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Concerning: BROADBAND INDUSTRY PRACTICES (WC DOCKET 07-52) Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Commissioner Robert McDowell, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

Life can take a slower pace in rural Texas, but we at least enjoy the same fast Internet as everyone else thanks to new 3G service, which started 8 October 2009. As the mayor of Lockhart Texas, I am grateful that our city's businesses, school children, and citizens now get the same services found in larger cities. I am very proud of the fact that we are now more connected to the world than ever before.

Fast wireless Internet came to Lockhart as a result of AT&T's decision to invest here. Government did not require them to provide service, and government has not dictated what kind of service should or should not be provided here. As a result of government staying out of the way, fast wireless Internet access is here.

Some day, maybe not far off, we will no longer think of 3G service as "fast." Already, wireless companies are planning newer, faster services

Net neutrality rules will not get the even faster services being developed to Lockhart because they will prevent companies from investing in rural America. Net neutrality rules will not get broadband to people who do not have it. Net neutrality rules will not solve any problems faced by businesses who are trying to compete against the big cities.

In fact, I cannot think of a single benefit net neutrality rules would provide to us. We cannot take advantage of anything net neutrality could possibly offer us if we do not have continually faster access to the underlying connectivity.

Please keep America's smaller cities in mind when you craft a national broadband strategy. Please do not adopt these net neutrality rules, as they will leave us behind.

Sincerely,

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