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

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

Dear Commissioners:

The FCC's action regarding the very nuanced issue of network neutrality has potentially large reaching effects on our society and has compelled me to share my concerns.

As a Texas state legislator whose district includes nearly 55,000 square miles and almost 700,000 people, I can assure you that I represent a vast and diverse constituent base. One common ground we all share is the desire to economically access various broadband services without unnecessary impedance.

Historically our constituents have endured a number of obstacles to accessing broadband technologies. Arguably the most prevalent one is the technology itself.

Many of the challenges to providing broadband services to the vast areas of rural West Texas have forced providers to weigh various technological solutions that ultimately affect the ability to deliver such services economically.

This will be especially true when building the next generation of services for mobile broadband that promises to deliver better audio, streaming video and many other applications associated with routine use of the Internet.



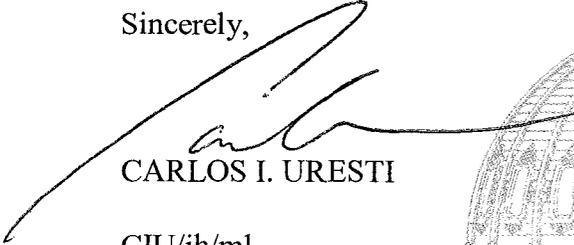
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In your deliberations surrounding network neutrality, I implore you to balance the need to encourage, and even increase, the innovative investments made in delivering broadband services in rural communities since the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with assurances that providers will not favorably provision based on the contents origin.

While the concept of network neutrality is admirable, in achieving such a goal, we must acknowledge the situations where provisioning, based on type of service, may be warranted. I do not believe it is in our best interest to stymie the innovative and progressive investments of broad band and wireless companies, nor do I believe that is the intent of the FCC in exploring network neutrality. While I do believe provisioning access to broadband services based solely on the origins of the content is wrong, I do believe we need to provide broad band and wireless companies flexibility in order to provide the most robust and economical offering of services.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and for your service to the nation.

Sincerely,



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