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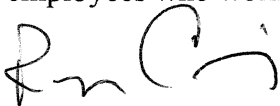
(Recently Verizon CEO Ivan Seidenberg was interviewed by the New York Times. This letter is in response to Ivan's comments.)

Verizon CEO, Ivan Seidenberg, glibly stated he doesn't care about landlines anymore. Obviously his apathy extends to his customers who depend on landline service, a large number of whom live in rural areas.

This is painfully obvious to customers involved in the Verizon "sell-offs." The companies that bought Verizon landline operations are either in bankruptcy or on the brink of it. With failed companies in its wake, Verizon now proposes its largest sell-off attempt to date – selling operations in 14 states to the much smaller Frontier Communications.

These deals fill Verizon coffers with billions in tax-free profits thanks to the Reverse Morris Trust – a tax loophole conjured by Wall Street wizards.

Corporate greed has cost the American economy dearly, but it still appears to motivate Verizon Ivan's corporate philosophy of profiting by abandoning customers and employees who work hard but don't earn anywhere near his \$24 million salary.



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