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Dear Chairman Genachowski :

These have been very tough times for the local business community, especially for small minority-owned businesses. However, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel and believe we are on the road to an economic recovery.

Out of these hardships, we have seen a remarkable amount of entrepreneurial innovation and ingenuity as companies reinvent themselves to deliver products and services that consumers want and need. Increasingly, that innovation leverages online capabilities. The internet has been a powerful engine for business growth.

That is why our chamber is so troubled by your recent comment on net neutrality. This is a policy that will stifle the very engine that we see spurring growth in our community. If anything, the FCC should be developing policy to encourage additional investment and growth of broadband.

We wonder why the FCC is attempting to fix something that isn't broken. It is dangerous to insert government regulation into something that is helping pull our economy out of recession. We implore the FCC to think carefully before implementing such policies.

Sincerely,


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