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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, N.W., TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Inmarsat Ventures Limited  
FCC File No. SAT-MS-20040210-00027

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Deere & Company, enclosed is a copy of a letter dated June 16, 2004 from Congressman John M. Shimkus to Chairman Michael K. Powell. The letter "urge[s] the Commission to use the discretion granted to it in the [ORBIT] Act to make a determination that Inmarsat has completed its compliance with ORBIT." The purpose of this communication is to formally submit into the record of the above-reference proceeding a copy of Congressman Shimkus's letter.

Sincerely,



Eliot J. Greenwald

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June 16, 2004

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

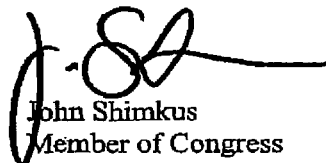
I refer to the pending request from Inmarsat Ventures Limited for a determination by the Commission that Inmarsat has satisfied the remaining requirements of the ORBIT Act.

As the lead sponsor of legislation that extended the deadline to meet the requirements of the Orbit Act, I am convinced that Inmarsat has satisfied all of the policy objectives of the Act. It has diluted the ownership interests of former Signatories by 57% and is now subject to transparent and effective securities regulation. I see no public policy benefits that would be served by requiring Inmarsat to do anything more. On the contrary, until this matter is finally resolved, customers will have to deal with considerable uncertainty about the continued availability of Inmarsat's existing services and the availability of the new broadband services that Inmarsat is planning to deploy here next year. I am particularly concerned about our military forces, which have told us that this uncertainty jeopardizes their plans to rely on Inmarsat's broadband services.

I urge the Commission to use the discretion granted to it in the Act to make a determination that Inmarsat has completed its compliance with ORBIT. This result would also make it unnecessary for the Congress to devote scarce legislative resources to deal further with this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

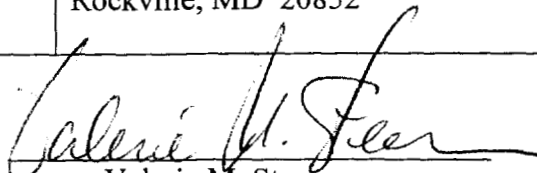
Sincerely,

  
John Shimkus  
Member of Congress

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I, Valerie M. Steen, a secretary with the law firm of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, hereby certify that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, I served a true copy of the foregoing letter by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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