

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

"IN THE IDEALS OF WOMEN IS THE STRENGTH OF A NATION"

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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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RE: Docket Item 07 - 16

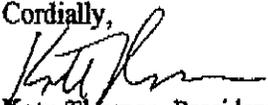
Dear Madam Secretary:

The Polish Women's Alliance of America is holding its national quadrennial convention in Cleveland this August. Planning for the conference has been on-going for nearly a year and we will be bringing hundreds of Polish-American women to the Cleveland area to celebrate our history and heritage. As the President of Group 49 and part of the organization's committee planning the conference, I had hoped to utilize the advantages of the Internet while scheduling and coordinating the conference. Little did I realize the fears and frustrations of many people who do not have regular access to the Internet and who choose not to use the computer because of impediments such as cost and security concerns.

Recently I became aware of the proposal by M2Z Networks to offer free, broadband Internet access across the board. Anything free attracts a lot of attention. The television and the radio are both free, why not the Internet? While it appears using the computer is a common practice, in fact, America ranks behind Estonia in broadband penetration, ranking the U.S. 21st in the world. It is my belief that if free Internet had been available, my job coordinating and planning, finding sponsors and advertisers, and attracting vendors to the conference would have been much easier. Our conference will be a success regardless, but it seems to me a missed opportunity that could be rectified for the future.

I encourage your support of Docket Item 07 - 16.

Cordially,


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