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Dear Secretary Cohen,

As a long time homeowner on Fire Island (since 1967) I am adamantly opposed Verizon removing all "land line" services and instead instituting an alternate method of phone and data service. In the past Verizon was able to offer both Phone and DSL service at a reasonable fee and with unlimited Data use which is very important for the large number of owners and renters who work while living on Fire Island full or part time for 4-6 month of each year.

Currently Verizon is offering Voice Link services at a reasonable fee (in my estimation) of approximately \$28 per month plus taxes and fees. However, and more importantly, Verizon is no longer offering or bundling Data plans with their phone services. Instead Verizon now offers Data service only via their "Jetpack" (or similar device) at a GREATLY increased cost to the consumer and with very defined and limited Data Caps. Verizon offers the homeowner a limited option of \$50 per month additional cost for a mere 5GB of data or \$80 per month for 10GB of data use. A family of 4 can easily use this amount monthly especially if two parents are working and transferring documents photos and files to and from work five days a week. Additionally, Verizon is asking the homeowner to pay \$200-\$250 for the connection device itself!

This leaves the average homeowner with significantly larger bills than in years prior and with reduced Data capacity.

Respectfully,
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