

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

January 11, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing you to express my concern with the proposed “net neutrality” rules and the effects they may have on Michigan’s state and local economy. From an economic development viewpoint, broadband is no longer a business luxury, it is a necessity. High speed internet access improves efficiency, cuts costs, and reduces energy consumption and travel. I share the goal of making these benefits 100% available for all Americans. This will best be achieved through policies that encourage private investment which will fuel greater, faster broadband deployment and increased usage. In my opinion, the proposed “net neutrality” rules, if passed, will cause Michigan’s already struggling economy and job market to be further negatively impacted.

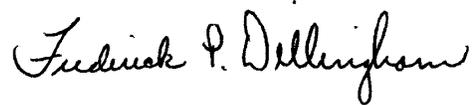
We are struggling to diversify Michigan’s economy and technology related jobs and private technology investment offer a glimmer of hope to our otherwise devastated economy. Why would the FCC want to do anything that would jeopardize our state’s and our nation’s ability to compete more effectively, less costly, and more efficiently in the global economy and bring our jobs back home.

It is time for the FCC and our leaders in Washington to focus attention on job creation, real health care reform, common sense environmental protection and real improvements to our floundering education system.

I urge you not to pass the “net neutrality” rules and give our suffering economy and jobless families an opportunity to recover and work again by allowing broadband internet growth to continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fredrick P. Dillingham".

Fred Dillingham  
Executive Director

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