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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to follow up on the conversations we have had about the importance of adopting permanent network neutrality rules that do not harm the enforcement of copyright laws.

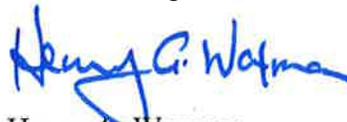
As you know, I am a strong proponent of the open nature of the internet and I support regulatory or legislative action to make net neutrality rules permanent. The open internet has fostered competition, spurred innovation, and created jobs and business opportunities. It has revolutionized the way our citizens obtain information and communicate with one another.

The open internet has also given creative artists and content owners new, unprecedented opportunities to reach audiences and market their works. As intellectual property owners wage a relentless battle against online piracy, however, there are fears that net neutrality rules might result in making their fight more difficult. I very much appreciate your sensitivity to this concern and your outreach to the creative community on this important matter.

Net neutrality rules and copyright law enforcement are not mutually exclusive goals. In fact, I believe that clear, consistent, and permanent rules of the road will give broadband network operators certainty and the security they need to develop innovative ways to stop online piracy.

I look forward to working with you on this important initiative and want to commend you for establishing a rulemaking process that I am certain will remain fact-driven, inclusive, and transparent.

With kind regards, I am



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman