

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 28, 2018

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

As elected representatives of Americans from across the country who are deeply concerned about the health of the American telecommunications industry and the jobs of millions of American workers supported by said industry, we write to inquire, as a matter of public policy, about the impact of the so-called Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on your business plans and the workers you employ.

We understand that, in the course of recent contract negotiations, questions have been raised about the legislative intent of the so-called Tax Cut and Jobs Act, passed by Republican majorities and signed by President Trump late last year.

Specifically, we understand controversy has arisen as to whether that bill, though its tax reductions were focused on corporations and wealthy individuals, was intended to result in job growth, wage increases for workers and an end to offshoring.

Though we did not support that bill, we participated in the debate and were witness to the bill's proponents' stated objectives. It is our hope that the stated intentions of the law – to increase domestic investment and expand job growth – come to fruition.

For example, Mr. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, said, the bill would create 36,000 new jobs in Pennsylvania, and that the bill would encourage businesses to “stay home” or to “come home”, i.e. to not offshore jobs, or to bring back jobs that had previously been offshored.

Additionally, the website of Speaker Paul Ryan details some highlights of the impacts of the law, including that it “Prevents American jobs, headquarters, and research from moving overseas by eliminating incentives that now reward companies for shifting jobs, profits, and manufacturing plants abroad.

Further, in your November 8<sup>th</sup> press release, you stated that you would commit to investing an additional \$1 billion in the US should the bill in question be signed into law. You further stated that your analysis suggested that such investment would result in the creation of 7,000 additional jobs.

However, recent reports regarding contract negotiations suggest otherwise. As we consider future taxing and spending priorities for the United States, in our capacity as Members of Congress, we would ask that you update us on the status of your plans to invest in the United States, as well as other seen and unforeseen impacts the tax law has had on your business plans.

We respectfully request that you answer us no later than July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Thank you.



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Member of Congress



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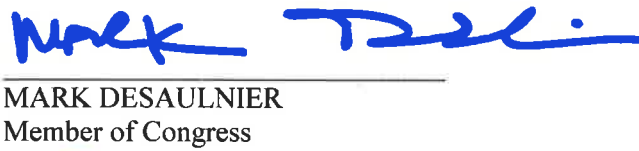
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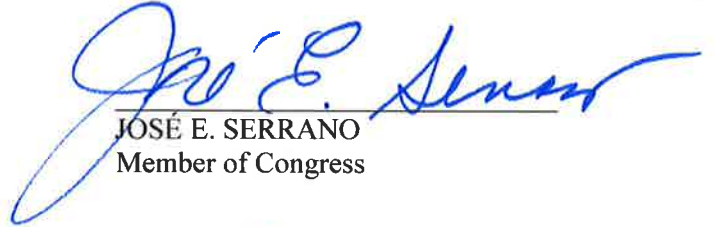
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