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From: andrew.j.barry@verizon.com
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2006 11:13 AM
To: Cable.Inquiry (DPU)
Subject: Please Support Verizon's Video Franchise Reform Proposal

Alicia Matthews
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Boston, MA 02110

Dear Alicia Matthews,

Verizon recently submitted a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) that encourages a shorter and more predictable timeline for the competitive local cable franchise process. If adopted, it will bring more Massachusetts consumers a choice for cable TV sooner.

As a Verizon employee and cable TV subscriber, I am asking that you move quickly to adopt this proposal. Too few consumers have a real choice for cable TV and are paying too much for the same service. With more providers in the market, the existing process no longer makes sense.

The time has come to make some changes. Please give Massachusetts consumers the benefits of cable TV competition by adopting this proposal.

Sincerely,

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