

**Sample Verizon-Frontier Letter from
CWA West Virginia Workers Who
Work for Verizon or Frontier**

Instructions: This letter is a sample. Please write a letter using your own words drawing on your own experiences. Follow the outline below to make sure the key points get made. Try to write a version based on your own words.

For Senator:	or	For Member of House of Representatives:
The Honorable _____		The Honorable _____
United States Senate		U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510		Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sen. (or Rep.) XXXX:

(Introduction. Try to use your own words. This is just a sample.)

I live in [name of your town] and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. (Say if you work for Verizon or Frontier and what your job is if you want). I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

(Middle Paragraphs – Briefly describe why this deal is bad for you and West Virginia – please cover the main points in your own words: loss of jobs, possible reduction in company’s investment in high speed fiber. FOR EXAMPLE:

If you are a worker at Verizon and/or Frontier you can write something along the lines of the following; do NOT say anything that would arguably attack the quality of the goods or services provided by your employer:

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

(Concluding Paragraphs – the Ask; it is OK to use these words.)

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

(Closing. Try to use your own words. This is just a sample.)

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

(Signature and address. – Sign your name clearly. Also print your name underneath clearly. Make sure to include your full address and your email address so that they can respond to you.)

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Clearly

Your Name

Your street address, city, state and zip code

Your email address