



The VON Coalition

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## **VoIP Leaders Praise Elevation of Kevin Martin as FCC Chairman**

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

*"The VON Coalition applauds President Bush's decision to elevate Kevin Martin to head the Federal Communications Commission. At a time when Internet communications innovations are taking off, the FCC needs a visionary leader who can provide the steady hand to guide the industry into the future. Kevin Martin understands the importance of enabling competition and choices in the way people communicate, and has been a champion for ensuring that the American people can benefit from broadband applications. We look forward to working with Chairman Martin to help unleash the full promise and potential of VoIP."*

### **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>