

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554



Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act)	
))	GN Docket No. 09-137
A National Broadband Plan For Our Future)	
))	GN Docket No. 09-51
International Comparison and Survey Requirements in the Broadband Data Improvement Act)	
))	GN Docket No. 09-47

REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT REPLY COMMENTS

Media Access Project (“MAP”) respectfully requests that the Commission afford members of the public and other interested parties the opportunity to submit reply comments addressing issues which have arisen during the course of the Commission’s consideration of the National Broadband Plan docket. The submission of such reply comments is both feasible and desirable in light of the Chairman’s January 7, 2010 request to Congress that it be afforded a one-month extension of time, until March 17, 2010, within which to submit a National Broadband Plan.

The Commission and the National Broadband Plan staff have conducted what is surely the most detailed and transparent proceeding in the Commission’s history. Its 27 notices requesting public comment and over 50 public workshops and field hearings have allowed creation of a record of extraordinary depth and detail. These discussions have often cast new light and added new perspectives on many of the questions raised in those notices and meetings. Moreover, and inevitably, the dialogue the Commission has conducted has developed many new and important questions as well. This is especially true for the most recently issued requests for comment.

Given the fact that there is now a new window of time, albeit a small one, for the Commission to consider additional submissions, MAP respectfully suggests that the Commission would benefit from accepting additional submissions relating to newly raised issues. Moreover, as a practical matter, some parties will exercise their right to submit unsolicited *ex parte* communications on such questions. Establishing a formal procedure, and a deadline, for such filings will create a more orderly, and more fair, means of administering the National Broadband Plan docket.

WHEREFORE, MAP respectfully asks that the Commission afford an opportunity for submission of reply comments relating to the preparation of a National Broadband Plan, and for all such other relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Jay Schwartzman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "S".

Andrew Jay Schwartzman
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