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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin,

On behalf of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the national representative for over 2.5 million Hispanic business owners, we write to urge your consideration of the proposed Clearwire and Sprint partnership for the development of America's first nationwide mobile WiMAX network. The approval of this agreement proposes the advancement of 4<sup>th</sup> generation networking technologies that will further spur innovation in the telecommunications and internet based markets.

The USHCC is a strong advocate for innovation in the marketplace. Indeed, innovation has been the lynchpin for the development of new products and services in the fields of telecommunication and internet services. The proposed partnership by Sprint and Clearwire is poised to expedite the deployment of America's first nationwide mobile WiMAX network to provide a dramatically faster true mobile broadband experience for consumers, previously underserved communities, small businesses, medium and large enterprises, public safety organizations and educational institutions.

Concerns over the long term viability of such a venture are easily dismissed based on the substantial investments from innovative technology, content and communications leaders such as Intel, Google, Comcast, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. The collective investment of \$3.2 billion in the new company by these companies shows the strong market interests in the development of 4<sup>th</sup> generation networking platforms, which is clearly in the interests of consumers as telecommunications become increasingly mobile and integrated with data services.

Furthermore, we are hopeful that the Clearwire's new, advanced broadband network will promote competition and innovation in the development of 4<sup>th</sup> generation broadband networks and possibly competition in the development of other 4<sup>th</sup> generation networking platforms such as LTE, and therefore creating more affordable broadband service and creating exciting new communications opportunities for minority communities and businesses.

In addition, we are excited by the prospect that Clearwire's WiMAX network will serve as the nation's first open wireless broadband network. We understand that Clearwire will not block, degrade, or impair access, downloading, or utilization of any lawful, non-harmful Internet content, applications, or services on the network, unless in accordance with reasonable and competitively neutral network management practices. This open network will help stimulate innovation and lower prices for applications and devices consumers will use to communicate with each other and connect to the Internet.

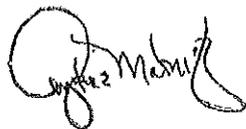
As an organization representing entrepreneurs, we are excited new broadband opportunities that may be created for minorities and small business communities. We understand that

Clearwire's open-standard WiMAX technology will allow new entrants and small businesses to design and deploy their own applications and devices that can run on New Clearwire's nationwide network. As a principle, the USHCC believes that restrictions on

consumer access to content on their networks is counterproductive and stifles competition in technological and conventional marketplaces. Furthermore, allowing consumers or small business to develop and access their own content applications and communications devices may promote the creation of custom-made communications platforms serving specialized, and possibly minority, communities throughout the country.

If you have any questions or require additional information on our views, please do not hesitate to contact either me or David Ferreira, Vice President of Government Affairs, at (202) 842-1212 extension 488.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Augustine Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "M".

Augustine Martinez  
President & CEO