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

October 13, 2009

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the private sector for contributions to our various activities. Fortunately, we enjoy great support in Dallas from our business community – including the telecommunications companies.

That is why I am writing to you now. I fear that the rules you have suggested regarding the Internet may indirectly affect the level of support we receive from these companies.

I am not an expert on telecommunications policy. But it is my understanding that Texas has some of the most progressive policies in the country. And that these policies, in turn, have created an environment in which companies are encouraged to not only invest in their networks, but also to invest in their communities through contributions, volunteer work and other services.

Companies who are doing well have a history of investing in the communities where they live and work.

Therefore, we are deeply concerned that changing the current rules or – worse yet – adding a lot of new ones, may cause some companies to reconsider their community commitments.

We urge you to take the “indirect” results of your actions into consideration before going too far with your proposal.

Thank you.

Deborah Brown
Executive Director