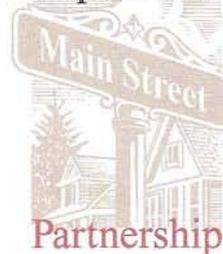


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The Hon. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: Preserving the Open Internet, Broadband Industry Practices,
GN Docket No. 09-191, WC-Docket No. 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'd like to congratulate you on your efforts to date in crafting a national broadband strategy. The Commission's many workshops, town halls, and notices of inquiry have no doubt provided you with an ample record to move forward with this important task. As you continue your effort, I urge you to focus on those aspects of the strategy that truly stimulate the deployment of broadband.

Despite the current challenges facing our economy, broadband deployment and investment continue to grow. Broadband Internet service providers continue to heavily invest private capital in research and deployment of advanced broadband networks and the services they enable. Private sector investment in broadband is directly responsible for creating millions of jobs. The continued growth and success of this investment is critical to the future of our economy.

New net neutrality rules currently under consideration by the Commission may have an unintended impact on this investment. The openness of the Internet is an important issue, and as the Commission considers new rules, we encourage the Commission to reiterate its historic commitment to competition, private investment and a restrained approach to federal regulation.

We urge the Commission to carefully consider the full range of consequences, intended and unintended, that new regulation may have on broadband deployment. Competition and private investment have played, and will continue to play, a critical role in building safe, secure and open broadband networks. The current regulatory regime has encouraged growth, innovation, and investment in broadband networks, and generated enormous benefits for the U.S. economy and consumers alike. The Commission should continue to encourage this growth in investment and innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Former U.S Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA)
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