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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It has been productive to halt activity on network neutrality absent clear direction from Congress. Although we have disagreed with the policy from the beginning, we appreciate the deliberative process you have undertaken. Approximately 300 members of the House and Senate from both sides of the aisle have indicated that the questions raised in the network neutrality rulemaking are better left to Congress.

We understand you are considering circulating a network neutrality order for vote at the December FCC meeting. That is a mistake. President Obama has said he heard the American people's message to Washington loud and clear earlier this month. We must now work together to help bring back jobs. We have much we can do together on matters such as spectrum and universal service reform that will have a significant positive impact on the economy. Reigniting the network neutrality debate will only distract us from that work and further jeopardize investment, innovation, and jobs. We ask you not to circulate such an order.

Sincerely,

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