



December 16, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader
The Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, Majority Leader Hoyer, Minority Leader Boehner, Minority Leader McConnell:

The undersigned members of the Fiber-to-the-Home Council, a not for profit trade association dedicated to accelerating the deployment of advanced fiber broadband infrastructure to all Americans, write to you today regarding the much needed economic recovery legislation. A consensus has developed that accelerating broadband deployment will greatly enhance critical infrastructure and produce very rapidly a substantial number of jobs. There also is a growing consensus among private sector entities on the legislative provisions that should be adopted to accelerate broadband deployment. To that end, we are writing to urge you to consider using as a baseline for economic recovery legislation the broadband proposals recently put forward by the Communications Workers of America (CWA). CWA's proposals, which include both supply-side and demand-side incentives, will do much to encourage broadband deployment and usage, both of which are crucial components to ensuring that Americans can take full advantage of digital technology. They will be an important component of the nation's economic recovery efforts and will help create significant investment and employment.

We also believe that CWA's proposals should be enhanced with additional broadband proposals, including, but not limited to, tax incentives, loan and grant programs, public-private partnerships, and consumer incentives, particularly for low income households. Other good ideas will come from a variety of sources, and we hope you will consider each based on its merit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph P. Savage".

Joseph P. Savage, President, FTTH Council

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