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Subject: Please support the NII Band Petition

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To whom it may concern:

Please support the NII band petition, with emphasis on community based networks, not just indoor systems.

As an educator and Internet user, I am concerned about the cost of access for my students. The Internet is an important tool for my students for research and self-directed learning. But it is also difficult for them to access because of the cost of wiring up the computers in our school.

If we had inexpensive wireless systems available to us, all of our computers could be on the Internet, giving many of our classrooms access to a nearly endless information source. And if the range of our wireless systems could extend beyond 40 KM then we could offer Internet and information services to the students' home computers.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my comments.

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I think that the idea of setting up wireless bandwidth and not selling it to companies but giving it to the public is an EXCELLENT Idea. It will make it cost effective for schools, small businesses, and other public service organizations to transmit information and hook people up to the internet.

Realizing that doing this will force the government to give up billions of dollars but then why not do it when you look at the fact that those monetary funds collected will probably go for individual consumption and we have a chance of giving this to the people for national infrastructure.

Thanks,

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Dear FCC,

Thank you for your favorable consideration of the indoor uses of the proposed NEE Band. The medium range outdoor use is however far more important in the long run. If the goal of universal access including GII is ever to be reached, some new technology will be needed. Spread spectrum communication among the local servers of rural community networks is one of the most promising candidate technologies to satisfy this need.

The reality is that it is very unlikely that there will be local call access to advanced telecommunications from rural areas without some breakthrough.

Here on the south coast of Oregon, we are better off than many similarly rural areas because GTE is test marketing Frame Relay here. It has allowed us to build SCAN, the South Coast Area Network as a consortium of school districts. But even with Frame Relay being available, about 20% of the telephone exchanges will not have local call access.

Thank you for your consideration of this need.

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