



May 24, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Item #07-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

With our nation is becoming increasingly dependent on reliable high quality broadband Internet service, it is important that we work to make sure that easy and affordable Internet access is available to all in our nation. This is especially important in the education of our children.

At present, the Department of Education indicates that only 59 percent of children now have access to the Internet. They also indicate that only 44 percent of Hispanic children, 47 percent of African American children and only 41 percent of children in households with incomes of less than \$20,000 use the Internet. This shows a growing divide in our country between those who can and those who cannot easily access the Internet.

As an association of teachers and school employees in Dallas, we support providing greater access to the Internet in the education of our children. We hope the FCC will continue to review and monitor ways to make the Internet more accessible to children and American families.

One proposal now before the FCC by M2Z Networks would establish a free nationwide Internet access capability. We hope the FCC will review this proposal, as well as others, that will improve the ability for children – as well as teachers – to access the Internet in an easy and affordable manner.

Providing equal education opportunities for our children is a priority for our Alliance. With the creation of a fast and affordable internet connection nationwide we can start the process of assuring that all children and families have equal access to the Internet and greater learning opportunities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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