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July 29, 2005

Honorable Jacklyn A. Brillig  
 Secretary  
 New York State Public Service Commission  
 Three Empire State Plaza  
 Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Brillig:

I am writing in support of the acquisition of MCI by Verizon. This can be viewed as a positive development for the business community and the state at large. Verizon is one of the regions largest supporters of community projects. Initiatives include technology grants for literacy, employee volunteers and new employment. They have demonstrated their desire to develop partnerships with not for profit organizations like Literacy Volunteers, the United Way, colleges and universities, and many other groups. In particular, we have been the recipient of Verizon technology grants this year which supported our Mobile Counseling initiative. Having the ability to increase our services and visibility in rural communities has aided us in serving New York State consumers who may otherwise have fallen victim to predatory lending practices. With their new commitment to running fiber optic network connections to the home, Verizon is making large investments in Central New York's infrastructure, an important ingredient for attracting and maintaining business growth in New York State. New York will benefit from these new investments and a stronger telecom company.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Stark  
 Executive Director

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