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The Honorable Joe Barton
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The Honorable Edward Markey
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Dear Chairmen Inouye, Dingell, Markey, and Ranking Members Hutchison, Barton, and Stearns:

We are writing to urge you to consider at your earliest opportunity legislation introduced by Senator Rockefeller and Representative Eshoo to establish important national broadband goals for the United States.

The Rockefeller-Eshoo resolution (S. Res. 191 and H. Res. 1292) would call for the following:

- Establishment of a national next-generation broadband goal of universal 10 megabit-per-second network capability by 2010 and universal 100 megabit-per-second network capability by 2015;
- Development of a strategy to achieve the 2010 and 2015 goals and begin enacting specific legislation and adopting policies by the end of 2009 to implement this strategy.

As you know, a critical first step in developing America's broadband strategy is to envision where we want to go. By establishing these ambitious national goals, Congress can communicate to the nation a robust vision of telecommunications infrastructure which will encourage a vibrant economy and enhance the social welfare of all Americans.

We believe the Rockefeller-Eshoo resolution is an important measure for America's broadband future. We urge you to consider and pass it through your Committees at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Fiber-to-the-Home Council
Information Technology Industry Council
TechNet
Voice On the Net Coalition
Communications Workers of America