

July 12, 2007

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

RE: Docket No. 07-16

Dear Mrs. Secretary,

Nearly a quarter of South Dakota's population is under the age of eighteen. Given that such a large percentage of the population is school-age, I feel that it is profoundly important to ensure that they receive the best education possible. Increased access to the internet would ensure that all of South Dakota's children receive a high-quality education. Our children hold our future in their hands; we must ensure that they are as well-equipped as possible for such a big responsibility.

I believe you are reviewing docket no. 07-16, which outlines a plan for a nationwide seamless wireless network that would provide broadband internet access to nearly all of America. I think this is an idea worth more than mere consideration. I am a supporter of education, and I see equal access to the vast resources the internet has to offer as being the only way that our children can possibly reach their full potential. Never before has information been as readily available as it is today; if the information is at our fingertips, why not use it?

Please approve docket no. 07-16 for fast, free, family-friendly internet access.

Sincerely,



Craig Markhardt  
President  
South Dakota Association of Mortgage Brokers

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin  
FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell  
Fred Campbell, Chief, Wireless Bureau  
Senator Tim Johnson  
Senator John Thune