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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I commend you for hosting today's Forum regarding Voice over Internet Protocol. The emergence of this issue highlights the great benefits to be derived from innovation, while it portends the perils of applying a static regulatory regime to a rapidly changing technological environment.

Voice over Internet Protocol holds great promise for consumers. The existing regulatory uncertainty over the treatment of these services, however, threatens to quickly create an unhealthy environment for continued investment and development of competition in this area. The Forum, therefore, appears quite timely. I urge you to continue to address this issue in a thoughtful and expeditious manner, and I look forward to holding a hearing on Voice over Internet Protocol early in the new year.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
Chairman