



The VON Coalition

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VON Coalition Statement on FCC Open Internet Proceeding

BACKGROUND: Today, the Federal Communications Commission announced that it was issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on policies to preserve an open Internet.

The following statement can be attributed to Caitlin Clark-Zigmond, President of the VON Coalition.

“The VON Coalition looks forward to working with the Commission on this and other important proceedings that will enhance and promote IP-enabled services and define America’s broadband future. The Internet is a critical driver of US economic growth and innovation. The IP-enabled services and applications industry has thrived during the past 15 years in an environment that is relatively free from legacy regulation. A competitive marketplace fuels a free and open Internet, where businesses compete and consumers ultimately choose winners and losers.”

About the VON Coalition:

The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading Internet communications companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over Internet. The coalition, which includes AT&T, Cisco, Covad, Google, iBasis, Intel, Microsoft, New Global Telecom, PointOne, Skype, T-Mobile and Yahoo, works to advance regulatory policies that enable Americans to take advantage of the full promise and potential of Internet communications. The Coalition believes that with the right public policies, Internet based voice advances can make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, jobs more plentiful, the Internet more valuable, and Americans more safe and secure. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has promoted pragmatic policy choices for unleashing the potential of Internet communications.
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