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Alliance of Minority Contractors

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)

October 13, 2009

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to you because our organization has serious concerns that your intention to "open the Internet" may have some very negative implications for minority-owned businesses.

First, the Internet is already open. There is nothing that needs to be opened.

Second and more importantly, minority-owned businesses today already have access to the Internet and are using it quite efficiently. In fact, while we all are feeling the impact of the recession, Texas has fared better than many parts of the country.

We believe this is due largely to the willingness of private companies to invest in Texas - which they have done, on their own, with no pressure from the federal government telling them what to do.

A heavy-handed government approach to running their operations sends the wrong signal to these companies. They will re-examine their business plans, and they will invest less. That is not going to help minority-owned business.

In short, while we think the FCC may have good intentions, the only thing new rules may "open" is the digital divide.

Thank you for your consideration.



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