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**FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS THE** Telecommunication Act of 1996 was designed to create competition in the telecommunications industry, and

**WHEREAS** competition is generally recognized as beneficial for consumers, and

**WHEREAS** CLUB 20 understands there are markets that, due to distance, density and terrain factors, may not lend themselves to the development of full competition in western Colorado, and

**WHEREAS** Advanced telecommunications are vitally important to the present and future economy of the Western Slope, particularly in terms of economic development, health care, education, and government services; and

**WHEREAS** the current regulatory climate erodes the financial base needed by telecommunications providers and adversely impacts the availability and access of advanced telecommunications in remote, rural areas of western Colorado,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports federal legislation which would create and promote investment in rural areas of western Colorado and improve the delivery and cost of rural health care services, enhance educational opportunities, and encourage economic development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Colorado congressional delegation is urged to introduce, lead and support adoption of such legislation and regulatory policies.

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