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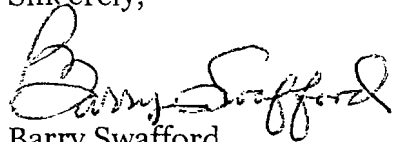
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Dear Chairman Jones and Directors Miller and Kyle,

I am the President of the Board of Directors of the Knoxville Center of the Deaf (KCD). The Board of KCD is a governing Board. There are 15 members, eight of whom are deaf. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer are deaf. The Board members are all elected by the deaf members of KCD. There are 200 members. In essence, the KCD Board represents the Deaf Community in Knoxville and 20 counties that surround it.

I am writing in support of MCI's application to serve as Tennessee's relay carrier in 2006. KCD is a regional center providing an array of services to deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind persons in a 20 county area in East Tennessee. We have worked with MCI and Mike Lozynsky for over two years now and are very impressed with him and with MCI. Mike is a true professional with a strong work ethic and character that we admire. The Deaf community of East Tennessee, including Knoxville, fully supports the MCI application. Being able to continue our relationship with Mike and with MCI would be a big plus for us as we seek to expand our services, particularly in the area of technology.

Sincerely,



Barry Swafford
President of the KCD Board

cc: The KCD Board Directors
cc: Bob Rittenhouse, Executive Director

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