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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

For the last year, you have called upon your Administration's leadership to review regulations that will stifle job growth and innovation. During your September 2011 address to a joint meeting of Congress, you stated that regulations are placing an "unnecessary burden" on business and that "[w]e should have no more regulation than the health, safety and security of the American people require. Every rule should meet that common sense test."

We agree and ask you to stop any implementation of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) net neutrality rules, as they do not meet your "common sense test."

The Internet has grown to encompass one-sixth of the U.S. economy. When the service and manufacturing sectors in this country lost jobs, the telecommunications industry experienced growth. The private sector has invested \$700 billion into developing the Internet as we know it today. Private companies have transformed it from a dial-up phone technology into an instrument that can share information in real time throughout the world, with no wires attached.

Against the backdrop of this American success story, implementation of the net neutrality rules could derail the investment and innovation that have been the hallmark of the information economy in the United States. The net neutrality rules at best create uncertainty in the technology sector and at worst could hinder this vital economic engine from creating the jobs Americans need.

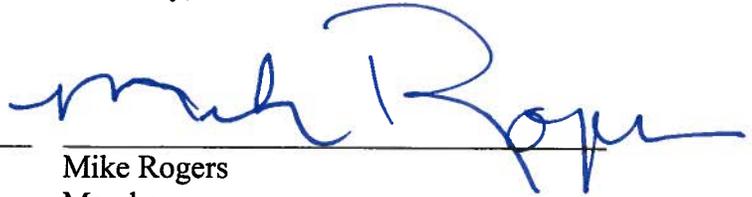
The people of this country demand policies that promote economic growth. Regulating an industry that continues to invest billions each year in broadband networks, provides hundreds of thousands of jobs, and leads the world in innovation is not such a

policy. We urge you to bring the FCC's vision for regulation in line with your stated policy by stopping the implementation of the FCC's net neutrality rules.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
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