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

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

March 31, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce is a businesses and community support organization established to promote and sustain business expansion, investment and economic development in the East End. The East End of Houston is home to more than 234,000 people, and more than 7,700 businesses with more than 100,000 employees. Our city and East End community is also very diverse and is comprised of many different ethnicities including Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and Asian Americans.

The East End began as the backbone of early industry and remains the commercial center of the city today. As a diverse and evolving city-within-a-city, we understand how a robust communications structure helps foster commercial enterprise. While much of our economy is dominated by international trade, manufacturing and warehousing industries, we believe that all businesses, regardless of industry, must have access to wired and wireless broadband in order to stay competitive in a digital economy.

It is our belief in the benefits of broadband for businesses and entrepreneurship, which compels us to voice our opposition to the Commission's proposal to increase broadband regulation via the Open Internet Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Our organization is concerned that the uncertainties stemming from a new regulatory regime will stifle innovation and entrepreneurship, which the Commission seeks to promote.

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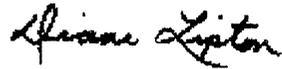
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Specifically, if implemented, the non-discrimination principle could restrict a network provider's ability to respond to varying customer needs, including the businesses and organizations we represent. The principle could also prevent the development and introduction of new applications, products and services, which have the potential to improve our businesses and lives, simply because they would rely on or require Quality of Service enhancements. We also ask the Commission to take into account the potential impact of new regulation on job creation and growth during our current economic climate.

Ultimately, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce believes that the best way to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation is with a competitive marketplace where companies are held accountable by consumer demands, and we hope the Commission will agree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Lipton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Lipton, President