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May 5, 2010

Sara Kyle, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Docket No. 10-00083

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Last week, my office received numerous calls from residents of the 91<sup>st</sup> District who are extremely concerned about losing their telephone service from Reachout Wireless. After reading your letter about this controversy and meeting with the President of Reachout Wireless (Nexus Communications), I wanted to add my name to those of the many others who have contacted the TRA about this issue. As you know, many people cannot afford telephone service without available federal assistance. As the agency in charge of administering the Lifeline program in Tennessee, the TRA has done an excellent job of protecting the interests of those consumers. Thank you for your good work, and I know that you and the other Directors at the TRA will reach a fair and expeditious decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lois DeBerry  
Speaker Pro Tempore  
TN House of Representatives

cc: Mary Freeman, Director  
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Wednesday, May 05, 2010

Sara Kyle, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

In Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Nunc Pro Tunc Designation of Nexus  
Communications, etc. Docket 10-00083

Dear Chairman Kyle:

It is my understanding that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority has before it a petition filed by Nexus Communications which could impact the telephone service of approximately 34,000 consumers in Tennessee.

After meeting with the President of Nexus, I greatly appreciate the valuable service this company is providing. It is my hope that the TRA can resolve any issues and disagreements that have arisen between Nexus Communications and the federal regulators at the Universal Service Administration Company. Please let me know if my office can assist you in persuading the federal officials at USAC to continue providing funding to customers of Nexus while the TRA is resolving the issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "M".

Representative Richard Montgomery



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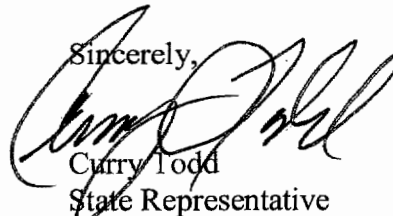
Dear Chairman Kyle:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2010 concerning the dispute between Nexus Communications d/b/a Reachout Wireless and the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) in Washington, D.C. My office has received several calls from constituents about this issue and I am glad to see that the TRA is in a position to resolve it quickly.

I met today with Mr. Steven Fenker, the President of Nexus and Mr. Chuck Welch, the Company's attorney. They explained to me that even though this dispute is still pending before the TRA, USAC has decided to cut off federal support which Nexus has been receiving and which allows Nexus to provide wireless telephone service to about 34,000 Tennesseans. Mr. Fenker explained that the petition filed by Nexus at the TRA asks the Authority to request that USAC restore funding for Nexus' Lifeline wireless subscribers in Tennessee until the TRA has had the opportunity to look into the issues in the dispute between USAC and Nexus.

The service Nexus is providing is vital to many low income Tennesseans. Although I know that the TRA has no control over the administrators at USAC, I hope you can persuade them to avoid any action which might interrupt the telephone services provided by Nexus until the TRA has resolved this matter and made a final decision that is consistent with the law and in the best interests of Tennessee consumers.

Sincerely,



Curry Todd  
State Representative

cc: Director Mary Freeman  
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Director Kenneth Hill