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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

RE: GN Docket 09-51

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13, 2009, representatives of the City of Boston held a series of meetings with the following Commissioners advisors: David Goldman; Louis Peraertz; Christi Shewman; and Jennifer Schneider. On Thursday, November 12, we also met with Jessica Strott and Andrew Nesi, staff members of the National Broadband Plan Task Force. The City was represented by Deb Socia, Principal of the Lilla Frederick Pilot Middle School, Matt Mervis, Consultant to Ms Socia on programming and technology issues, and myself.

The purpose of the meetings was to further acquaint the advisors and staff with Boston's award-winning sustainable broadband adoption program, Technology Goes Home (TGH) 2.0 which was developed by Ms Socia and Mr. Mervis and widely subscribed to by families with children at the Lilla Frederick school. TGH 2.0 was included in the National Broadband Staff's report to the full Commission on September 29, 2009. Boston expressed its hope that TGH 2.0 might be included in the final report due in February as a first rate example of a highly effective and replicable sustainable broadband adoption program. Boston used or discussed information included in the materials attached to this letter during those meetings.

We also showed the staff and advisors the netbook computer that goes home with each family graduate of TGH 2.0 for a small family co-pay. We demonstrated the "live, work, earn, learn and play" icons on the splash page that make it easy for families to obtain an array of information and resources in their neighborhoods, in the City and otherwise on the internet that will help them improve their life circumstances and come to understand how broadband adoption can benefit them and their families.

Sincerely,

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