

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

Paul H. Sunu
Chief Executive Officer
FairPoint Communications
521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Mr. Sunu;


FairPoint recently announced that you will lay off 10 percent of your workforce in Northern New England. We write to express our concern for your employees and their families and the impact on New Hampshire's telecommunications infrastructure.

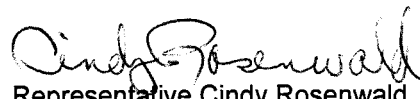
We understand that with the acquisition of FairPoint by Consolidated Communications, FairPoint executives will receive a generous profit of around \$1.5 billion. We are hopeful that you will consider the hardworking employees of FairPoint and the regional economy and reevaluate your decision to proceed with those layoffs.

We are also concerned about the quality and access to services in Northern New England and expect that if the acquisition goes through that there will be improved services for your customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue.

On behalf of ourselves and the New Hampshire House Democratic Caucus, we are sincerely,


Representative Stephen Shurtleff
House Democratic Leader


Representative Cindy Rosenwald
Deputy Democratic Leader