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Cherokee County Development Board

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski :

As a professional economic developer, I work with companies seeking to expand or relocate, educating them about the opportunity in Cherokee County South Carolina and encouraging them to choose us. This is more than a job, for it gives me the opportunity to help make a real difference in this community and in people's lives through new jobs, opportunity and – especially in today's economy – hope. Thousands of South Carolinians have jobs and millions of investment dollars are in this state because of existing government policies that encouraged competition while assuring open access to the Internet.

Instituting new net neutrality regulations that could seriously impact competition and retard future growth of the communications industry, regardless of whether wireless or wireline. If that occurs, our entire economy will be affected. I strongly urge you to consider growth and economic development when considering unprecedented regulation of broadband service.

South Carolina has worked hard over decades to create a policy climate to attract investment and jobs. Imposing regulations that depress investment in wireless or broadband networks is the wrong move at the wrong time.

I urge you to continue the progressive policies which have paid off so handsomely for every wireless customer in South Carolina and in the country.

Sincerely,


Jim Cook
Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
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