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Dear Commissioner Clyburn:

We were encouraged by your March 10, 2010 statement underscoring the need for the Commission to establish a free broadband alternative to connect millions of low income and minority Americans who currently lack access to broadband.

The plight of those who aren't connected to broadband is our top priority. Predominately those not online are minorities, children and seniors in large urban areas — groups for whom digital integration is critical to America's future. For those on the other side of the digital divide, affordability continues to be the greatest impediment to adoption and use.

To address these problems, MMTC has long advocated for effective and innovative regulatory approaches such as the formation of a digital literacy corps, a meaningful designated entity program, and a free nationwide broadband service in the AWS-3 band such as that proposed by M2Z Networks, whose application MMTC and the leading national civil rights organizations have endorsed.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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President and Executive Director