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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached letter regarding docket 07-52 from South Carolina Speaker Pro-Tempore Harry H. Cato.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact his office at 803-734-2701.

Thank you for your time.

Whitney

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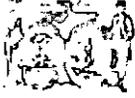
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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, I have chaired the committee that deals with legislative issues involving the communications industry and broadband Internet services. My experience tells me that the power of competition and innovation, not more government regulation, drive our economy and provide incentive for technology industries to invest and grow jobs and services, which results in increased consumer choice.

I am concerned that the FCC's discussion of network neutrality regulations in the wireline and wireless markets will lead to more regulation of an industry that has seen significant growth and competition that have benefited South Carolina. In short, regulations that impact the wireless market would result in weaker wireless networks and less private sector investments.

One of my most important duties is to encourage economic growth and jobs in our state. Net neutrality regulations would run counter to this effort. These proposed regulations would hurt the opportunities for jobs and investment at a time when we most need them.

Before implementing new net neutrality regulations on the Internet, please carefully consider the negative impact they will have on our economy and consumers of broadband service.

Sincerely,

*Harry Cato*

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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October 14, 2009

Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) is pleased to offer comments to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for the National Broadband Plan. As healthcare providers, nurses understand the role of innovation and applied technology to overcome challenges in healthcare. We urge the Commission to reconsider codifying and applying "net neutrality" regulations to the Internet, where technological innovation has flourished.

As referenced in our NOI Filing earlier this year – both healthcare and broadband share a similar irony: in both fields, America has the most advanced technology in the world; however, too many of our citizens lack affordable access. The National Broadband Plan to increase broadband access and adoption will also improve healthcare delivery with telemedicine and electronic health records.

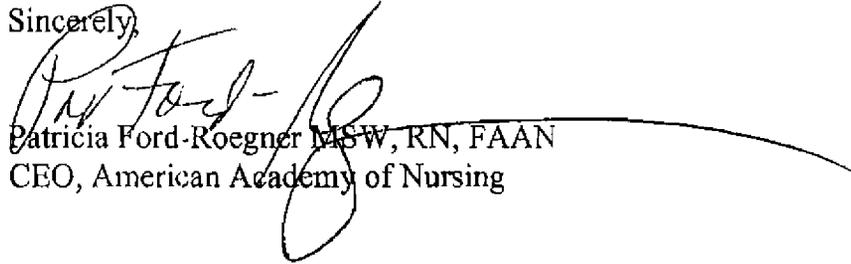
AAN believes that the National Broadband Plan must encourage extensive private investment in broadband networks, infrastructure and applications, to ensure that networks are robust and secure. Private networks with state of the art network management systems are needed to facilitate high levels of data traffic, particularly with confidential and sensitive information.

For this reason, AAN urges the Commission to maintain the open and transparent dialogue with stakeholder communities as it pertains to the NPRM. Similar to the National Broadband Plan, if stakeholders are engaged in the process, and that the process is not being driven by a foregone conclusion, the outcome is more likely to have successful results across society.

Telemedicine is advancing every day in America. As elderly patients are monitored from remote locations with a broadband connection, and critically-ill patients in rural hospitals

are receiving care with a multimedia broadband connection, we are still only experiencing a small amount of what could be possible with more robust broadband. In the end, the Commission's focus on broadband adoption and deployment will deliver the greatest societal benefits.

Sincerely,



Patricia Ford-Roegner MSW, RN, FAAN  
CEO, American Academy of Nursing

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Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

Dear Chairman Genichowski:

The U.S. Distance Learning Association is privileged to continue working with the Commission on the National Broadband Plan. We are dedicated professionals committed to the distance learning industry and have a unique perspective on our nation's broadband policy. Broadband access and adoption must be the Commission's first priority because it will close the digital divide and give all Americans access to the Internet.

Broadband expansion and adoption will provide increased educational opportunities for America who might otherwise lack access because of their rural or remote location. Additionally broadband expansion will level the playing field on education by enabling students in rural America access to the same information as students in large metropolitan areas.

We believe the Internet should be open and accessible and thus far policies have allowed growth and innovation that has benefited all Americans. However, recently proposed regulations, known as net neutrality, will only create a stumbling block for broadband technology and delay widespread delivery of distance learning along with other benefits.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on net neutrality should be just as transparent and collaborative as the National Broadband Plan inquiry. The Commission must implement a fact-driven approach and seek counsel before reaching any conclusions with regard to new Internet regulations.

Dedicated to the educational benefits that universal broadband connections make possible we are hopeful that the Commission will keep broadband deployment and adoption its first priority and not focus on unnecessary and burdensome regulations.

In closing, ensuring that all Americans have access to educational opportunities through distance learning technologies is and will continue to be a great equalizer in our society. USDLA supports the status quo of current net neutrality interpretation and expectations. We believe it will encourage the Telecom industry to continue its pioneering and investment efforts in making distance learning opportunities available to everyone. This position supports and helps fulfill the mission of USDLA for its many constituencies. More importantly however, this position is paramount for all lifelong learners of all ages in the United States of America.

Sincerely,



John G. Flores, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Distance Learning Association

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Dear Mr. Genachowski:

Please find attached comments from the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce – Education Foundation (USPAACC EF) on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) – WC 07052.

Thank you

Best regards,

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**Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) - WC 07-52**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dealing with “Network Neutrality” presents concerns for the US Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce EF. Our current focus is on providing all Americans with an open Internet, particularly Asian-owned businesses. We know the Commission shares this goal, and ask you to be mindful of the potential impact of new regulation on the deployment and adoption of broadband.

As a result of private investment in the absence of Internet regulation, more than 90 percent of households across the country now have access to broadband networks. Though there are still consumers lacking this access, typically in high-cost, hard-to-serve areas, and adoption rates vary widely. Only 63 percent of Americans use broadband—including just 30 percent of seniors, 35 percent of low-income households and 46 percent of rural households. Many of our constituents are among those groups, so we support efforts to close these gaps. Pro-growth communications policies are the only way to effectively meet that challenge.

Depending on how network neutrality is defined and interpreted, it may actually limit the ability of underserved groups to gain equal access to the latest technology supported by broadband infrastructures. Therefore, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking should include expert opinions from all sides and each proposed broadband regulation should be supported by thorough and reliable data that ensures that private investment will be able to continue to fuel the growth of broadband deployment and adoption. We ask the Commission to exercise the utmost discretion before it moves forward with any new Internet regulation, especially those intended to implement neutrality provisions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Reid" clearly distinguishable.

US Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce EF  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of Chairman Barreto and the Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition we wanted to present to you our recent letter that was submitted regarding docket number 07-52.

We look forward to working with your agency in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

Dear Commissioners:

The Latino Coalition is a nationwide association of Hispanic business owners formed in 1995 to support economic growth, business efficiency and equal opportunity in all phases of life for America's 43 million people of Hispanic origin. We recognize that wide utilization of broadband by Latino-owned small businesses and Latino households is essential to realizing our goals.

Given the critical importance of broadband to our constituency and the rest of America, we are alarmed at the prospect of any FCC rule-making that would mandate net neutrality. Net neutrality is a false issue. The real and significant issues are deployment of broadband and, even more important, reducing the substantial number of Americans who have the option of broadband access but are not taking advantage of it.

The FCC's own research shows encouraging progress in broadband deployment. Private investment by broadband companies encouraged by America's policy of minimal Internet regulation has brought broadband service within reach of 90 percent of U.S. households. As a testament to the vibrant competition in the broadband market, the percentage of households in zip codes with a choice of four or more broadband carriers surged from 51.5 percent in 2004 to 87.9 percent in 2007. That is a welcome improvement, but there is still important work to be done in providing broadband access in rural areas and other under-served communities.

There is an even bigger challenge in increasing the broadband take rate from the current 63 percent. That represents a broadband gap even more serious than the "digital divide" so widely discussed just a few years back. I would not presume to lecture the FCC on the economic and social imperatives of bringing the broadband adoption rate to 100 percent and closing the remaining gap. You understand them well.



Net neutrality regulation would not support either of these priorities. It would set back the private investment that is essential to broadband growth and compromise the quality of service already available by denying broadband carriers the right to manage their own networks. Adoption of net neutrality regulation would create serious long-term problems for broadband in America.

Sincerely,

Hector V. Barreto  
Chairman

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