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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Commissioners:

Our foremost concern during this economic downturn is to preserve good, local union jobs and to help ensure that the industries that provide those jobs stay healthy. That is why we are weighing in as you consider new net neutrality rules.

We support the FCC's decision to stand for an open internet and agree that the agency plays an important role in fostering increased broadband access and adoption. More broadband deployment and use translates into the need for more union jobs and we could not be more supportive. But, net neutrality is a big step in the regulatory world and we are not convinced that implementing it would be "neutral" to union jobs. Because this is such a weighty issue, we ask that you examine it very carefully and allow labor to provide input before any decisions are made.

There are nearly 200,000 thousands of union jobs in the greater San Diego and Imperial counties area. We need to ensure we don't put any of those members' jobs at risk because we didn't take the time to fully evaluate what seemed like a good idea.

Sincerely,

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