



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:

It is my understanding a proposal that would create a universal wireless internet access capability throughout the country is now before the Federal Communications Commission.

As the president of the Asian American Forum in North Texas, I have worked to promote education, political and economic opportunities for Asian Americans and their families. I hope the FCC will give serious consideration to how we can provide easier and more affordable access to the Internet for all Americans. We are far behind other countries in making access to the Internet easier.

This has implications for us as a nation. With only 41 percent of students from households that make less than \$20,000 using the Internet we are seeing an increasing digital divide in this country between those with access and those without access to the Internet. This impacts our educational system. And, although small businesses make up 99 percent of all businesses in the United States, only 5.4 million small and SOHO business have broadband connections impacting their ability to compete in a worldwide economy.

The proposal now before the FCC that would enhance access to Internet, from M2Z Networks, deserves consideration by the FCC. Much like the television networks were granted bandwidth to establish a national television network, granting bandwidth for a national Internet connection capability is an idea worth exploring. I hope you give this proposal your serious consideration along with other proposals that will make the Internet more accessible to all across our country.

Sincerely,

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President, North Texas Asian American Forum

CC: FCC Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell
United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson
United States Senator John Cornyn
United States Representative Joe Barton