



January 5, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a board member of the group Rural Restoration Adopt Ministry, I write to you today on behalf of the group and our concerns about the proposed net neutrality regulations under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission.

American farmers are faced with daily uphill battles, and Adopt Ministry is there to guide them and their families through difficult times with information, outreach and prayer. Our mission is to develop and improve the awareness among the general public about rural America, as well as the value and dignity of farm and ranch families. But to do so takes money and an ability to communicate to our members and to the nation at large.

For nonprofits such as ours, much-needed funds are difficult to come by, especially in these tough economic times. Our member communications, *The Sower Magazine*, is dependant on donations to print and mail. Therefore we find ourselves relying on the Internet more and more to spread our message to members and the public. The only problem is that many rural farmers do not have access to broadband and the Internet has yet to reach their households.

Government most certainly has its place, and has done much to help our members weather some very tough storms. But unnecessary laws have historically shown to do more harm than good, and net neutrality appears to fit that bill.

It is important to our members that companies and the government continue to invest in broadband infrastructure to reach every American. That's a noble goal but one that may fall short in its promise if net neutrality regulations are enacted, leading to a lack of private investment in the critical broadband infrastructure so needed to reach communities like those we serve.

Rural Restoration Adopt Ministry urges you to weigh all of the consequences of any new rules and regulations which could impede investment into this important medium. We respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider your actions and its potential effects on farming, ranching and rural communities across our great United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary W. Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary W. Myers, President