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Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioners Michael Copps  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Commissioner Robert McDowell

Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

We are writing on behalf of OASIS, a national nonprofit educational organization designed to enhance the quality of life for mature adults. Founded in 1982, OASIS has grown into one of the largest, most comprehensive educational and volunteer service program for mature adults in the United States. It serves more than 350,000 adults in 25 cities. Our success depends upon reliable, affordable, and accessible hi-speed Internet capacity. With this in mind, we ask you to consider our views on the matter before you on this subject of inquiry by the Commission.

For our organization, the Internet is working well and we are able to communicate quickly and without difficulty. The broadband market is competitive, with over 50% of U.S. zip codes seeing at least 3 possible providers. As well, the continued development on the web has spawned new applications such as VOIP technology, downloaded music, video, and of critical importance to older adults, telemedicine advances.

We ask policymakers and the Commission to continue to allow for innovation and efficiency on the Internet, and not impose needless network regulations that could stifle investment. We understand the current demands on the Internet, and we certainly concur that traffic on the web is growing at an exponential rate. However, we are excited to see the next generation of the Internet as it is being built to handle these new demands, and we look forward to continuing to introduce technology into the daily lives of our members. Policymakers should consider strategies that promote investment in smart networks that take advantage of technology to carry growing Internet traffic. New rules or regulation at this time could limit the construction of a better Internet.

Paramount to OASIS' mission is keeping Internet access open and affordable. Pursuant to these goals, we urge you to avoid unnecessary Internet regulation that could raise

consumer costs, disrupt the investment occurring on the Internet backbone today, and limit efficiency.

We thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Kerz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'M' and 'K'.

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