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The Honorable Ted Stevens  
Chairman  
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U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Co-Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member:

We are writing to underscore the importance of an open Internet and to seek your leadership in enacting legislation that preserves the fundamental and critical nature of the Internet.

The open marketplace of the Internet, or what has become known as “network neutrality,” empowers America’s citizenry, fuels our engine of innovation and is central to our global leadership in Internet technology and services. The rules of the road that preserved openness were eliminated last summer by the Federal Communications Commission, and it is critical that Congress moves quickly to reinstate them.

The Internet has succeeded precisely because of these rules, which have prevented network operators from using their control over Internet access to dictate consumers’ Internet experience. Likewise, innovators large and small, as well as investors, have relied on market and regulatory certainty coupled with their own ingenuity to develop new and better online offerings. This “innovation without permission” is, from our perspective, the essence of the Internet.

We call upon you to enact legislation preventing discrimination against the content and services of those not affiliated with network operators and thereby preserve network neutrality. It is our understanding that Senators Snowe and Dorgan plan to introduce legislation that would ensure the Internet remains open and neutral. We commend their effort. We encourage you to include such language in any telecommunications legislation.

Absent such safeguards, the fundamental paradigm of the Internet will be irreparably altered and that most worthy of preservation will be lost. American consumers will lose basic Internet freedoms, the engine of innovation will be hobbled, and our global

competitiveness will be compromised.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and other Members of the Committee to re-establish longstanding net neutrality protections.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff Bezos  
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/s/ Paul S. Otellini  
President and CEO  
Intel Corporation

/s/ Meg Whitman  
President and CEO  
eBay Inc.

/s/ Steve Ballmer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Microsoft Corp.

/s/ Eric Schmidt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Google Inc.

/s/ Terry Semel  
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/s/ Barry Diller  
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