

I support the FCC's proposal to use USF funds for digital literacy training as long as it is done in a transparent manner and to the benefit of low-income Americans lacking the skills to get online via broadband. I further support FCC action to protect, promote and encourage greater competition in wire-line and wireless broadband. I firmly believe FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski should have brought his Third Way proposal for broadband reclassification under Title II of the Telecommunications Act up for a vote. Having failed to do so the FCC's 2010 Net Neutrality order I fear could be struck down by the courts which already ruled against FCC on Net Neutrality in regard to Comcast v. FCC. Broadband is too important for our society for the FCC to leave such services completely unregulated.

We have to decide whether like universal mail service, universal electricity, and universal service for basic telephone access whether to leave the broadband market to monopoly telecom and cable giants or to have some regulation protecting consumers and requiring the competition needed for universal broadband service to become a reality. Furthermore, just as dial-up Internet access is considered a telecommunications service so too must broadband be classified as such. I respectfully submit these comments to the FCC Proceedings on Preserving An Open Internet (09-191), Broadband Framework Service Reclassification (10-127), Broadband Industry Practices (07-52), Connect America Fund (10-90), and Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy (12-23).