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The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

October 30, 2008

Dear Chairman Martin,

As Chairman of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council and the Illinois Broadband Deployment Council, I am writing with concern over your November 4 Open Commission Meeting agenda.

Scheduling highly controversial decisions on the day of a Presidential election has alarmed Illinois residents who, like me, are committed to improving telephone service and broadband deployment in rural areas.

Illinois citizens deserve a fair opportunity to review the entire proposals under your consideration, especially with respect to intercarrier compensation. They should have an extended period to comment on proposed spectrum allocation and Universal Service Fund reforms. Finally, the Commission should proceed with due deliberation on so-called fast-track wireless company mergers.

I urge you to avoid overlapping major announcements on these agenda items with an historic election, because it would create the appearance -- even if unfounded -- that you are deliberately avoiding full scrutiny on these important issues. Continuing with the program as it is scheduled undermines your commitment to transparency and your obligation to act in the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn