The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554  

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - United States of America (IEEE-USA) would like to thank and congratulate you for your remarks on “Preserving Internet Freedom and Openness” dated December 1, 2010. IEEE-USA strongly supports the principles of service provider transparency and non-discrimination discussed in those remarks. We are encouraged by your support for reasonable network traffic management, and we look forward to the Commission’s upcoming proposal.

As our recent position statement explains, fundamental metrics form the basis of any reasonable network traffic management framework. If agreed to by industry, policymakers, and consumers, standardized metrics provide the opportunity for transparent, non-discriminatory network management for the benefit of all who utilize and develop the Internet. IEEE-USA and IEEE stand ready to support the development of such standards.

We also hope that the Commission will act in favor of a user-driven Internet -- one in which network traffic management actions depend on user requests. User requests mitigate discriminatory traffic management practices by classifying packets according to user need rather than content or protocol type. Hence, a goal of network neutrality is advanced through technical means.


IEEE-USA recognizes that the FCC’s actions on this topic are critical to many sectors of the U.S. economy and specifically to the industries in which many of the 215,000 members of IEEE-USA work. If there is anything further we can do to support the open Internet, please contact Deborah Rudolph at 202 530-8332 or d.rudolph@ieee.org.

Sincerely,

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