

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

January 14, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce and our more than 600 members are concerned about the possibility of the FCC imposing new regulations on the Internet.

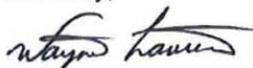
The Chamber's membership is primarily made up of small businesses throughout our community – businesses that have become more and more reliant on broadband and the Internet to compete in the global marketplace. Growth and intense competition within the U.S. communications marketplace has had a positive impact on businesses throughout our community and across the country. Today, consumers enjoy more competition, innovation and better services for communications services than at any other time in our history. It is our view that the tremendous growth of broadband and the Internet occurred due to the fact that these segments of the communications market have not been heavily regulated.

In the future, it will be essential to encourage investment in the communications infrastructure which supports the Internet – we need federal policies that will lead to new investment and the deployment of innovative services.

The current Administration has expressed admirable goals relating to achieving 100 percent broadband availability and creating an environment where more Americans can benefit from advanced communications services. However, our organization is concerned that if the FCC enacts policies which impose, for the first time, new regulations on the Internet with the enactment of "Net Neutrality" rules, that the opposite will occur – we are concerned that new regulations will hamper innovation, slow investment, and impede the abilities of businesses across our country to compete globally.

Please consider the negative impact that imposing these new regulation would have on businesses and consumers across this nation. We urge the FCC to resist enacting new and unnecessary regulations.

Sincerely,



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