

July 21, 2009

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The Honorable Julius Genanchowski  
Chairman  
The Honorable Michael Copps  
The Honorable Robert McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593

Dear Mr. Chairman, Commissioners Copps and McDowell:

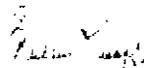
I am writing on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), a national bi-partisan public policy organization of over 500,000 members who advocate for and on behalf of women and minority small business owners. WIPP also serves as the umbrella organization for 49 national Women in Business groups.

WIPP members and a vast majority of small business owners in the United States depend on access to broadband to support and promote their companies. In our annual survey of members in 2008 over 90% of WIPP members utilize broadband services in their offices and at home. Given the significance of this service to our members, I am writing to express our concern about potential new pricing controls for high-capacity services and the negative effect those regulations could have on both broadband services and availability. The limited deregulation of prices for these services that is currently in effect has driven down prices and we urge the Commission to continue to allow the market to work. A recent study by the General Accountability Office in 2006 and the National Regulatory Research Institute in 2009 has documented the decline in prices for consumers. WIPP members have benefited from these cost savings and the growth in broadband providers.

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In addition to lower prices, there has been over \$60 billion dollars in new investment in broadband networks by a diverse group of providers, highlighting further evidence that the market is thriving and there is no need for further interference in the marketplace. This type of investment will help support one of WIPP's key telecommunications principals -- the need to expand broadband to every American home and office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Kasoff".

Barbara Kasoff  
President