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Mr. John R. McGinley Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Mr. McGinley:

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I have reviewed the Public Utility Commission's Proposed Rulemaking at 52 Pa. Code, Chapter 64 relating to slamming and cramming. I agree with comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Telephone Association and Bell Atlantic-Pa., Inc. that the Commission should re-evaluate its decision to move forward with these rules before the Federal Communications Commission finalizes its own such rules. Incidentally, I have introduced legislation in the form of House Bill 229, which was the subject of hearings held by the Consumer Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in April of this year. As a matter of fact, Commissioner Rolka of the Public Utility Commission testified in support of my legislation. I anticipate an additional hearing will be held on this legislation in the Allentown area in September.

The proposed rulemaking doesn't actually prevent slamming and cramming. It only standardizes the responses Local Exchange Carriers (LEC) are to make relative to customer contacts alleging cramming or slamming. I appreciate your taking the time to consider my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith R. McCall".

KEITH R. McCALL
State Representative
122nd Legislative District

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