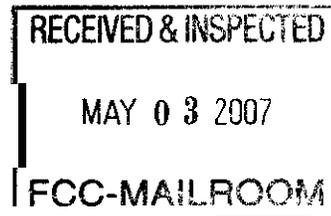




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Re: Support Free Broadband for All. Docket no.7-16

Dear Mrs. Secretary,

It has come to the attention of the Florida Civil Rights Association that there is an opportunity to provide free wireless internet service to the American public. My organization strongly urges the commission to approve this proposal as the current system of providing internet access discriminates against low income residents and certain neighborhoods that have not been serviced by the DSL and cable companies.

Disproportionately, Black and Hispanic students lack access to the internet. In fact, only **44%** of Hispanics and **47%** of Blacks have internet access compared to **59%** of other children. This leaves our minority students at a great disadvantage. The digital divide should be bridged so that all Americans have access to the learning benefits, communications capabilities, job resources, and financial tools, to name a few, that the internet offers.

Increasingly, the internet has become the main source of news and research for much of the country. Online activists have been able to organize to improve unjust policies in this country and citizens have become more engaged in the democratic process by learning about politics, current events and their elected officials. We should encourage the spread of this technology so that not only the middle and upper income tiers can afford it, but lower income families as well.

The Internet has become an integral part of American life and will only become more important in the future. We rely on Internet access to learn, work, play and communicate on issues of importance in our communities. That is why all Americans - regardless of income, education or location - should have access to Internet service that's fast, free and family-friendly.

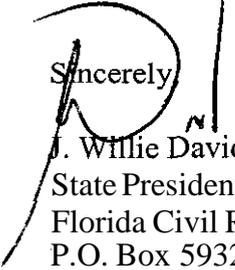
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Please approve docket no. 7-16 and do what is best for America.

Sincerely,



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