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Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's upcoming announcement on network neutrality. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce investment in communities, such as Henderson, Tennessee and cut into job growth – two issues that affect my small town in West Tennessee deeply. My community is blessed to have 3G wireless network connecting our citizens and the students of Freed-Hardeman University to the world. The i-Know initiative at Freed-Hardeman University is a unique collaboration between the university, Apple, and AT&T to help students develop the next generation of skills needed to thrive in the global marketplace. In addition, this initiative has provided hope to citizens throughout our community that we will not be left behind by larger more urban areas.

The deployment of advanced 3G technology in Henderson, Tennessee is a success story. Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, empowering new innovation and better value. Free market forces and investment are the reason for the investment in our community. Consequently, it is imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

The FCC can take another step by avoiding network neutrality regulation of wireless broadband deployment. Henderson, Tennessee is a model community for the type of investment required to bring broadband and the associated well-paying local jobs and technology to all areas of the nation.

I think we all agree that a fair and open Internet is important, but your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off further investment in my community, costing us jobs and investment. Our thriving community needs the opportunity to continue growing without unnecessary new regulations.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Jim E. Garland, Administrator  
City of Henderson