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February 12, 2024

Alice Busching Reynolds, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, 94102

Dear President Reynolds,

As you review AT&T's application to end its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligation, I want to highlight concerns regarding its potential impact on my constituents in rural areas, most of whom rely on landlines.

For them, and for many senior citizens, a wireless alternative is simply not viable. A landline is their lifeline, enabling them to contact emergency services, doctors, and family members. The recent storms and statewide power outages only underscore the critical need for these lines in remote areas, as they remain operable when cell service goes down.

I am calling on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure that AT&T will be held accountable and able demonstrate, without a shred of doubt, its so-called "proven alternatives" to landlines will be able to reliably serve the vulnerable residents I represent without passing exorbitant costs onto them.

In addition, the closest opportunity for residents of my district to attend an in-person hearing is nearly three hours away in Indio. That is hardly convenient. I am also requesting the CPUC to hold hearings in closer proximity to affected communities, so residents have an adequate opportunity to voice their rightful concerns in-person.

I greatly appreciate your attention on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [Scott.Wilk@Sen.CA.Gov](mailto:Scott.Wilk@Sen.CA.Gov), or through my Capitol office at (916) 651-2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Wilk".

Senator Scott Wilk  
California Senate District 21