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**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 7, 2010, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and Communications, and Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President – Federal Regulatory Affairs met with Commissioner Robert McDowell, and Christine Kurth, legal advisor to Commissioner McDowell.

During the meeting, Verizon addressed several issues. First, Verizon discussed Tom Tauke's recent remarks to the New Democrat Network. In that speech, Mr. Tauke indicated the current communications statute is badly out of date and that Congress should take a fresh look at our nation's communications policy framework. This new framework for the Internet ecosystem should 1) empower consumers, 2) protect consumers' online safety, 3) focus on increasing adoption and 4) provide a backstop when there is consumer harm or anticompetitive behavior.

Second, Verizon addressed the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking on net neutrality. We expressed our desire to work constructively with the FCC in the pending proceeding, but reiterated our view that the Commission should not adopt rules that would effectively dictate the structure of what is still a new and evolving industry. We also stressed the importance of and efforts to improve industry self governance in the Internet ecosystem.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".

cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Christine Kurth