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ATTN: Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket # TO12020155

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of our almost 211,000 New Jersey senior citizen activists, I am writing to express support for the proposed stipulation between Verizon and Board Staff.

Founded in 1992, the 60 Plus Association is a non-partisan seniors advocacy group with a free enterprise, less government, less taxes approach to seniors issues. We believe that seniors, and society at large, are best served when minimal government intrusion and robust competition combine to create an environment of more choice and better service.

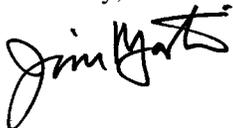
Today, seniors are adopting technology at an ever increasing pace. Spurred by the technology advancements and significant investments made by innovative companies like Verizon, seniors are embracing the communications revolution like never before, transforming the way they live, work, and play. Greater connectivity allows seniors to stay in touch with family and friends, as well as healthcare professionals, next door or around the world with the touch of a button.

Some special interests want you to believe that seniors aren't leveraging the same technologies as younger generations. These groups would also like you to believe that broadband technologies aren't important for older Americans. Let me assure you, that couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, according to a 2012 *Pew Research Center* report, over half of Americans age 65 or older use the Internet or email, and 69% own a cell phone. As America's baby boomers continue to approach retirement age, these numbers are sure to grow. That is why the proposed stipulation is important for New Jersey seniors.

It is essential that consumers in the Garden State have continued access to advanced communications services. Verizon and Board Staff have agreed to a sound outline to help facilitate consumers of all ages staying connected to state-of-the-art communications services for years to come.

Please approve the proposed stipulation as soon as possible. Thank you for considering our organization's view and for addressing the needs of seniors in New Jersey.

Sincerely,



Jim Martin

Chairman
The 60 Plus Association