

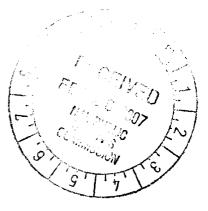
State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

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Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301



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Dear Commisioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of several of my constituents who are deeply concerned about the pending sale of Verizon Communications to FairPoint Communications. Their issues include the quality of the product offered by each company to New Hampshire consumers and the business practices of the potential buyer. I believe that the constituents who contacted me are employed by Verizon and that the plight of these workers should be given very careful consideration as well.

I share their worries about this sale and I urge you to ensure that it does not negatively impact the high tech infrastructure of our great state. We need access to high quality broadband technology to help promote new business and to keep our current businesses competitive. In addition, we need to make sure that the communications workers keep their jobs and not allow their employer to sell the company out from under them at the expense of their pensions and benefits. As a public utility, we have a right to expect that communications companies will live up to the highest standards since they are making their money by selling our own infrastructure to our citizens.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. I know that you have the best interests of our citizens and businesses in mind and I appreciate your efforts on their behalf.

Warmest regards,

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Representative Susi Nord



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