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State Representative
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Mr. Lewis R. Mills, Jr
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Mr. Mills:

From my home in Kimberling City, I look out my window and see at least four different exchanges that are long distance for me to call. Something needs to be done!

I write today in support of CenturyTel's plan that addresses my area's expanded calling plan issues. My request is that the Missouri Public Service Commission also will support this plan and continue to expand it in the future.

For as long as most folks can remember, long distance calling has been a Branson-area issue. The plan before you now is the first significant progress we've seen and we are most thankful and supportive. Having long heard the respective issues and limitations, I feel this is a very reasonable compromise.

It provides the communities surrounding Branson with calling into their respective areas of interest, it does so at affordable rates and it still shares CenturyTel's annual rate reduction statewide.

The plan addresses the following exchanges:

- Rockaway Beach to Branson and Forsyth
- Forsyth to Rockaway Beach
- Kimberling City to Reeds Spring
- Reeds Spring to Kimberling City

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We applaud the OPC, the PSC staff, CenturyTel and our local officials for their dedication to resolving this issue. This plan provides a solution that will assist our citizens financially and help with economic development growth throughout the area.

So, with all the plan's outlined advantages, please approve this expanded calling plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Wood".

Representative Dennis Wood
District 62

P.S. Branson is the center of Commerce in the lakes region and thus we ask you –Kimberling City to Branson and Branson to Kimberling City.