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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing today on behalf of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) to follow up on our previous correspondence from October 14 and June 3 of last year concerning broadband Internet and net neutrality. The NGLCC remains unconvinced that the net neutrality rules being considered by the FCC will foster broadband adoption and allow broadband access for all Americans. We remain concerned that the proposed rules will actually inhibit further broadband deployment and disincite user adoption.

As you know the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) is the business advocate and direct link between LGBT business owners, corporations and government. As the umbrella organization for 47 state, local and international lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) chambers of commerce and business organizations, the NGLCC represents the interests of the more than 1.4 million LGBT owned businesses in the United States.

Broadband access is critical to NGLCC members – it opens new markets and expands existing ones; it allows access to information and management tools; and it helps members advertise and recruit new employees, among other important uses.

We believe it is critical that the Commission focus on giving all Americans access to an affordable and open Internet, as well as education around how best to use it.

We strongly urge the Commission to focus first and foremost on universal broadband deployment and not on extraneous new rules that will inhibit the very growth you're seeking.

Sincerely,


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