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Subject: SB 102--Set for Hearing on Friday, 5/2

This is to advise you Verizon supports SB 102.

Verizon provides local telephone (and data) service in the Gardnerville--Stateline areas of northern Nevada. It serves over 40,000 access lines. In addition, our affiliate Verizon Wireless provides service in Nevada, with over 250,000 customers and over \$120M invested in just the last two years.

Verizon is a rate-of-return regulated utility in Nevada. We have always found the Public Utilities Commission to be very efficient and effective. Regulators and key staff are accessible and business is conducted in a very professional manner. We believe the PUC fully understands the contribution which regulated communications providers make to the Nevada economy.

Verizon is concerned that increasing the membership of the Commission from three to five members will result in delays in processing key cases, and further complicate the conduct of business there. While there is nothing magic to the number "three", the addition of two extra seats at the Commission will necessarily result in the need for more consultation and quite possibly complicate the discussion. For those reasons, and considering the budget challenges the State of Nevada faces today, we urge you to pass SB 102.