

July 3, 2009

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

Re: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Like other federal agencies, the FCC is subject to political and corporate lobbying forces, despite such agencies' mandates to protect the public's air & water, food & drugs, airwaves, health & safety.

PLEASE resist such pressures, undo the damage of the last 8 years, and ensure that people like me , our kids & grandkids, have access to the internet other than very slow dial-up, which results in missing phone calls while online & means one can't view videos, etc. Many can't even afford such basic service - yet employment opportunities demand that people be technologically sophisticated!

In crafting the national broadband plan, the Federal Communications Commission must protect Internet users from corporate gatekeepers who seek to keep prices high and speeds slow, limit access to content and stifle innovation and market choice.

Allowing powerful corporate interests to dictate the future of modern communications is a mistake that cannot be repeated. Our nation's health in the 21st century requires that the FCC puts a people-powered Internet first.

Net Neutrality must be a basic and enforceable rule of the Internet. The plan must also ensure that every American -- regardless of race, income or location -- can connect to broadband at prices everyone can afford.

An open and accessible Internet is essential to America's future. It will help revitalize our economy, improve our education and health care, engage millions more people in our democracy and give new meaning to freedom of speech.

