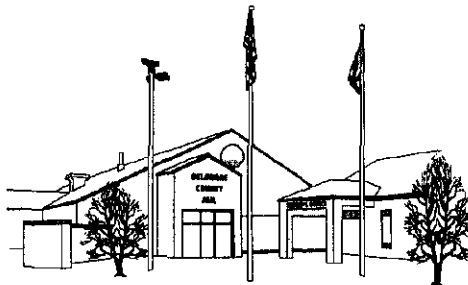


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April 4, 2000

Alan R. Schriber, chair
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 93-1799-TP-COI

Dear Dr. Schriber,

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I am writing in support of the petition filed by the 211 Ohio Collaborative, asking the PUCO to designate "211" as the three-digit access number for non-emergency community services referrals throughout Ohio.

Thousands of Ohioans are deprived of the community services available to them often due to not knowing where to turn. The designating of 211 as a universal access number for community service referrals could end their frustration and confusion and ensure that Ohioans get the help they need as soon as possible. Additionally the 211 number may help reduce the number of inappropriate 911 calls and with increased public awareness, the number itself could become an outreach tool that would help community service agencies to reach more families in need.

The movement to make 211 the universal number for access to community services is growing in many other states and the issue is being pursued at the national level. Therefore, designating 211 as a statewide community services referral number makes sense and makes Ohio a leader in serving our communities. I urge PUCO to grant this petition. Thank you for your consideration with this important matter.

Sincerely,

Al Myers
Al Myers, Sheriff