



March 6, 2012

Senator Alex Padilla, Chair  
Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications  
State Capitol Room 4038  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: SB 1161

Dear Senator Padilla:

The Voice on the Net (VON) Coalition<sup>1</sup>, which represents the nation's leading companies developing and delivering voice innovations over the Internet, writes to express its support for SB 1161. In particular, we appreciate your proposal that legislative action be required before there can be regulation of Internet Protocol-enabled services by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions. And thank you and your staff for your leadership and work on this critical policy issue.

Sincerely,

The VON Coalition

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<sup>1</sup>The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading VoIP companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over the Internet. The coalition, which includes AT&T, Broadvox, BT, Cloud Communications Alliance, Google, iBasis, Microsoft, Nextiva, Skype, Vonage and Yahoo!, 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. <http://www.von.org>