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October 3, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Realtors from across the country increasingly use the Internet to conduct business. Realtors rely on streaming video, voice over Internet protocol, and mobile applications to serve their clients, and in the future realtors will use new services, such as virtual reality and telepresence. These services and applications require an open Internet that is unencumbered by discrimination by Internet service providers.

In July 2014 many state and local associations of realtors unsuccessfully attempted to file comments in the above-referenced proceeding. The Federal Communications Commission should adopt strong open Internet rules that protect against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization. Comments by the Alabama Association of Realtors, Alaska Association of Realtors, Arkansas Realtors Association, Connecticut Realtors, Delaware Association of Realtors, Florida Realtors, Georgia Association of Realtors, Hawai'i Association of Realtors, Idaho Association of Realtors, Illinois Association of Realtors, Kansas Association of Realtors, Maine Association of Realtors, Massachusetts Association of Realtors, Mississippi Association of Realtors, Montana Association of Realtors, New Hampshire Association of Realtors, New Jersey Realtors, New York State Association of Realtors, North Carolina Association of Realtors, North Dakota Association of Realtors, Ohio Association of Realtors, Oklahoma Association of Realtors, Realtors Association of New Mexico, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Rhode Island Association of Realtors, South Carolina Association of Realtors, Utah Association of Realtors, Vermont Association of Realtors, Washington Association of Realtors, Wisconsin Realtors Association, Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors, Atlanta Board of Realtors, Billings Association of Realtors, Bucks County Association of Realtors, Commercial Alliance of Realtors, Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors, Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors, Greensboro Regional Realtors Association, High Point Regional Association of Realtors, Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors, Long Island Board of Realtors, Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, MetroTex Association of Realtors, Miami Association of Realtors, Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors, North Shore – Barrington Association of Realtors, Realtors Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, Phoenix Association of Realtors, Pocono Mountains Association of Realtors, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, Richmond



Association of Realtors, Seattle King County Association of Realtors, Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors, St. Paul Area Association of Realtors, Suburban Realtors Alliance, and the Suburban West Realtors Association are attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Brown  
2014 President, National Association of REALTORS®



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Respectfully Submitted,

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President  
Alaska Association of Realtors

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014



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COMMENTS OF PHOENIX ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

**I. Introduction**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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2014 President  
Phoenix Association of REALTORS®

July 1, 2014

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**COMMENTS OF ATLANTA BOARD OF REALTORS**

**I. Introduction**

The Atlanta Board of REALTORS appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FCC’s Open Internet proceeding. We understand that increasingly, our members’ businesses are conducted on the Internet. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members’ businesses today. In the future, new technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, among others will be available that will no doubt require open internet access unencumbered by technical or financial discrimination.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Emerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Todd Emerson

President  
Atlanta Board of Realtors

July 9, 2014



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COMMENTS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Cathy Smith

President  
Southwestern Michigan Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

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COMMENTS OF ST. PAUL AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

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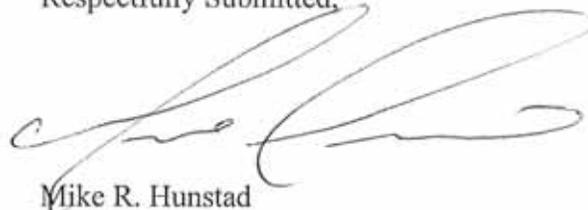
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike R. Hunstad  
President  
St. Paul Area Association of Realtors

Date: 7-9-14

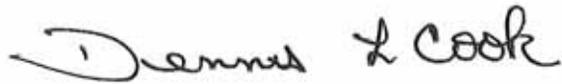


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Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis L. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "C".

Dennis L. Cook

President  
Montana Association of REALTORS®

Date: July 7, 2014



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**COMMENTS OF GREENSBORO REGIONAL REALTORS®  
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The Greensboro Regional REALTORS® Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FCC's Open Internet proceeding. We understand that increasingly, our members' businesses are conducted on the Internet. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members' businesses today. In the future, new technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, among others will be available that will no doubt require open internet access unencumbered by technical or financial discrimination.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Marian Stafford  
President  
Greensboro Regional Realtors® Association

Wednesday, July 9, 2014



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mark Lindsay  
President  
High Point Regional Association of REALTORS®

Wednesday, July 9, 2014



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Hall, President  
Ohio Association of REALTORS

Date: July 9, 2014



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorian Barnhart  
2014 President  
Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors®

July 9, 2014

Christopher Beadling  
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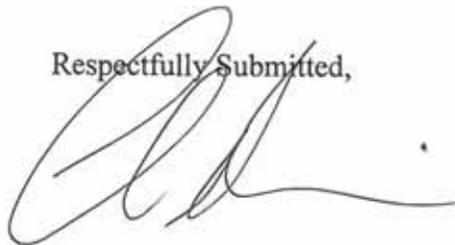
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher Beadling  
President  
Bucks County Association of Realtors

Date: July 9, 2014



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Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Jaqua, President  
 Greater Kalamazoo Association of REALTORS

July 10, 2014



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberly Lucas-Mantz  
President  
Lehigh Valley Association of REALTORS®

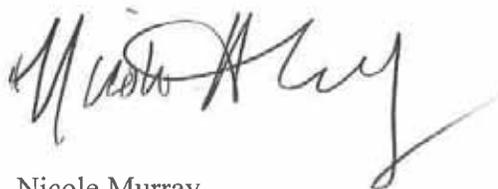
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole Murray  
President  
Pocono Mountains Association of REALTORS®

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Rob Harman*

President  
Delaware Association of REALTORS®

Date