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Ivan Seidenberg
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Dear Chairman Seidenberg and President McAdam:

I am writing to share concerns about employee relations practices of Verizon expressed to me by constituents who are members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Constituents who work for Verizon worry that proposals under consideration by Verizon could eliminate job security, eliminate limits on low wage contracting, and eliminate limits on overseas outsourcing, as well as slash pension and health benefits.

Economic recovery depends on companies like Verizon, who have been good corporate citizens, to continue to provide quality jobs to New Yorkers. Advances in telecommunications technology not only make the country more competitive, but also facilitate job creation.

I urge you to work with CWA and IBEW to achieve a fair and reasonable bargaining agreement so that we can continue to preserve and expand middle class jobs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey