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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

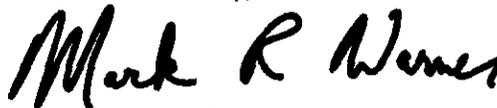
I am writing to commend you on a major step towards a grand bargain among a diverse set of stakeholders. Over the past five years, the Federal Communications Commission, industry, Congress, and the public have debated the central question of how to preserve fair, unfettered access to lawful internet content. Prompt resolution of this issue will open the door to progress in other pressing matters such as access to spectrum and broadband service for all Americans, which have unfortunately languished.

It is my understanding that the FCC has received over 100,000 comments relating to the oversight of broadband networks. I believe that this attention to detail and willingness to hear from all parties will serve the Commission well as it issues the framework for network management practices later this month.

The initial reaction to today's announcement from leading Internet and technology companies, as well as broadband service providers, is encouraging to me. I am hopeful that the Commission should be able to issue final rules later this month that will address critical issues such as management of wireless traffic and provide certainty for both network managers and content creators and consumers.

I have long advocated that the Commission should seek to achieve an outcome that permits reasonable network management for Internet Service Providers and provides non-discrimination protections for content, particularly for similar forms of Internet traffic. I commend the Commission on its diligent effort to craft proposed rules to preserve an open internet. I look forward to reviewing the final draft rules when the Commission releases them.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Warner  
United States Senator

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The Honorable Mark R. Warner  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Warner:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me in your letter regarding the Commission's open Internet proceeding.

At its December 21, 2010 meeting, the Commission adopted a strong and balanced framework to preserve Internet openness and freedom. After fourteen months, more than 200,000 commenters, and hundreds of discussions with stakeholders, this action provides much needed certainty to the marketplace. I believe that these high-level rules of the road – which received broad support from across the Internet ecosystem – will be a powerful spur for innovation and investment, and will strengthen the Internet job creation engine.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. I look forward to working further with you on a broad range of telecommunications issues, including spectrum policy, universal service reform, and the deployment of a public safety wireless broadband network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Julius Genachowski