



March 22, 2019

The Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: Senate Bill 83

To Whom It May Concern:

GCI is an Alaskan telecommunications company that provides local, long distance, wireless, cable TV, and internet services. GCI supports Senate Bill 83 (SB83).

SB83 will bring needed changes to Alaska's telecommunications statutes, many of which are geared to regulation of monopoly services and have not been updated since the 1970s. Since that time, technology and markets have changed dramatically as competition drives the provision of new services and new market structures. SB83 does not fully deregulate Alaska telecommunications and retains many important oversight functions for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, which also supports SB83.

SB83 has the unanimous support of the Alaska Telecom Association and Alaska telecommunications providers. GCI encourages the Alaska State Legislature to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. W. Hitz, III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Vice President  
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