

April 28, 2006

Senator John Ensign
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ensign,

I hope all is well with you in Washington; I look forward to seeing you on a future visit as you come home to Nevada.

I was pleased to learn that modern telecommunications reform is moving forward in the United States Senate. Please know that I am in full support of the Ensign-McCain Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act of 2005.

Key benefits of the broadband choice bill include more investment in new consumer voice, video and internet choices. Cable, landline, wireless, satellite and other companies will compete directly for businesses, speeding greater choices, enhanced services and more value to the consumer. It will also safeguard consumer protections amid a Technology Sea Change. The broadband choice bill ensures that all competitors uphold the same basic consumer protections, including safeguards against fraud and abuse, reliable 911 and other public safety tools, and local, education and government programming for digital television providers. The bill will create jobs and restore America's global competitiveness.

Real broadband investment and consumer choice can deliver an additional \$634 billion in GDP growth and 212,000 jobs in five years, according to a recent U.S. Chamber of Commerce study. Lastly, the Ensign-McCain legislation will enhance American's quality of life. Broadband innovation can open up a whole new world of advances for the American people, from new telecommuting options that enhance our work-life balance, to new jobs and economic opportunities, even in rural areas, to new frontiers in medicine and education, and new tools for American businesses.

I urge to continue your diligent efforts that will make the Ensign-McCain bill become law.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and to our Nation.

Sincerely,

Valerie Weber
State Assemblywoman