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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

EDUCAUSE, Internet2 and ACUTA would like to express our strong support for your recent announcement that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will initiate a public proceeding on the question of net neutrality. As a community, we have been active participants in the national debate over this issue and remain strong advocates of net neutrality as a basic principle.

All of our organizations are actively involved in the policies and mechanics of running large private networks on and between our college and university campuses. But we also realize that higher education is increasingly dependent on an open public Internet to achieve our mission of education, research and community outreach. As network owners and operators we understand the complexities of this issue and welcome the opportunity to lend our expertise and support in the quest to find a reasonable and enforceable resolution.

Our members include institutions that are at the cutting edge of research and innovation in almost every field of endeavor from literature to physics to medicine. The principle of openness that has existed on the public Internet has allowed unprecedented access to information, collaboration and experimentation. We feel it is possible to protect this principle while also generating the investment needed to take the Internet to the next level of operability.

We thank you for initiating this proceeding and look forward to working with you on this important national issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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