

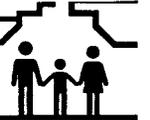


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The Honorable Carl Kunasek
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Dear Chairman Kunasek :

I am writing the Corporation Commission today to express the support of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 700 businesses, for the Arizona Corporation Decision U-17 on LATA boundaries.

This decision will promote economic development by offering Arizona businesses more choices and, ultimately, lower interstate long-distance service rates.

We encourage the Commission's continued support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Don Rinehart
President

cc/ The Honorable Tony West
The Honorable Jim Irvin



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Honorable Carl Kunasek, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Kunasek:

I am writing to thank the Arizona Corporation Commission for its recent action opening the in-state long-distance market in Arizona to full competition. This was a wise policy step for the Commission to have taken which holds out the promise of significant benefits for businesses and individuals across Arizona.

The LATA boundaries which have prevented full competition within our state are responsible for artificially high prices for all consumers and needlessly limited opportunities for countless citizens and businesses in our rural communities. The power of advancing telecommunications technology is truly revolutionary, but those technologies cannot be developed or delivered in the presence of outmoded regulatory restrictions such as LATA boundaries.

We applaud the Commission for recognizing this fact, cutting through all the muddled arguments to the contrary and striking a prudent blow for open competition in our state.

Sincerely,

Timothy D. Lawless
President/CEO

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