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Dear Commissioners,

As the members of the Missouri State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, we acknowledge the need for a responsible public policy that facilitates accessible and reliable broadband services throughout our state. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that the Public Service Commission engage in a fact finding process that will end with a report and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2011. Specifically, we ask that your process and report include the following:

1. A review of the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Plan and recommendations to the General Assembly on how to maximize broadband development in Missouri.
2. Solicitation of input from the public and all providers of broadband services regardless of technology.
3. An assessment of the current level of high-speed internet access available in Missouri, and the speeds and rates at which such access is available. This assessment shall include speeds advertised as available versus the speeds that are actually achievable by consumers.
4. An identification of unserved and underserved areas in our state and the barriers to deployment in these areas including economic, geographic, regulatory, and market barriers. For purposes of this request, "unserved" shall mean an area where a consumer's only access to internet service is through a dial-up connection and "underserved" shall mean an area where a consumer's only access to high-speed internet service is at a speed less than three megabits per second.

5. Recommendations and potential public policy decisions that should be considered to increase the deployment and availability of broadband services in both unserved and underserved areas, within a period of five years, at various speeds and rates that are affordable to Missouri's consumers.


If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee.

Sincerely,



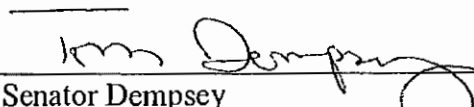
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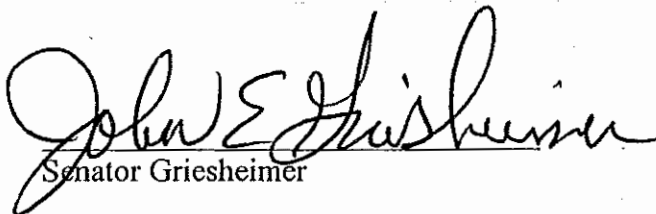
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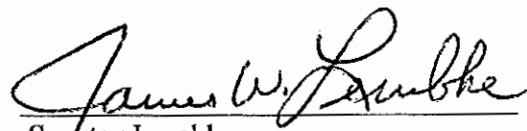


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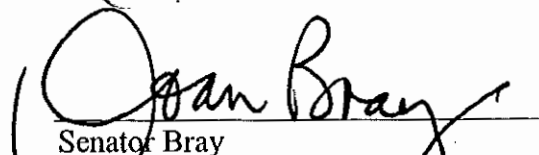
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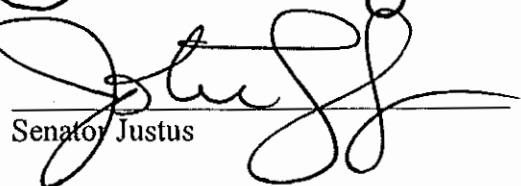
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