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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Re: Broadband Industry Practices - WC Docket 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As an urban and rural business owner I would like to express and applaud the efforts to expand broadband nationally and provide access to all rural and urban communities. Broadband is critical to my business growth and I uniquely understand the need as a tech-centered rural entrepreneur.

Broadband technology creates jobs and allows my company to thrive by driving a flexible work model that supports women in technology. As we strengthen the economy, it is undeniable how important broadband has become to business so we must move forward with bringing broadband to all urban and rural areas.

In addition to being a business owner I am also a Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) National Partner and the Instant Impact Leader for the State of Washington. We are the voice for Women in Business in our Nation's Capital and cover topics such as Telecommunications and Broadband.

What I *do not* support is a regulatory regime that will prevent, investment, slow deployment and prevent access. We need to ensure new regulations do not widen the already wide digital divide for rural communities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Simon".

Laurie Simon - Founder & CEO

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