



National Association
of Hispanic Journalists

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Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists, which represents 1600 journalists across the country, applauds the action taken by the Federal Communications Commission to begin a rulemaking procedure to pass regulation that protects a free and open Internet.

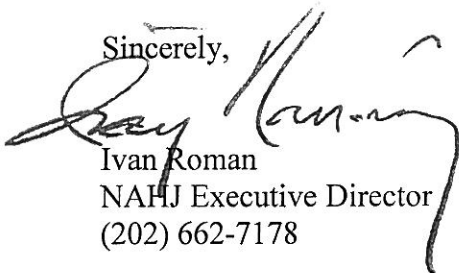
The National Association of Hispanic Journalists has long been a supporter of Network Neutrality. In 2006, NAHJ passed a resolution in support of Network Neutrality stating that it was critical for the community to have access to “a diversity of viewpoints without artificial and unnecessary obstacles.”

As Latino journalists, we understand first hand the importance of making sure the community has unfettered access to the Internet. For too long, the traditional media has marginalized the Latino community and communities of color by acting as gatekeepers who prevent our voices from being heard on television or radio.

We believe it is critical for the FCC to pass Network Neutrality regulations that will prevent broadband providers from discriminating, blocking and deterring the ability of Internet users from accessing the content of their choice online.

Making sure that we protect a free and open Internet levels the playing field for all, encourages minority and independent ownership, and helps us avoid the mistakes of the past when it comes to media.

Sincerely,



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