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Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

The League of United Latin American Citizens is pleased that the FCC is investigating this issue of broadband development through a Notice of Inquiry. The equitable deployment of broadband technology must be a priority in this country, as all Americans deserve access to universal and affordable Internet. Internet service providers are in the process of developing technology to maximize the speed and capacity of the system, and public policy should work to support that beneficial trend. Investment in network expansion can ensure that more Americans are able to enjoy the benefits of Internet innovation.

As the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States, LULAC works to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civic rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs. Without question, every aspect of our efforts has been bolstered by the Internet. An estimated 16 million Latinos now use this technology, but an equal number have not yet ventured on line. While large numbers of Latinos have enjoyed increased economic, educational, and political opportunity with the click of a mouse, for a variety of reasons, others have not yet experienced the benefits of the Internet. Bringing the Internet to these Americans is a high priority for our organization and should be an equally important goal for our nation.

Investment to build additional network infrastructure, enhance speed and deliver a robust broadband experience is part of the answer. We, therefore, urge policymakers to seek ways to encourage additional private sector investment in the networks that make up the Internet. Similarly, we urge policymakers to cast a skeptical eye on proposed net regulations that could reduce the incentive to invest and, thereby, limit innovation and deployment to underserved communities.

We thank the FCC for taking a considered, fact-based approach to this issue and for allowing LULAC to offer this perspective.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
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