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Dear Robert W. Godshall,

The telecommunications industry in Pennsylvania is fundamentally transformed. Today, traditional telecom carriers, cable companies, VoIP providers and wireless carries openly and aggressively compete among each other. The ones who provide the best products at the best prices and best service prevail.

Today, consumers of all ages use a variety of methods to communicate, including landline telephones, cell phones, and VoIP services such as Skype. Consumers also make extensive use of non-voice services, such as text messages, e-mails, and messaging via social media.

While advances in technology have reshaped our world, our regulations have not kept up with that progress and they no longer serve the public interest. Streamlining outdated, burdensome regulations can make it easier for telecommunications companies to continue to invest and grow here, and enable Pennsylvania consumers to experience the full potential the industry can provide.

The Telecommunications Market Competition Act (HB 1608) modernizes antiquated regulations to promote the type of investments and innovation that will benefit Pennsylvania consumers for years to come while keeping fair protections for consumers in place. Therefore, I urge you to support HB 1608 when it is considered by the Consumer Affairs Committee and work toward its passage by the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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