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

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the State Representative for several communities in rural, western Massachusetts, I am keenly aware of the nexus between broadband deployment and the economic prosperity of our communities, our states and our nation as a whole.

Having worked on several initiatives to develop broadband infrastructure here in the Commonwealth, I could not agree more with the notion that we must do everything possible to encourage more investment and innovation in broadband technologies. We have seen vibrant competition in communications services, which has led to tremendous growth in areas such as wireless broadband as providers race to provide next generation capabilities to win consumers in MA.

To that end, I am concerned that overly prescriptive regulations could unintentionally stifle the willingness of private companies to invest the capital required to keep broadband access rolling toward more rural communities like mine. The question is not if the Commission should be ensuring access to the Internet for all, but if a new regulatory effort is required to do so. I applaud your commitment to issuing decisions at the FCC that are data driven and I am confident that the most effective way to support the principles of an open Internet is through appropriate government oversight without overly intrusive government regulation.

As our economy slowly pulls out from the recession, it is imperative that we do all we can to ensure that new jobs come with recovery. Broadband has the proven ability to not only create new jobs in the communications industry, but in other sectors such as health care, education and energy. It can be argued that the progress we have made expanding both demand for and access to broadband is the result of a gentle regulatory touch. This has helped businesses and individuals in almost every sector of our economy and society increase productivity and communicate in ways we never imagined just a few short years ago.

As you contemplate the framework that surrounds broadband services, I encourage you and your colleagues to move very cautiously in entertaining regulations that move away from the core principles of an open Internet. I look forward to working with you towards solutions that provide greater access for consumers through policies that promote capital investments, which leads to new jobs and stronger communities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Bosley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

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