

# Minority Media and Telecommunications Council

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Erratum to Comments in GN Docket No. 09-51 (National Broadband Plan)

On behalf of the Broadband Diversity Supporters (“BDS”), the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (“MMTC”) respectfully submits this Erratum to its June 8, 2009 Comments filed in GN Docket No. 09-51, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future.

The errata are listed below, and a revised edition of our Comments, which reflects these changes, is attached.

Page 6, Paragraph 1: Added a footnote reference to the following statement: “[B]roadband usage among Hispanics is lowest if Spanish is the only language spoken in the house.”<sup>1</sup>

Page 17, First Line: Deleted “[rural health care program] almost entirely omits two dozen rural states.” Subsequent research revealed that the Rural Health Care Program does not omit two dozen states. States in which the Rural Health Care Program is not administered fall into one of two categories, which are: 1) states and territories that are mostly urban and, as a result, do not qualify for rural health care funding (e.g. Connecticut, District of Columbia, and Maryland) and 2) a small number of rural areas within states and territories that have not applied for Rural Health Care Program funding (e.g. Rhode Island).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Nielsen Company, An Overview of Home Internet Access in the U.S. (2009), available at <http://blog.nielsen.com/nielsenwire/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/overview-of-home-internet-access-in-the-us-jan-6.pdf> (last visited June 8, 2009). This report found that Hispanic homes were least likely to have any home Internet service and those homes where the language spoken is primarily Spanish indexed lower.

<sup>2</sup> See Universal Service Administrative Company Annual Report 2008, p.54, available at [http://www.usac.org/\\_res/documents/about/pdf/usac-annual-report-2008.pdf](http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/about/pdf/usac-annual-report-2008.pdf) (last visited June 5, 2009). Also, information based on phone conversation with Camelia Rogers, Program Manager

Page 17, Footnote 49: Deleted Footnote 49.

Page 25, Paragraph 1: Deleted “Yet many schools are still using dial up Internet access and do not have access to the latest broadband technology.” Subsequent research reveals that broadband access is available in nearly 100% of nation’s public schools and 94% of individual classrooms.<sup>3</sup>

Page A-4: Updated description for the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Respectfully submitted,

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for Rural Health, Universal Service Administrative Company, phone conversation occurred on June 8, 2009.

<sup>3</sup> See Universal Service Administrative Company Annual Report 2007, p.2, available at [http://www.usac.org/\\_res/documents/about/pdf/usac-annual-report-2007.pdf](http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/about/pdf/usac-annual-report-2007.pdf) (last visited June 5, 2009)