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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The rapid growth of the Internet has been a tremendous asset for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. We believe it is essential for all Americans to have high-speed Internet access and we strongly support the Commission's efforts to ensure that our nation is fully connected to high-speed broadband. The Commission has shown it understands the amazing economic, political and social benefits of a truly connected nation, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is encouraged at the potential of better engaging citizens from all communities throughout America.

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the political power of the LGBT community from the ground up. We do this by training activists, organizing broad-based campaigns, and by building the organizational capacity of our movement. As part of a broader social justice movement, we work to create a nation that respects the diversity of human expression and identity and creates opportunity for all. The Internet has helped us greatly in our efforts to organize our community, promote dialogue about LGBT issues and work toward social justice.

The potential of the Internet for positive social change is endless, which is why we must ensure that the Internet's future is one of growth, innovation and forward-looking initiatives. We believe that this future will be best preserved by maintaining a climate that promotes collaboration between the public and private sector so that all people may gain affordable high-speed Internet access. For these reasons, our organization has concerns over the FCC's proposals to bring new net neutrality regulations to the Internet.

We believe that the implications of these new regulations must be thoroughly examined because of their potentially detrimental effects on the future of the Internet. Universal high-speed Internet access may be the best tool we have for promoting a future of equality, engagement and a world in which the voices of all groups are heard. We hope that all viewpoints will be considered before adopting net neutrality regulations.

We fully support the Commission in its efforts to bring universal high-speed broadband coverage to America and are thankful for your consideration of the Internet's continued potential for civic engagement and promoting equality.

Sincerely,

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