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Concerning Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52

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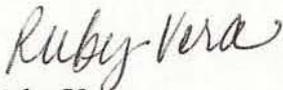
Having fast Internet access is critical to the future of Natalia. We were all extremely happy when AT&T decided to upgrade our cell service to "3G" because it meant we could use the same phones and use the internet at the same speeds as our state's larger cities.

It concerns me that your agency is planning to enforce "net neutrality" rules which would place a number of regulations on wireless Internet service. For cities, like mine, these rules would provide absolutely nothing.

I cheered when President Obama made expanding broadband to everyone by 2014 a national goal, but this is not a goal that government can achieve on its own. It needs – we need- private companies to risk their capitol to extend service to those who do not have it, and to improve it for those who do. That's where I believe "net neutrality" gets it wrong. Before your agency tires to fix a problem that does not seem very real to people like me, please work on getting broadband to our people who work in Natalia but live in the rural area around our city, they do not have broadband service at home. Their children deserve the same ability to do their homework and research on the Internet as children in the cities. This is the problem you should be addressing.

Ladies and Gentlemen, "NET NEUTRALITY" is not the answer. Expanding broadband is the answer. Put these Internet rules away and instead work to achieve the President's worthy goal of 100% broadband availability.

Sincerely,



Ruby Vera
Mayor