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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: October 22nd Open Meeting

October 13, 2009

Dear Commission:

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's proposed rulemaking on network neutrality. Further investment and innovation in Internet technologies will speed this country's economic recovery. Further regulation on one of the few current economic bright spots will be detrimental for the small businesses and entrepreneurs that make up the backbone of our nation's economy. Small businesses need incentives and lower costs of entry, not extra rules and regulations, to facilitate a larger and effective role in the quickly developing digital arena.

As an advocate for minority-owned businesses, the Hispanic Chamber encourages policy that promotes investment and innovation in the newest, fastest and most reliable technology infrastructure. This will strengthen the current economic base and encourage growth and job creation. Assigning additional regulations will drive costs higher for consumers and lower incentives for companies to build the broadband network stronger.

I recognize the need for the Internet to be open and fair, as it currently is. I fail to see the need for more regulation which could have catastrophic consequences for small and minority-owned businesses and I urge the Commission to rethink its position on this issue.

Sincerely

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