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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

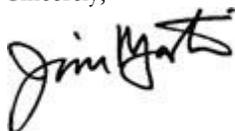
The 60 Plus Association is a non-partisan advocacy group that focuses on issues affecting today's American seniors. At this time we wish to provide our reply comments regarding the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule-Making on the Open Internet. While we continue to believe an open internet is in everyone's best interest, we remain concerned that adding a non-discrimination principle to the FCC's Internet Policy Statement will deter private investment and diminish quality of certain Internet applications that seniors have come to rely on.

As we stated in our previous comments, private investment has been critical to expanding broadband deployment at affordable prices and with innovative services, which are especially appealing to so many seniors who struggle with the high cost of living while on fixed incomes. When network providers invest, they strive to attract new customers and provide their existing customers with new and innovative services that demand quality of service enhancements, like telemedicine. If the FCC adopts an internet policy framework with additional principles, the incentive for the private sector to invest will be reduced, threatening to cut off the steady stream of capital expenditures into broadband Internet and slowing the pace of innovation.

We are particularly concerned that the addition of a non-discrimination principle could negatively impact the quality of service and care our nation's seniors receive when utilizing telemedicine applications. The 60 Plus Association knows firsthand how sensitive telemedicine applications are to Internet service quality. Reliable and well-managed connections are critical to the timely delivery of telemedicine applications. The obstacles created by the proposed non-discrimination principle could also act as a barrier to seniors who wish to connect to the broadband Internet for the purpose of benefiting from advanced telemedicine applications.

As the FCC moves forward and considers additions to its Internet Policy Statement, the 60 Plus Association urges you to consider the impact of any new provisions on investment and innovative applications like telemedicine. The senior community believes the policies should be aimed at furthering broadband adoption, while including incentives for continued investment and innovation.

Sincerely,



James L. Martin

The 60 Plus Association is a 18-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a less government, less taxes approach. 60 Plus calls on support from nearly 5.5 million citizen activists. 60 Plus publishes a magazine, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group" and since 1992 "the conservative alternative to the AARP."