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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte: Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191;
Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The attached letter from Senator Debbie Stabenow to Chairman Genachowski dated June 10, 2010 was sent to Christine Kurth, legal advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell, from Robert Fisher of Verizon. The letter was sent at Ms. Kurth's request, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §1.1204(a)(10).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rice".

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I applaud the Commission's leadership in providing Congress with a National Broadband Plan. I share your commitment to making sure every American has access to affordable, world-class broadband networks. Building a better broadband network is an investment in our businesses, schools, and communities – creating jobs and strengthening our economy.

To achieve this goal, the framework for overseeing broadband networks must be carefully considered and balanced. That is why I believe Congress has a responsibility to hear from all stakeholders before updating the Communications Act. The Internet touches on every part of our lives, and changes to the law should be given careful review by the people's representatives in Congress.

Almost 100 million Americans do not yet have broadband at home and many of those Americans are located in rural and underserved areas. The demand for more bandwidth and faster broadband speeds to accommodate advanced applications of all kinds continues to grow. These remaining broadband challenges will require clear guidelines that both protect consumers and encourage the investment and creation of jobs necessary to improve America's broadband networks.

As you know, on May 24, Chairmen Rockefeller, Kerry, Waxman and Boucher announced they will begin a process to develop proposals to update the Communications Act. They plan to invite all stakeholders to participate in a series of bipartisan meetings this month. I urge the Commission to withdraw its Title II classification effort and work with the Chairs of the appropriate Congressional committees to develop suitable and clear statute that will help us achieve our national broadband goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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