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Dear Legislator:

The Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) is a next-generation civil rights organization led by ministers devoted to bridging the Digital Divide and promoting economic opportunity in low income and minority communities across the country. We believe that providing technology to people and communities is the key to creating jobs and economic development in underserved neighborhoods.

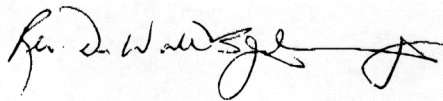
Today, technology advancements and lower prices are rapidly allowing people in even the lowest income brackets to connect to the world. These advancements can be attributed to sound government policies that promote competition and provide incentives for new investment. One of the industries where progress has especially accelerated is in the wireless industry. In fact, we are finding that competition in the wireless industry has benefited low income consumers the most.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released preliminary results from the July-December 2007 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) that highlights such benefits. The study shows that adults living in poverty are more likely than higher income adults to be living in households with only wireless telephones, proving that the benefits and low prices associated with wireless service are providing incentives for low income people to drop their landline phones completely. With more and more broadband applications going wireless, we see this as a positive trend towards bridging the Digital Divide. You can view a copy of the report at www.maadd.org.

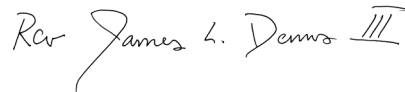
To provide even more benefits to low income consumers, we encourage legislators to stay the course on promoting policies that encourage competition and new investment in the wireless industry. We also encourage elected officials to extend the wireless model to other industries such as cable, phone and broadband services. With competition, consumers will prosper and state-of-the-art investment will flourish for the benefit of all.

Please contact us at 866-297-0164 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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