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Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
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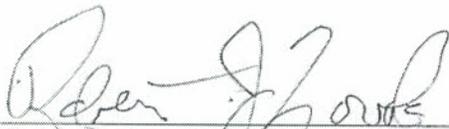
Dear Senator Durbin:

Last month, a total of more than 40 telecom manufacturing companies wrote to the Senate Commerce Committee expressing support for the comprehensive telecom regulatory reform bill introduced this summer by Senators Ensign and McCain (S. 1504) and urging Committee leadership to schedule a vote on telecom reform legislation early this fall. The earlier manufacturer letters are enclosed for your convenience.

Our companies, headquartered in Illinois, are among the numerous telecom manufacturers that strongly support the Ensign/McCain bill because of the huge economic benefits that experts say it will provide – massive new investment in the nation's telecom infrastructure as well as an estimated 212,000 new telecom jobs nationwide, including more than 8,500 in Illinois alone.

Telecom manufacturers would like you to co-sponsor the Ensign/McCain bill, and we request that you do so. This is important legislation. It will help the telecom industry – including the manufacturing and R& D segment of the industry that is so important to our state.

Sincerely,



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