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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Commissioner Dortch,

RE: Docket # 07-16

It is clear that over the last several years the internet has delivered many educational benefits to children and parents across our country. But it's also clear that these benefits are not shared equally. Free broadband internet is an idea whose time has come -- it is a way that we can provide access to ideas, knowledge, and skills to everyone, especially to those that need it the most.

I am writing to urge your support of a national free broadband system. A free broadband system such as the one proposed will provide all Americans with a means of access to educational material and helping people to further their careers. We know that only 41% of students from household that make less than \$20,000 a year use the internet, while 79 percent of college students used the Internet in their studies in 2005. The next generation of children must have universal access so the U.S. can compete in the world.

There is a tremendous amount of opportunity and energy in America that can be unleashed by this technology. It is time that we made it available to everyone.

Sincerely,

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