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The Honorable Julius Genachowski,
The Honorable Meredith Attwell Baker,
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn,
The Honorable Michael L. Copps, and
The Honorable Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices Docket # 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

Your work to bring broadband access to all Americans is to be commended; however, the way the Federal Communications Commission intends to embark on this noble goal is fundamentally flawed and will cause more harm than good.

At a time when our nation is in the midst of an economic recession the likes of which have not been seen for generations, we need to be mindful of the direct and indirect impact new or expanded regulatory actions may have on Main Street and Wall Street, alike.

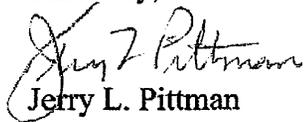
The commission appears intent to restrict and regulate the Internet in such a way that is neither necessary nor advisable. Net neutrality and the policies the FCC appears to advocate pick winners and losers—our government does not need to be in the business of favoring Internet content providers over the network providers that literally build, power or house the networks that are helping rebuild our economy.

Please take a step back from the issue and avoid a rush to introduce restrictions and regulations on wireless and wireline networks that have been one area of our economy largely un-phased by the downturn. To introduce network neutrality now—or, frankly ever—would stymie capital investment and job creation in one of the fastest growing industry segments of our economy.

In the end, network neutrality would do little to protect the average consumer and instead might hurt these everyday Americans the most—limiting job opportunities, broadband access and consumer choice.

We should do what we can to ensure the greater success of the Administration's bold economic recovery package, not limit or negate its forward momentum and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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