not be able to compete with neighboring states when it comes to attracting new businesses or growing existing ones. We simply cannot allow outdated access rates regulations to make us less competitive.

It is time for the PSC to put Kentucky's future first by creating a regulatory environment that looks less like 1984 and more like today. The idea of hanging on to regulated subsidies on home phones no longer makes sense when consumers and businesses have moved to wireless phones and mobile broadband services in such high numbers.

For example, in our office, more and more of our customers engage our office over the Internet via fast, broadband connections. This has allowed us to offer Kentuckians more services




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It is time to update our telecom regulations in this state. I urge the PSC to take the issue of access rate reform up now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trey Grayson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Honorable Trey Grayson
Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky

cc: Gov. Beshear, House Speaker Stumbo, Senate President Williams