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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my desire that the exhaustion of the 717 area code be alleviated by a geographic split of the area code and not with an overlay. An overlay requires 10-digit dialing which should only be a last resort. The 570 area code was split off of 717 in 1998 with little difficulty. Even if our area were the area moved to a new area code, I would happily switch area codes in order to keep a single area code for our immediate geographic region. Please split the 717 area code geographically, and do not use an overlay.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

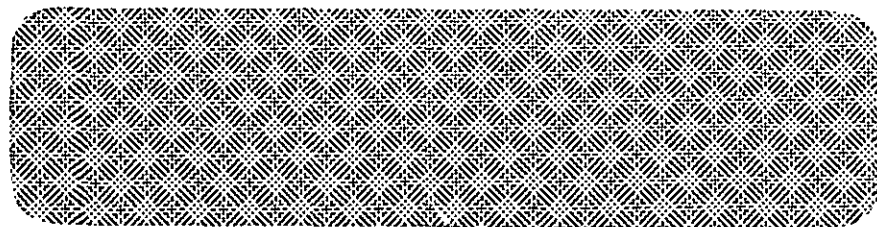
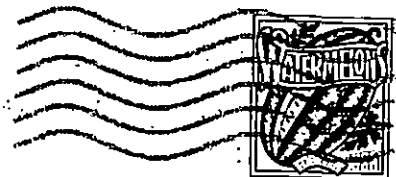
Sincerely,



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