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

RE: Broadband Internet Usage Rates and Costs

Mrs. Secretary:

You recently received a proposal for free, family friendly broadband internet. This proposal, submitted by M2Z Networks, has many benefits. Teachers would be able to utilize cutting edge technology in their classrooms. Businesses would be able to manipulate the highly successful world of online marketing. Small towns would have high speed access to launch an e-commerce website to help the constituents play a more active role in the daily ins and outs of municipalities. Not to mention, America would finally be catching up to our industrialized counterparts throughout the world.

Astonishingly, America has a relatively low broadband internet usage rate. This is probably positively correlated to the United States having some of the highest costs per megabyte per minute for high speed internet, in the world. We are severely lagging behind our global neighbors and we need to catch up, before we fall too far back. Docket number 7-16 would provide for an improved level of broadband penetration and help us climb the ladder to the top of the technological world where we belong.

Suppressing a motion like this would only hinder the United States and prevent us from taking that place at the top. I support greater broadband penetration for all of the above mentioned reasons and many more. Please don't let docket number 7-16 get swept under the rug.

Sincerely,



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Economic Development Director  
City of Canton

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin  
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Senator Tim Johnson  
Senator John Thune