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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 07-16

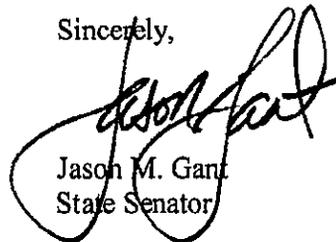
Dear Mrs. Secretary,

I own my own business, Gant Group, Inc., and I realize the difficulties that face many American citizens today. Access to the Internet, especially business grade, is costly and many can't afford it. As a result, only 35% of small businesses have websites. This means that many small business owners are missing out on the valuable opportunities accessible through online marketing, which increases visibility and, in some cases, can more than double the profits a company turns.

This is not only good for the business owner, but for the local economy as well; if we assume a basic economic model that the money earned will then be reinvested, and so on. Ultimately, greater access to the Internet can jump start economies, but we need to make sure that everyone has access to it.

M2Z Networks, a company founded by a former FCC Chairman, has proposed to offer free wireless broadband Internet to nearly everyone in the country for as little as the cost of a modem. Their proposal, docket no. 07-16, which outlines the plan, should be under review by your commission at this time. I ask that you approve the proposal to offer free, high speed Internet to all Americans.

Sincerely,



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State Senator

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