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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) is a national organization representing the interests of approximately 1.7 million Latino trade unionists throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. LCLAA members engage in different creative programs that promote political empowerment, community building, leadership development and economic development of Latino workers and their families. LCLAA works in coalition with other leading Hispanic organizations to maximize support for economic and social policies that are essential to advancing the interests of Hispanics. LCLAA also works with these organizations to combat legislation that poses a threat to the Latino community.

With this in mind, the FCC's Notice of Inquiry on broadband communications is of particular interest to our organization. We rely on the Internet to spread messages to our constituents and to connect them with resources in their communities to enrich their own lives through the great benefits new technologies can offer. It is essential for the Latino community to have equal access to current technology in order to advance their economic and social interests in the U.S.

The best way for us to achieve this goal is to foster an entrepreneurial environment that will spur the rapid deployment of new broadband technology. As you know, many of today's broadband providers are investing capital to increase broadband deployment and wireless capabilities, and while this pleases our organization, we'd like to see ever greater resources committed to this critical task. Additional regulation of these providers, as advocated by supporters of "net neutrality," would actually inhibit their efforts, and thus slow the progress we so desperately would like to witness on behalf of our members and the Latino community. Net neutrality laws will take away the incentives these providers have to invest, and will leave Latinos specifically, and Americans overall with less access and reliability to the technology we are accustomed to today.

We applaud the FCC's Notice of Inquiry on this issue and ask for your support in the extension of broadband deployment and further development of Internet capabilities. Latino Americans deserve access to affordable and reliable Internet service.

Sincerely,



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