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Mr. Eddie Roberson  
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Mr. Roberson,

On the behalf of our Tennessee Association of the Deaf, I am writing to ask you to re-contract with the MCI/Verizon Wireless Company again, because we would like to keep the same relay service we have for last few years. I believe that Version/MCI relay service is an excellent service that our Deaf people could use their advantage service because it's not only for providing the relay service itself, but they do have more offer for our Deaf people to use: IP-Relay on AIM, Getting their own phone number that can be used to call directly, downloading the program into any pager (Sidekick, Blackberry and Treo) for using the relay wireless service, and Videophone Relay Service.

Not only for their excellent service we have now, but they have a full supporting of the Deaf communities in the greater state of Tennessee that help us to learn about new technologies that we have. They have had a lot of involved with our Tennessee Association of the Deaf events.

I hope your consideration to keep the MCI/Verizon Wireless in the future.

If you have any question, Please contact me at [PMRjrTAD@comcast.net](mailto:PMRjrTAD@comcast.net) or call me at 865-291-9014.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Robertson Jr.  
TAD President

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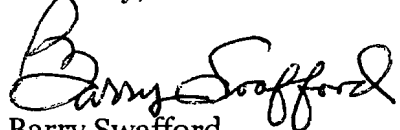
February 14, 2006

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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