



May 7, 2010

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

Re: A National Broadband Plan for our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51;
Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

EDUCAUSE, the American Library Association, and the Association of Research Libraries applaud your “third way” proposal to ensure that students, educators and the general public can benefit from broadband services. The timely implementation of the National Broadband Plan and simple, clear rules for preserving an open Internet are critical to our missions as researchers, educators and librarians.

The American public needs fast, open, and affordable broadband to access information, distribute content, collaborate, improve computer literacy, pursue education and research, and participate in the global economy. While the recent *Comcast v. FCC* decision may have cast doubt on how to move forward with plans to encourage broadband deployment and protect Internet users, your proposal strikes a balance by identifying the portions of Title II that are and are not appropriate for the Internet environment.

We also share your sense of urgency to improve broadband connectivity for all. We are eager to get down to the hard work of implementing the National Broadband Plan and the open Internet rulemaking. We appreciate your leadership in this important arena and stand ready to participate in the public debate about how best to move forward.

Sincerely,

American Library Association

Association of Research Libraries

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