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New Horizons Family Center

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

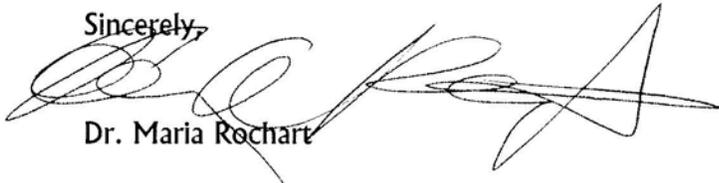
At The New Horizons Family Center we're working to help build a stronger community by helping build stronger families. Constructing positive and healthy relationships within a family is our focus and our day-to-day outreach involves child abuse prevention, school readiness and personal-social effectiveness. To that end, access to affordable broadband Internet service is essential in promoting the goals of the New Horizons Family Center

The Internet is an integrated and critical component of our work. Families are increasingly connecting through social networking sites and the Internet is key to our outreach and education to the families we serve. Internet access that people can afford, especially minorities and those with lower incomes, should be of the upmost importance to policy makers.

As the Federal Communications Commission considers new regulations related to Network Neutrality, I urge you to pay strict attention to whether or not those regulations – and even the prospect of regulations – could raise prices for California's most vulnerable. Please consider the effect an increase in price will have on low income families' ability to access the resources necessary to improve their lives and start making their way towards a better future.

If unnecessary regulation leads to higher prices, those hit first and hardest will be those who stand to benefit the most from the promise of the Internet.

Sincerely,



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