

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

We are writing to express our serious concerns regarding recent federal government procurement decisions. The federal government spends billions of dollars annually on procurement. Taxpayers are entitled to expect the U.S. government to adopt a procurement policy that rewards honesty, integrity, and reliability, and punishes companies that violate the public trust.

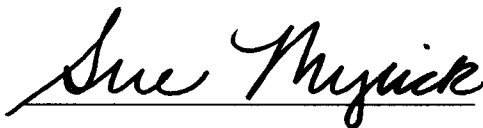
Recent press reports have indicated that MCI, formerly Worldcom, has received or will receive several multi-million dollar federal contracts. We find the awarding of contracts to MCI shocking. MCI, when it operated under the Worldcom name, conducted the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history. We do not understand how any executive branch agency could award a contract to a company that has engaged in improper behavior on such a large scale.

Government contracts should not be awarded to companies that defraud investors and violate laws. Indeed, federal acquisition regulations require that a prospective federal contractor have "a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics." On what basis did the Administration determine that MCI Worldcom met this standard? Please provide us with an explicit explanation on how the administration reached this determination.

We urge you to require all federal agencies to reevaluate any contracts awarded to MCI/Worldcom after the Securities and Exchange Commission began its investigation into allegations of fraud, and to prohibit MCI/Worldcom from receiving any federal contracts until such time as MCI/Worldcom has taken the necessary steps (including full compliance with any applicable court orders or judgments) to redress the fraudulent actions taken by the company and ensure that no similar incidents occur in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,





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