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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am unable to attend the meeting in Orlando regarding the House bill #4785 (Chapter 98-277), and would like this letter to be my official opinion.

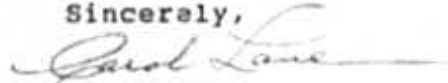
I feel the monthly charge for a residential line in Palm Bay. Fl to be fair. HOWEVER, I do not like the taxes added on causing the \$9.50 charge to rise to \$16.85.

I am strongly against the charge for Universal Connectivity and Carrier charge. These charges of \$1.88 seems a small amount to some, but on a budget, is too much for some to pay. I phoned Bellsouth for an explanation and was told they were for phones and schools for the poor. I feel people should be consulted before a company commits their (the customers) money.

If the company wants to make these contributions, surely Bell-south is large enough to pick up the tab. In addition, I feel Florida should have this responsibility, not individuals who subscribe to phone service.

I would like to vote to remove these charges as they are not the average persons responsibility. I like to spend my own money in the way I think best, and not have a company do it for me.

Sincerely,



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