



The VON Coalition

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### **VoIP Leaders Praise Swift FCC Action to Stop VoIP Call Blocking**

The following statement can be attributed to Staci Pies, President of the VON Coalition.

“By responding so quickly to prevent the unlawful blocking of VoIP calls, the Federal Communications Commission has ensured that thousands of customers will be able to keep in touch. The VON Coalition applauds the FCC and its leadership to protect consumers and ensure the Internet remains an open and unfettered platform of ideas and innovation. We continue to believe that ensuring consumers can obtain and use the content, applications, and devices they choose is critical to unlocking the vast potential of the Internet.”

#### **About the VON Coalition:**

The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading VoIP companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over Internet. The coalition, which includes Acceris, AT&T, BMX, BT Americas, CallSmart, Convedia, Covad, Earthlink, IceNet, iBasis, Intel, Intrado, Level 3, MCI, Microsoft, MobilePro, PointOne, Pulver.com, Skype, Teleglobe, Texas Instruments, USA Datanet, VocalData, and Voiceglo, believes that Americans are fundamentally better off with a generally hands off regulatory approach to Internet and Internet based services like VoIP. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has consistently advocated that federal and state regulators maintain current policies of refraining from extending legacy regulations to Internet services, including VoIP. More information about the VON Coalition can be obtained at the following website:

<http://www.von.org>