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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:

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring Americans are provided access to an open Internet. I appreciate your efforts as you review net neutrality issues and strive to prohibit the possibility of violations of its core principles.

Chairman Genachowski, it was my great privilege to meet with you when you were last here in Arkansas. As you might remember, I represent a rural area of the state in southeast Arkansas, and as such, it is my duty to monitor issues which might impact my constituency. That said I fear any unnecessary rules and regulations on Internet Service Providers would greatly affect expansion of, and improvements to, broadband Internet services in my district. Our focus should be doing what we can to move forward with development and implementation of the national broadband plan aimed at getting all U.S. residents access to affordable broadband service.

In addition, prior to my service to the people of Arkansas' 9th District, I was a life-long educator and remain committed to doing what I can to ensure that the schoolchildren of our state receive the best possible education that we can provide. It is no secret the Internet has become a desired and necessary tool to use in the classroom. It is also no secret that this is a result of the technological innovations made possible by the "hands-off" treatment of the Internet by our government.

While I theoretically agree with your purpose, I urge you to exercise considered caution in implementing any rules that could negatively affect innovation and expansion of broadband services.

Sincerely,

Eddie Cheatham
State Representative

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