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Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

The Latino Institute for Corporate Inclusion is a leading national Latino advocacy organization headquartered in California.

As the FCC embarks on an ambitious path towards new internet and high speed broadband access regulations, one which is of great concern to our organization and the community we represent, I wanted to convey a recent success story which, in an environment with increased regulation of the internet is probably less likely to occur.

Between 2007 and 2009, the digital divide began to narrow as many obstacles that separated too many within our Latino community from the opportunities and benefits of the Internet Age began to disappear. Why? Affordable data-enabled cell phones.

According to the Pew Hispanic Institute, 29 percent of Latinos polled accessed the internet via a handheld device, compared with only 17 percent of non-Latino whites. Many lower income Latinos were finally able to afford a smart cell phone, whereas previously, the cost of a computer or laptop kept them disconnected and disenfranchised.

In the mobile internet world, the innovation and private investments made in wireless broadband networks and affordability of mobile devices has literally closed a significant part of the digital divide for Latinos, a goal that has eluded policymakers for more than a decade.

Many of the necessary ingredients for this success story are directly threatened by potential net neutrality regulations. I relay this story for the purpose of urging caution and care when attempting to impose regulations, which I believe would potentially stifle a successful and vibrant market, one that is serving Latinos quite well.

Sincerely,



Ruben Jauriga  
President and CEO

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

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

NewPath Networks deploys DAS (Digital Antenna Systems) platform networks that provide support for high speed voice, data, video and internet access services to multiple wireless providers via a fiber optic backbone.

We have been proud to be play a major role in bring wireless networks to communities and neighborhood across various states.

That is why we are concerned with the FCC chairman's recent remarks about Network Neutrality. Private investment in infrastructure is responsible for today's robust network. Today's network is open, accessible and free to all and the current FCC principles in the wireline space have served us well. Adding layers of regulations or apply unnecessary burdens on the wireless network will only slow the pace of growth in this amazing ecosystem.

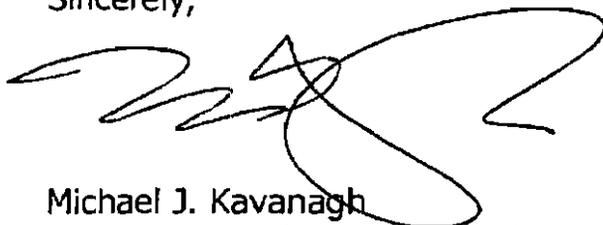
Now is not the time to slow down progress and investment by involving the government in managing telecom networks.



Companies like ours are working hard to keep the internet open and accessible to all. Please don't allow unnecessary government intervention to stifle this very competitive and robust industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Kavanagh  
Co-founder and CEO, NewPath Networks

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Few things have opened eyes and minds like the Internet. It allows those who access it to bring the world to their doorstep. We are committed to increasing broadband adoption within the communities we serve; because we all know that information equals opportunity.

While we have been happy to see how fast broadband access has grown within the African- American community, especially in the mobile sector, we also know there is a great deal of work left to do. Investment, innovation and infrastructure are all critical components to continuing the strides we've seen so far.

That is why I took great interest in the FCC's consideration of net neutrality principles. We completely agree with President Obama's call to provide high-speed service to all – but net neutrality could have a dampening effect on adoption by discouraging service providers from making further investments in underserved communities.

African-American communities have benefitted from the advancements in broadband technology and are more connected than ever before. Therefore, I kindly ask the FCC to carefully consider any policy that may hinder future advancements in this critical field.

Sincerely,



Len Canty  
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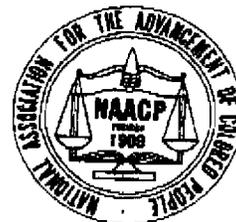
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We believe the FCC's position on net neutrality will deter broadband providers from investing the billions of dollars in network infrastructure that are necessary to build next generation high-speed broadband networks where we live, work and conduct our businesses. Small American businesses must have the next generation high-speed networks to compete.

While it is believed that African Americans experienced their second consecutive year of broadband adoption growth that was below national averages, net neutrality regulations could stop the Internet's inroads among African American populations and shunt our entrepreneurial spirit by stifling network investment and drive broadband prices up at a time when minority-owned small businesses and consumers need to see prices decline.

We encourage the FCC to develop a technology policy that will support rapid deployment of high-speed networks and deliver ubiquitous access to high speed broadband services.

The Missouri State Conference NAACP believes that the FCC should stick with the congressionally-mandated priority to fully deploy broadband. This important effort is better aligned with current economic conditions and will bring hurting minority communities greater opportunity. Net neutrality is a lousy idea.

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's upcoming announcement on network neutrality. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce investment in Connecticut and cut into job growth.

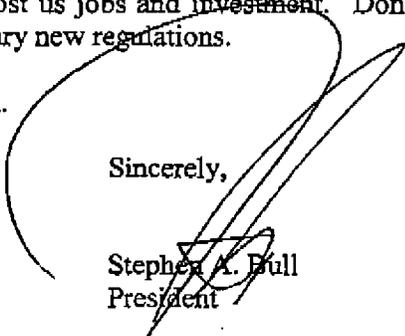
The rapid rise of the wireless market is a great success story here in Connecticut. Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. This success has been achieved because of the absence of government interference. It's imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

The FCC can take another step by avoiding network neutrality regulation of broadband deployment. Bringing broadband to all areas of the nation also requires investment in networks, well-paying local jobs and the technology needed for our cities and towns to grow new businesses that depend on communications.

I think we all agree that a fair and open Internet is important, but your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off the Internet to many in Connecticut and further cost us jobs and investment. Don't close the door to opportunity and jobs with unnecessary new regulations.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen A. Bull  
President

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As an elected public official in Arkansas, I recognize the great economic, educational and social benefits the Internet offers. While many Americans have high-speed Internet access, many in our rural communities still do not. Arkansas is a rural state. I ask that your rule making be mindful of the challenges faced by those of living in rural America, and, encourage you to adopt rules that make affordable, high-speed service accessible to every household.

I urge caution as the Federal Communications Commission begins a rulemaking process on the concept of Net Neutrality regulations. Any unwarranted new Internet regulations could have the unintended consequence of stifling its growth, thus harming Arkansans. My concern about the FCC proposal is based on several factors.

First, the existing FCC principles of Net Neutrality are working. Billions of Internet transactions take place daily. Yet the FCC has found only a literal handful of cases where people were denied access to lawful websites or had their usage limited unreasonably. The FCC addressed those cases using existing Net Neutrality principles. New regulations seem to be a solution in search of a problem.

Second, over-regulation could dry up investment needed for the next-generation Internet. A recent FCC report said it may cost \$350 billion to bring high-speed Internet to rural towns that still don't have it. An additional \$1 trillion may be needed to increase existing Internet capacity over the next decade. The overwhelming majority of investment must come from private sources. Government should encourage investment and innovation, not hinder it with unnecessary regulation.

I am concerned that the FCC wants to expand Network Neutrality rules to the highly competitive wireless industry. That industry is flourishing now when so many others are not. Wireless consumers are seeing new mobile devices, features and expanded services - and are paying some of the world's lowest rates. A major reason for this success is that the industry is lightly regulated and very competitive.

I appreciate the FCC's efforts and your leadership in sorting out extremely complicated issues. You recently said that the FCC would do as much as it needs to do, and no more, to ensure that the Internet remains open for competition, creativity, and entrepreneurial activity. That statement sets the right tone for the FCC rulemaking. Adding any new government regulation on wireline and wireless Internet access should be undertaken with great care to avoid unintended consequences.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my views on this subject that is so important to Arkansans and all Americans.

*Kim Hendren* 10/9/09

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As the FCC considers new "net neutrality" standards for wireless providers, I urge you to carefully consider the impact such regulations could have on the very consumers we all aim to protect. During the last several years, the Illinois House Telecommunications Committee has discussed "net neutrality" on several occasions. I have listened to the pros and cons of "net neutrality" and I have some serious concerns. I would only ask that you proceed with caution on this issue. If new standards are not carefully crafted, they are very likely to have a chilling effect on private sector investment, delay the deployment of additional wireless capacity and ultimately result in reduced levels of service for consumers.

In addition, wireless broadband service is the fastest growing mode of high-speed Internet access in the market today. Wireless broadband adoption rates are highest among some of those communities that have traditionally suffered from a lack of other high speed options – lower income urban and rural communities. New standards may negatively affect this adoption rate and could potentially exacerbate the "digital divide."

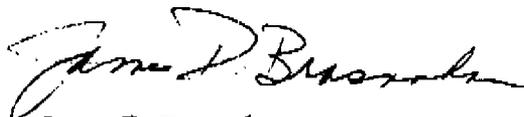
Government rightfully has a role in protecting access to content and information on the Internet. Allowing intelligent management of data networks can protect consumers, improve access to the high speed Internet and help encourage innovation in this critical sector of our economy.

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Please carefully consider the potential impacts of mandates as we seek to grow capacity in the wireless broadband market and provide even greater service to consumers.

Sincerely,

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James D. Brosnahan  
Illinois House of Representatives-36<sup>th</sup> District  
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