



WOMEN IMPACTING PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT ON FCC NET NEUTRALITY RULING

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In response to the Federal Communications Commission's vote to implement its Net Neutrality Solution, Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) is issuing the following statement:

Washington, D.C. – December 21, 2010 – “Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) congratulates the Federal Communications Commissioners for their adoption of Chairman Julius Genachowski’s framework to preserve an open internet, which we believe is a common sense approach that will restore needed certainty to the broadband market and will allow the Commission to move on to other important communications objectives.

As a group representing more than a half a million women business owners, WIPP recognizes the importance of the regulatory certainty that this decision provides – for large companies investing large amounts of capital into broadband infrastructure and for the small businesses and entrepreneurs who rely on broadband-based products and services to run their business. In addition, small businesses continue to make substantial contributions to the innovations in the telecommunication and technology sectors.

WIPP also appreciates the Commission’s meticulous work to consider input from stakeholders across the country as it worked to formulate the net neutrality order, and we are proud that our organization and many of our members continually contributed feedback about the potential impact the various proposals would have on small business. In the coming year, WIPP looks forward to working with the Commission on other important issues, including policy efforts to make broadband affordable and accessible to all small business owners.”

Women Impacting Public Policy is a national nonpartisan group with over half-a-million members. WIPP is the collective voice in Washington, D.C., for 54 national women and small business organizations. WIPP advocates for and on behalf of women and minorities in business in the legislative process of our nation, creating economic opportunities for members and building alliances with other small business organizations. Visit www.wipp.org.