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December 10, 2010

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

**RE: Ex Parte Notice. In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet  
Broadband Industry Practices. GH Docket No. 09-191. WC Docket No. 07-  
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On December 10, 2010, David Honig of the Minority Media & Telecom Council (MMTC), Debbie Goldman of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), and Bob Erickson of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) met with Margaret McCarthy, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps. to discuss the Open Internet proceeding.

Ms. Goldman, Mr. Honig, and Mr. Erickson shared statements of support for Chairman Genachowski's Open Internet framework from the nation's leading civil rights and labor organizations -- NAACP, National Urban League, League of United Latin American Citizens, and MMTC, and CWA. They also conveyed the text of a letter sent earlier this year from the leading civil rights, labor, and environmental organizations (NAACP, National Urban League, LULAC, MMTC, AFL-CIO, CWA, IBEW, and Sierra Club) urging support for Open Internet principles that are consistent with Chairman Genachowski's framework. A copy of the letter and statements is attached.

Ms. Goldman, Mr. Honig, and Mr. Erickson emphasized that the Chairman's framework for protecting an Open Internet represents a middle-ground position that will protect consumers' right to access the Internet content of their choice, while spurring the broadband investment, quality job creation, and adoption that remain critical challenges facing our nation. The Chairman's proposal embodies key elements of net neutrality: free speech, no blocking, no

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unreasonable discrimination, and transparency. It would provide minority entrepreneurs the certainty they need to move forward to raise capital for broadband development.

Ms. Goldman, Mr. Honig, and Mr. Erickson noted that since private capital will largely finance the build-out and upgrading of our nation's broadband networks, it is critical that Open Internet principles support investment and job creation. Ms. Goldman presented data that shows that the telecommunications industry has hemorrhaged 72,000 jobs since the beginning of 2009; wrong decisions in this proceeding could accelerate that downward trend.

Ms. Goldman, Mr. Honig, and Mr. Erickson emphasized that we are at a critical moment in moving forward at long last to establish rules to protect an Open Internet. It is imperative that we resolve this issue in a way that protects consumers – which Chairman Genachowski's framework does -- so we can move forward on the urgent need to implement the National Broadband Plan.

Sincerely,

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