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RE: Notice of *ex parte* presentation in:

GN Docket No. 09-191
WC Docket No. 07-52
GN Docket 10-127

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Friday, July 30, Leslie Harris, John Morris, David Sohn, and Andrew McDiarmid of the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) met with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski, and Zachary Katz, legal advisor to Chairman Genachowski. We discussed principles for a framework to achieve the goals of the Open Internet proceeding.

Specifically, we discussed principles involving a prohibition on blocking lawful content, applications, and devices; transparency with respect to network management practices; a non-discrimination provision; and an exception for specialized, non-Internet-access services. We also discussed the application of such principles to wireless Internet access. The views expressed by CDT's representatives were consistent with those expressed in its comments in the above referenced proceedings. In particular, CDT emphasized the importance of crafting an appropriate definition for "specialized services" to avoid creating an open-ended loophole; of addressing the question of "paid priority;" and of ensuring that wireless Internet access services develop in an open manner rather than with network operators serving as gatekeepers for content and applications.

Sincerely,

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