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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is one document for filing in Docket No. 000604-TL.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck

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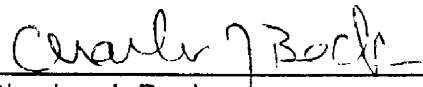
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Dear Mr. Shreve:

I am writing regarding the Public Service Commission's proposals for area code relief for the 941 area code.

The idea to divide our community into two, different area codes would significantly alter our sense of community. Charlotte County has made notable progress uniting all of our geographic areas. Splitting the area code would essentially split our community and basically undermine our efforts thus far in promoting "community spirit" in a County that is already divided by two rivers and a harbor.

Additionally, a change to the area code would infringe on Charlotte County's continued economic and tourist development efforts. It is an expensive and time-consuming task for government as well as businesses to make the necessary changes to their advertising materials, especially when materials are distributed worldwide.

With regard to the overlay relief plan, Charlotte County boasts the largest percentage of senior citizens in the nation; therefore, could not support an overlay. An area code change would be extremely confusing and difficult for our elder population.

Please keep in mind that just five years ago, Charlotte County's area code was changed from 813 to 941. We accepted the change and endured the consequences. A process we would not like to repeat with yet another area code.

Letter to Mr. Shreve
Dated June 25, 2001
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If an area code change is absolutely necessary, please divide Charlotte and Lee Counties where there is already an acceptable division of population which is also supported by county, regional and state-wide planning efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,



Adam Cummings, Chairman
Charlotte County Board of
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cc: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
The Honorable Jerry Paul, State Representative, District 71
Jan Winters, County Administrator
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