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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 09-191)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The principle objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States. In our ever changing and advancing world, a key component to helping achieve this mission for those we serve has become access to dependable broadband service.

I write to you today to express the concern of the Connecticut NAACP with possible new regulations on the Internet and wireless service that may put continued investment in broadband at risk. Such a policy of network neutrality will limit investment in much needed infrastructure, stifle innovation and disadvantage consumers, particularly those in our communities.

Here in Connecticut, in just a few years, we've seen dramatic growth in broadband access and adaption because of significant private investment and the introduction of new technologies. Consumers are using these resources to grow their businesses and better manage their lives. Several companies competing to bring these best internet service to Connecticut consumers are investing millions in our state while also generating hundreds of good jobs. We don't want to see this positive trend reversed.

Please do not seek to make these changes to the one industry that is innovating and growing during these difficult economic times.

Sincerely

Scot X. Esdaile
President

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