



February 2, 2010

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, GN Docket Nos. 09-51 (A National Broadband Plan for our Future), 09-191 (Preserving the Open Internet), WC Docket No. 07-52 (Broadband Industry Practices)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 1, 2010, I, Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, President and CEO of the ASPIRA Association, Inc. met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Rick Kaplan, Acting Chief of Staff for Mignon Clyburn.

At the meeting we discussed issues relating to GN Docket Nos. 09-51 (A National Broadband Plan for our Future), 09-191 (Preserving the Open Internet), and WC Docket No. 07-52 (Broadband Industry Practices).

On behalf of ASPIRA, I emphasized the importance of a free and open Internet and our agreement with the Commission's basic principles. I indicated that ASPIRA is not opposed to regulation in principle, but that any new regulation must not only "not harm" the Hispanic community, it must ensure that it actually brings benefits to that community. Specifically, I indicated that reasonable regulation may be required on service providers' management of their networks, though we believe that service providers should be able to reasonably manage their networks to ensure quality service for all. I also stated that for ASPIRA, as for the Commission, increased access and adoption of broadband in the Hispanic community is essential in bridging the digital divide. As an organization dedicated to education, moreover, access to a free and open Internet via broadband by our students, teachers and parents is critically important in bridging the achievement gap and providing the same educational opportunities to Hispanic students as other students have.

I indicated that we shared concerns with other organizations regarding some of the proposed rules in the Open Internet Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as stated in the filing of the "National Organizations" on January 14, 2010. Specifically, we are concerned that new regulation may lead to increasing prices for consumers, which could disproportionately affect the Hispanic community. It may also have a negative impact on investment by service providers, slowing deployment and negatively affecting access by

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the Hispanic community. It may also have a negative effect on jobs that may be created by increased broadband deployment, on Hispanic small business, and on Hispanic entrepreneurship.

I stated that, at present, the proposals are still very general, which is a major challenge. However, I reiterated that ASPIRA remained very open to ideas as specific proposals for regulation came forth and that ASPIRA was willing to work with the Commission as it moved forward on proposing new regulations. Moreover, I proposed that the Commission consider creating a series of task forces with community organizations in specific areas that would meet on an on-going basis as regulation is being considered so that the various groups could provide input as new regulation is being considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Blackburn-Moreno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ronald Blackburn-Moreno
President and CEO

CC: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Rick Kaplan