

December 14, 2007

Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Free Wireless Internet Access for America

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My name is Chris Pigott. I am a resident of Jackson, Mississippi, and a Senior at Murrah High School.

Launching a community effort to bridge the digital divide in the Capital City of the Nation's poorest state was one of the most important issues that I wanted to tackle when I became President of the Mayor's Youth Council in my hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. I wanted to give every person of every age, race, and financial situation in Jackson the opportunity to have access to the Internet. In order to do this, I researched the practicality of citywide free-wifi Internet access. City Hall representatives looked into my idea, but determined that the assumed cost of the proposal was not within their budget.

Eighteen months later, an innovative company based in Silicon Valley, called M2Z Networks, learned of the City's interest and offered to bring wireless Internet access to the entire population of Jackson. M2Z offered to do this free of charge to the people of Jackson. In fact, Jackson would gain financially, because M2Z would have to pay the City in order to use its 28 towers to broadcast the signal.

This opportunity for the city of Jackson was one that I could not watch pass by. So, in order to fight for approval and to show that free-wifi was in the interest of the people of Jackson, I created a non-profit corporation and website, called "freewifijackson.com." Through this, I have communicated with Senators and Congressmen in order to encourage them to support this wonderful opportunity.

To date, my organization has gathered the support of over a thousand Jackson citizens and has spread awareness of this wonderful opportunity throughout my community.

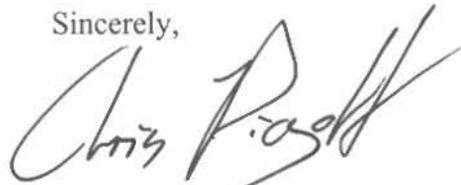
When I look at this proposal, I don't see it as giving a free service that would otherwise cost individuals a certain amount of money. Instead, I see this as offering a service to many individuals, in a community like ours, who would otherwise not have the means of affording these services, at all.

I attend an inner-city public school in which many students do not have access to the Internet. Because of this, there are certain educational limitations that they cannot overcome because of their family's financial situation. Teachers have to modify their lesson plans to accommodate the resources that are available to their students. For instance, when a teacher gives a research assignment, he or she has to make sure that that assignment can be completed without using the Internet. This is not acceptable.

The Internet is becoming more and more of a necessity; both an educational necessity and a communicational necessity. As I fill out college applications this year, I can't imagine this process without the availability of the Internet. I receive information regarding deadlines, SAT/ACT testing, admission requirements, student services, etc. using the Internet on a daily basis. Students without access to the Internet are at an enormous disadvantage when it comes to college admissions. This also is not acceptable.

These are just a few situations that I had encountered recently. Thankfully, my own family can afford these services. But not all are as fortunate as I am. There are still millions of individuals who are without the Internet. This is not the only disadvantage these people suffer from. But a free broadband service will help to catalyze an effort to bridge the gap between the privileged and the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pigott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Chris Pigott

“Free Wifi Jackson” Petition Signers and Facebook Group Members

The following is a list of some of the names of people who have expressed their support for free wireless Internet access through my organization. Many of these names were retrieved through the social networking website Facebook. Ironically, this technology only lets me see a limited number of signers. I actually have over a thousand signers on my petition, but because I cannot access all of the names of the signers, I cannot add them to the list.

Lihan Sun of San Francisco	Curtis Drake
Leo Stevens of Jackson	Asmarel Chase
Josh Henry of Jackson	Davina Thompson of Jackson
Sarah Williams of Madison	Lauralee Beardain
DJ Arrington of Jackson	Brittany Bell
Stephen Yates of Jackson	Jay Hudson
Josh Hailey of Jackson	Melvin Cooley of Jackson
Jay Taylor	Alexandria Smith
Olivia Lightsey of Jackson	Alexandria Wright
Josh Hagar of Jackson	Ashlee Brown
Kyle Hilton	Kayata Berry
Ellison Beezley	James Nimox
Brandon Brim	Andrew Lavine
William Lamey of Jackson	Michael Williams of Jackson
Amelia Willis of Jackson	Anthony Darby
Lindsay Dallriva of Jackson	Olivia Hubbard
MarySue Strong of Jackson	Terrence Thompson
Bradford Dorman	Angie Drake of Jackson
Walter Harris	Justin Goodwin
TJ Gipson	Alex Calhoon of Jackson
Sarah Parker of Madison	Bria Walker
Amanda Burt	Brittany Richards
Amelia Neal of Jackson	Brittany Hart
Christian Spires of Jackson	Beth Schepke of Salem, OR
Andrew Wise of Jackson	Jenny Aycock
Toneille Staples of Jackson	David Brewer
Sam Slaughter of Jackson	Faith White
Cadessia Nutall	Jamal Shelby
China Lee of Jackson	Chas Walker of Jackson
Robert Young	Amber Finley
Jermaine McClinton of Jackson	Richard Morris
Brock Johnson of Jackson	Andrew Welch
Amber Jones	Jay Washington
Christina Spann of Madison	Earnest Hinds
Olivia Williams	Olivia Hubbard
Amber Kelly	Charlynda Seales
Ivy Red of Jackson	Bryan Anderson

Patrick Buckner of Jackson
Chad Smith
Vanity Brown
Jackson Donald
Ben Lugo
Andrea Morgan of Jackson
Clayton Walters
Carlie Sartin
Shannell Shelby of Jackson
Ben Conway
Jaron Brown
Tonya Peterson
Mimi Cameron of Jackson
Tripp Dowdy of Clinton
Zamire William
Asia Chambers
Kakki Stark
Ken Austin
Antonio Caldwell
Cassie Redd of Jackson
Mariel Parman of Madison
Morrisa Coffey of Jackson
Allison Woods of Clinton
Will Luke of Jackson
Carley Taylor
Kayla Bray
Nick Walker
Amerial Smith of Canton
Amber Minter
Shawn Gatlin
Cyle Barnes
Race Robinson
Michael Lambeth
Anni Kugel
Ayaan McKenzie
Bianca Wimberly
Anna Regan
Desiree Dezzutti
Jamie Cameron
Derard Gore
Biggen Kirby
Emma Limbaugh
Adrienne McGee
Emily Nations of Clinton
Ashten Jones of Clinton
Sarah Miller of Clinton

Sasha Liddell
Brittany Michelle
Zach Murphy of Clinton
Toni Crump of Clinton
Christa Blaha
April Shelby
Kerri Freeman
Katy Campbell
Roderrick Oliver
Theorsio Proctor
LaQuanda Harper
Darius Magee
Reggie Crawford
Chris Reed
Paris Caldwell
Brittany Crawford
Areias Rayford
Brian Jones
Billy Washington
Sid Johnson of Madison
Morris McGee of Jackson
Mercedes Cooper
Chambliss Williams of Jackson
Parker Lichliter
Alex Kynerd
Jonathan Ray
Andrew Nutt
Von Jackson of Jackson
Ashley Fields
Layci Lawrence of Jackson
Kim Stokes of Jackson
Ashton Garner
Kevin Smith
Jarred Stubbs
Cassie Anders
Arkeino Harris
Geoffrey Boyd of Jackson
Kristen Wilson
Ashley Smith
Mary Alex Street of Jackson
Lashanda Jeanette of Jackson
Chris Pigott of Jackson
Annie Cleveland of Jackson
Roberta Sachs of Jackson
Brittney Brown of Jackson
Ryan Applegate of Jackson

Caitlin O'Brien of Jackson
Olivia Cote of Jackson
Sal Phillips of Jackson
Kate Sizemore of Jackson
Eshan Safaya
Spencer Bowley of Jackson
Kyle McCrary
Amber Thomas
David Pennington of Jackson
Alex Wade of Terry
Kim Catchings of Jackson
Kathryn Matusiewicz of Jackson
Issac Wilcher of Terry
Jane Scheppke of Oakland, CA
Michelle McInnis of Clinton
Eleanor Wilson of Madison
Emily Brown of Jackson
Tyler Sellers of Jackson
Michael Sexton of New York
Kyle Barber
Brittany Sanders
Whitney Quinn of Jackson
Deneatta King of Jackson
Rebecca Jones of Jackson
Jurdane Hall of Jackson
Miracle Buckley of Jackson
Bennie Jacobs of Jackson
Lauren Powell
Edwin Hendricks of Jackson
Ashley Trussell
Chauncy Bradley
Lyndsey Terrebonne of Jackson
Meka Mason of Jackson
Kelly Jacobs
Grace Perez of Jackson
Kinshea Hubbard of Jackson
Alyson Green of Jackson
De'Ryan Brister
Chris Lockhart of Jackson
Isoke Washington of Jackson
Felix Johnson
Emmberly Jefferson
Stanley Blackmon
Bria Ward
Victor Lyons
Jeffery Taylor of Jackson

Eddie Parker of Jackson
Sherrina Robinson of Jackson
Marrisa McCoy of Jackson
Catherine Campbell of Jackson
Chris Campbell
Josh McGowan of Jackson
Charles Beals
Odessa Fort of Jackson
Philip LeDuff of Jackson
Byron Magee
Cedric Crump of Jackson
Trey Setzer of Jackson
Victoria Stamps of Jackson
Natalie Offiah of Jackson
Daniel Thompson
Chastidy McGhee
Amber Kelly
Jasmine Coleman
Carrie Sanders of Jackson
Chelsee King
Ashley Smith
BenJustin Powels
Lindsey Rushing of Madison
Amelia Brunson
Ellen Sampson of Madison
Michael Sheffield
Chris Harper of Madison
Will Wilson of Madison
Robert Wilson of Madison
Meagan Smith
Justin Bruce of Jackson
Kaleb Hilton
Richard Lankston
Luke Norton
Ashley Jackson
Johnson Knox
Hannah Cooper
Jackie Johnson
Ann Jones
Robert Thornton
Jenny Barnes
Corey Hicks
Stephen Faulkner
Melanie Nations
Craig Floyd
Stephen McCoy

Clara Maxfield of Terry
Tyler Warren
Andi Owen
Ronalda Thomas
D'Andrea S. Thomas
Chris Evans
Alexis Williams
Brandon Elom
Ashley Holly of Terry
Missa Langham
Cody Boykin
Alex Puckett
Rashun Dixon
Blake Robertson
Chelsea Stanton of Terry
Jonathan Fitzhugh
Emily Czora
Chris Butler of Terry
Emily Fitzhugh
Chris Lewis
Avery Timmons
Mandy Rebekah
Garrett Lewis
Becca Plummer
Selbie Jones
Ariel Elise
Raymon James
Kyle Simmons
Skye King
Devin Cornelius
Blake Lewis
Libby Spencer of Jackson
Jeff Schwindaman of Jackson
Amanda White of Jackson
Connel Knight
Jesse Wayne Dillon
Chandler Fountain
Kathleen Kirkland
Evan Curry
Dixie Pond of Jackson
Nick Newcomb
Amber Robinson of Jackson
Tong Yang
Kari Berthold
Kayla Mullen
Brandon Freeman

Garrett Elam
Jacob England
Drew Johnson
Dustin Robinson
J P Robinson of Ridgeland
Mason Dyess of Jackson
Sarah Parkinson of Madison
Margaret Wright
Brady Davis of Madison
Paige Adoue of Madison
Marcus Siler of Madison
Kurt DeLashmet
Nick Powell of Jackson
Mark Fields of Madison
Katherine Cook of Jackson
Oliver Galicki of Jackson
John Spann of Jackson
Stephen Coker of Jackson
Emma Liston of Jackson
Anna Moran
Emilie Street of Jackson
Luke Warren of Jackson
Virginia Schreiber of Jackson
Heather Barnes of Clinton
Graham Rooks
Jacob VanderVelde of Jackson
Duncan Dent
Bianca Brown
Shellie Brown of Jackson
Airriel O'Banner
Donald Cox
Christina McField
Hanson Moore
Kristin Davis
Leah Jones of Jackson
Eddie Powell
Sadie McCafferty of Jackson
Megan Galyardt
Brad Pigott of Jackson
Margaret Pigott of Jackson
David Pigott of Jackson
Heather Barnes of Jackson
Joe Powell of Jackson
Laura Huddleston of Jackson
Bradley Adair of Jackson
Dr. Anne Mayeaux of Jackson

Sharion Tipler of Jackson
Erin Mason of Jackson
Matthew Wallace of Clinton
Morgan Welch of Madison
Sarah Rutland of Jackson
Ruth Eakin of Jackson
Pervis Fly of Canton
Rodderick Oliver of Jackson
Kevin Davis of Terry
Gray Barnes of Clinton
Julie Armstrong of Jackson
Leigh Shackelford of Southhaven
Nathan Luter of Jackson
Floyd Stokes of Shelby, MS
Mario Nichols of Jackson
Cain Barnes of Florence
Chelsea LeBlanc
Andrew McIntyre
Emmett Crockett
Haley Jones
Adam Arrington
Ford Stevens
Anna Coker
James Gandy of Jackson
Daniel Spencer
Bennie Jefferson
Russell Adams of Jackson
Chelsea Simon
Reginald Thompson
Brian Pettis
Ben Mangrum of Jackson
Claudia Charles of Houston, TX
Carmen Robinson
Harveyquez Stokes
JeColby Brown
Edwin Bernard of Jackson
Emily Hurtt of Jackson
Erica Thomas of Chicago, IL
Jazmin Jones
Krystal Deanna of Jackson
Cheremie Moore of Jackson
Amber Mason of Jackson
Ashley Chappell of Chicago, IL
Michael Six of Jackson
Robert Robinson of Hattiesburg
Xavier Carroll of Montgomery, AL

Ashley Thomas of Chicago, IL
Elisa Mulzac
Bria Bracey of Jackson
Paul Braddy of Jackson
JC Howell of Jackson
Kendra Jillese of Jackson
LaMarquin Armstrong
Bobby Harris
Kaitlyn Murray
Elverse Knott of Jackson
Charles Taylor of Jackson
Brittany Etter of Jackson
Grant Jones
Jumana Khalaf
Nora Ann Costley
Tyler Whitehead of Jackson
Juan Reid
Clifton Stevenson
Taylor Ingram
Chris Ringo of Jackson
Vivian Coates
Marcus Conway
Rashad Williams
Christopher Henry of Jackson
Jarvis Johnson of Miami, FL
Renee Barnette of Jackson
Kati Thibodeaux
Brittany Harrison
Hunter Skeen of Jackson
Brittany Johnson of Jackson
Crystal Rane of Jackson
Sonya Evans
Cameron Treadwell
Lex Carpenter
Josh Kenny
Darius Lavine
Kiesha Hinds
Chris Acre
Thaddeus Louisville of Jackson
Courtney Bessonette of Jackson
Bridget Sisney
Brittney Beard
Seth McCarthy of Jackson
Jamie Bender of Atlanta, GA
Gabrielle Tapp
Chad Kyles

Glenn Harris of Chicago, IL
Tyler Ainsworth of Jackson
Clarence Donaldson
Gerard Gore
LH Nichols
Aries Harris of Jackson
Deonta Sanders of Jackson
Brittany Green
Taylor Kirksey
De'Von Holmes of Los Angeles, CA
Gip Butler
Mandy Thomas
Phoebe Quinn
Kailyn Duncan of Jackson
Teleshia Johnson
Amber Oliver of Jackson
Auriel Mosely
Trae Russell of Jackson
Brittney Porter of Jackson
April Wells of Jackson
Christopher Gary
Angela Bailey
Jordan Wells of Jackson
Smiley Wells of Jackson
Ashley Butler of Jackson
Antionette Abram
Sebrina Brown
Brandon Johnson
Gail Crowley of Jackson
Chris Barksdale of Daytona Beach, FL
Dene Butler of Jackson
Kiar Moore
Phillip LeDuff of Jackson
Toya Bruton
Gwendolyn Lee
Hunter Elmore of Jackson
John Cleveland
Chad Gibson of Jackson
James Dear of Jackson
Jeremy Jefferson of Jackson
Dylan Baas of Jackson
Josh Gray
Christy Chambers
Kayla Neal
Amanda Mosley of Jackson
Sabrina Deaver

Nate Watson
Brian Aubrey of Lawton, OK
Tyrone Sanders of Jackson
Shelbie Jones
Dana Goodman of Jackson
Katie Chesteen
Michael McCormack
Lyndsey Thigpen of Madison
Amanda Cotton of Ridgeland
Sylita Wesley of Jackson
Joel Kaase of Jackson
Emilie Ponthieux
Kari Grillis
Meredith Cox
Kayla Nicol of Jackson
Sarah Ellwein
Cady Camardelle of Jackson
Ale Griffith
Michael Collins
Eric Wilkes
Chris Betts
Melissa Davis of Jackson
Connor Buechler of Jackson
David Holland
Constance Boozer
Julia Jordan of Jackson
Leslie Lloyd
Jessica Malone
Hannale Hylander of Jackson
Audrey Dent
Alvin Johnson
John David of Jackson
Ariel Seltzer of Jackson
Cynthia Tran of Jackson
Ryan Dominick of Ridgeland
Mark Crocker Clinton
Nick Laura of Jackson
Brad Tarver of Jackson
Ryan Lewis of Brandon
Jay Drake of Jackson
Jason Herrington of Jackson
Ken Thigpen of Madison
Chris Thigpen of Madison