

October 14, 2009

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 No (07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

In May of 1989, the Capitol Chamber of Commerce helped to bring together individuals and organizations that shared the vision of creating new jobs and opportunities in Northeast Oklahoma City.

On behalf of our members, we maintain vigilance over public policies that can help further development of our region. Conversely, we watch out for proposed policies that could undermine the efforts we have been undertaking for the last two decades.

The recent comments made by Chairman Genachowski have caught our attention. He has stated that he wants to ensure an open Internet. We applaud that statement. He has also implied that it will be easier for carriers to deal with "network neutrality" regulations if they have more spectrum and less expensive back haul connections. We agree with that position as well. However, if the Chairman believes that the lack of spectrum and reasonably priced "special access" are leading carriers to do things that they would not otherwise, why not supply them. The addition of more regulation would be unnecessary.

We do believe that you can help to ensure that we have broadband in every community. We also know that this goal is one that we can work with you to accomplish.

But to regulate the Internet - the same Internet and wireless industry that has brought us outstanding investments, high paying jobs and an expanded network of opportunity – brings us to a goal we do not believe will serve any of us well. With the competitive nature of these industries, we believe your proposed new regulations would quell innovation and creative thought, and at a time when we need to work hard to create new jobs, regulations such as those you propose may very well have the opposite effect.

We have worked well together in Oklahoma to ensure that our communities are served by broadband. It has not been an overnight success and it took some hard work and solid partners to bring it about. Having high speed Internet connections throughout our

community ensures that every citizen can gain access to the important information they need to pursue education, employment or social activities.

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners please work with us on getting broadband to everyone and to encourage healthy business competition not on regulations that tend to pick winners and losers.

Sincerely,

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