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August 25, 2004

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

Please accept warm greetings from the Board of Directors and membership of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Our purpose in writing is to seek your support in driving economic development in Michigan through fair competition among telecommunications service providers and encouraging investment in the state's telecom network infrastructure.

As a business association, MHCC is committed to retaining existing business assets and supporting public policy initiatives that encourage capital investment and job creation within the State of Michigan.

To be specific, MHCC supports an SBC proposal now before the Michigan Public Service Commission, to increase the wholesale rate for network services above what SBC is currently charging competing telecommunications providers.

The concern MHCC shares with SBC is that below-cost wholesale rates encourage competitors to simply lease lines and resell services, rather than investing in a proprietary telecommunications infrastructure. Companies leasing SBC Michigan's network via UNE-P do not create jobs in our community, avoid investing in a Michigan network and, ultimately, fail to bring new technology advancements or innovation to customers.

We thank you in advance, Governor, for your consideration and support of SBC's proposal to increase the wholesale rate for network services.

Sincerely,



Armando Ojeda
Executive Director

Letter of Support
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