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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 November 29, 2010, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and Communications, Verizon spoke by telephone with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski. Mr. Tauke made clear that Verizon supports the concept of the open internet and has worked with other industry players and policymakers for several years to develop appropriate public policies in this area. Most recently, Verizon supported the initiative of Chairman Henry Waxman.

Mr. Tauke stated that if the FCC decides to act on the net neutrality issue, the Commissioners should consider the framework of the proposal developed by Chairman Waxman this fall, including the sunset provision. Communications is a fast-moving industry, and the FCC should periodically review developments to see if any new rules are justified and appropriate. Moreover, the FCC's authority to act in this area is uncertain, and Congress has indicated a strong interest in addressing this issue; interim rules would encourage congressional action and show appropriate deference to Congress. Mr. Tauke made clear that Verizon intends to continue to work with the FCC and other policymakers to address these issues constructively.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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