

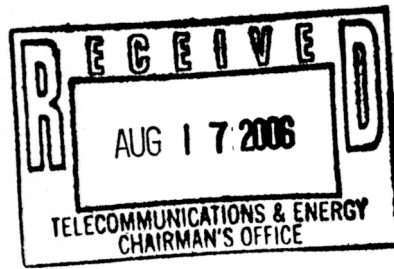


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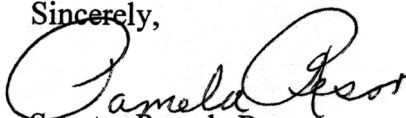
Dear Ms. Judson,

I am writing to express my concerns with the petition submitted by Verizon pertaining to changes in the cable television franchising process. These proposed regulations could have a detrimental effect on communities as it would dramatically shorten the length of time for municipal review. In addition, there is concern with the potential loss of regulation by municipalities over public rights of way.

Several towns within my district have submitted comments in opposition to the proposed Verizon amendment. These towns have expressed their support of the current process as it seems to serve both the interests of communities as well as those of cable television providers. I urge the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to give serious consideration to these proposed changes and to the comments made by those in local government who will deal with the ramifications of this decision.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Senator Pamela Resor
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