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January 8, 2010

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

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC proposal to adopt new regulations on Internet service, and to encourage you to focus instead on promoting rural broadband deployment. My concern is that adding federal regulations will slow down deployment and deny some rural communities the opportunity for broadband.

Chairman Genachowski and I discussed this during his recent visit to Arkansas, and I am confident that the FCC does not intend to slow down broadband deployment. However, that could be one of the unintended consequences of new regulation, and I urge you to proceed carefully.

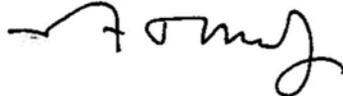
As the Chairman heard at public meetings in Pine Bluff and Little Rock, AR, a number of Arkansas communities still do not have access to high-speed Internet service. Until recently my hometown of Arkansas City was among them. It is a small town and, understandably, Internet providers had struggled for years to build an economic case for the necessary investment. However, by working with providers, the Public Service Commission and others, the Arkansas General Assembly was able to reform the state Universal Service Fund. That reform included new incentives for deployment of advanced services such as rural broadband. Since then a number of small towns have gotten broadband access, and it will be launched in my community this month as part of an ongoing wave of investment.

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I am convinced that the wise improvements we made to state policy were responsible for the latest round of broadband deployment in rural Arkansas. I'm also confident that there are many other towns like Arkansas City, and that the FCC has opportunities to enhance its own programs to benefit all Americans. Our country has a rare opportunity to encourage more broadband investment now, to meet the President's goal of universal access. Please consider carefully before adopting any rule or regulation that might inadvertently delay the country's progress toward 100 percent broadband.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Moore, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert S. Moore, Jr.  
State Representative

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