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Mr. Ricky Corker Executive Vice President Nokia of America Corporation 777 East Middlefield Road Mountainview, CA 94043-4023

Dear Mr. Corker,

We are writing to you in response to concerns we have heard from constituents regarding your company and its obligation to several Nebraska retirees. We urge you to continue to offer health and life insurance to the hundreds of former employees who worked in the now-closed telecommunications manufacturing facility in Omaha (which over time was owned by Western Electric, AT&T, and Lucent). We are concerned these Nebraskans, most of whom are elderly and retired for many years, may lose these benefits that they depend on for their health care needs through no fault of their own. While we are aware that negotiations are ongoing, we simply ask that you help ensure they continue to receive the health and life insurance provided in their pension agreements negotiated with the company you now own.

It is our understanding that the pension continues to be fully funded without any additional contributions from Nokia. As the success of your company and its technologies allows you to expand, our constituents expect you to honor the work of the former employees who contributed to that success. We hope that corporate restructuring will not detrimentally impact these longstanding commitments.

We are optimistic that an agreement can be reached that continues the benefits around which our constituents have carefully planned their lives. Please keep us apprised of any updates or changes that may affect their benefits and their peace of mind.

Sincerely,

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