



**VIA FAX**

August 4, 2005

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

**RE: Ex Parte Notice. CC Docket No. 02-33, CC Dockets No. 95-20, 98-10.  
Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over  
Wireline Facilities; Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers.**

As the Commission concludes deliberations in the wireline broadband proceeding, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) strongly urges the Commission to be guided by these two over-arching principles: creating a level regulatory playing field and promoting an open Internet.

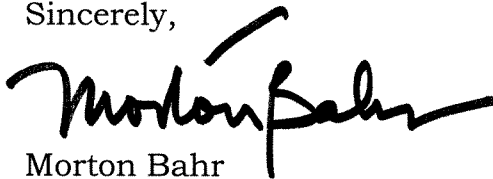
To ensure an open Internet, the Commission should require that all broadband providers meet the following minimal requirements:

- Consumers can go anywhere they want to on the Internet (provided that the site provides legal content).
- Consumers can run any application they wish so long as they do not harm the network.
- Consumers can attach any compatible device they wish so long as they do not harm the network.
- Companies can offer proprietary services.
- Consumers should receive meaningful information about their broadband service plans, including information about speed and reliability. The Commission should collect information about broadband providers' speed and reliability.

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To ensure a level playing field for competition and adequate funding for universal service, the Commission should require *all* providers of Internet access to contribute equitably to the universal service fund, whether the broadband transmission is by means of fiber, DSL, cable modem, wireless, satellite, or any other technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morton Bahr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Morton Bahr  
President

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein