



The VON Coalition

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VoIP Leaders Looking Forward to Working With FCC on Law Enforcement Issues
Group Warns That Extending Wiretaps Laws Beyond Congressional Intent Could Stall Technology Benefits

Background: Today the FCC made an initial decision to extend the Communications and Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) to an information service – VoIP. They are expected to act more specifically in the weeks ahead.

The following statement can be attributed to Staci Pies, Voice on the Net (VON) Coalition President.

"The VON Coalition, the voice for Internet voice innovation, believes that law enforcement must be able to investigate and prevent crime by using electronic surveillance and its members are fully committed to cooperating with law enforcement as necessary. We look forward to working with the FCC to craft rules that are legally sustainable, based on industry standards, and that don't inadvertently stifle innovation or delay consumer benefits, without a commensurate increase in security."

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, AccessLine, AT&T, BMX, BT Americas, CallSmart, Cisco, Convedia, Covad, EarthLink, iBasis, Intel, Intrado, Level 3, MCI, Microsoft, MobilePro, Multi-Link, New Global Telecom, PointOne, Pulver.com, Skype, Switch Business Solutions, T-Mobile USA, USA Datanet, and VocalData, works to advance regulatory policies that enable Americans to take advantage of the full promise and potential of VoIP. The Coalition believes that with the right public policies, Internet based voice advances can make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, jobs more plentiful, the Internet more valuable, and Americans more safe and secure. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has promoted pragmatic policy choices for unleashing VoIP's potential. More information about the VON Coalition can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.von.org>