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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

As the President of the Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and representing a membership of over 600 (many who are small business owners), I am writing you today on an important subject, the National Broadband Plan. I congratulate you on the release of the National Broadband Plan which provides for a comprehensive roadmap to achieve the goal of providing affordable Broadband services to every American. During these times of economic hardship and, witnessing firsthand the negative impact that our economy has had on small business and my members, I believe that this plan has the potential to provide new opportunities for job growth and economic stability.

However, many of my members have expressed concerns about the potential for something called Net Neutrality; a seemingly benign sounding proposal and, the impact it might have on small businesses.

Broadband technology promotes entrepreneurship and connects local businesspersons to resources in their communities. Small business owners equipped with broadband connections can use the Internet to network and advertise their services at affordable rates, or even for free. Entrepreneurs also gain access to resources for economic success. Many small and diverse businesses have come to rely on broadband technology for economic success and we worry that any potential net neutrality regulations could have a detrimental effect on broadband deployment and adoption thus, on the small businesses that depend on broadband for their livelihood.

In addition to helping entrepreneurs themselves, broadband technology has a larger impact on the communities where residents are adopting it, spurring innovation and job creation. A 2007 Brookings Institution study found that for every one percentage point

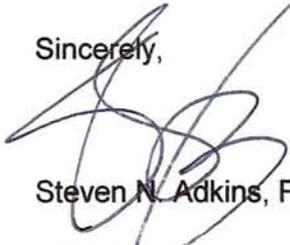
increase in broadband penetration in a state, employment is projected to increase by 0.2 to 0.3 percent per year. Greater broadband deployment and adoption enables innovations that benefit both businesses and consumers.

Broadband providers are investing billions of dollars each year to expand deployment of broadband and as the plan clearly states, the goals of the National Broadband Plan can only be achieved by continuing to encourage private investment. But net neutrality rules could limit the ability to continue to attract this level of investment and without these sizable investments, consumers will be left to foot the bill. This would do nothing to expand broadband access or incentivize more Americans to adopt it.

Despite today's economic climate, broadband has remained a bright spot. However, net neutrality rules would limit private sector investment and impede more Americans from obtaining broadband, therefore limiting their opportunities for economic empowerment.

I applaud for the goals as defined by the NBP and urge the Commission to consider the ramifications that net neutrality rules would have on small businesses, our national economy and the goals of the national Broadband Plan.

Sincerely,



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