

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski should not try to rubber stamp prior media ownership rules that were faulty and contrary to the public interest endorsed by former Chairmen Michael Powell and Kevin J. Martin. The Powell led FCC should not have classified broadband services via cable modem as it did in 2002 as a weak Title I information service nor should the FCC in 2005 have reclassified broadband over phone company DSL also under Title I. The FCC must reverse course and abandon the disastrous media and Internet governance policies of the past decade and fight to protect and promote the public interest. This requires strengthening media ownership rules not weakening them any further because media giants like Comcast NBC have unprecedented media and Internet power which they can use to show favoritism to some content and applications over others (Comcast privileging NBC channels in its TV lineup breaking the news neighborhood-ing merger condition by not including Bloomberg) and discriminating against competing services online like Netflix by not applying its data caps equally to their own XFINITY TV service.

Please strengthen open internet rules of Network Neutrality mandating nondiscrimination that would rightly make every broadband based Internet Service Provider whether wire-line or wireless in nature a dumb pipe to the same Internet. Also reclassify broadband under Title II and prohibit greater media consolidation.