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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell,

On behalf of WEB NOW, a broad-based coalition of k-12 and higher education organizations committed to the preservation of the ITFS spectrum, I write to thank you for your commitment to expeditiously resolve the uncertainty surrounding the future of the 2.5 GHz spectrum.

As you are well aware, ITFS licensees have spent most of the last year on hold due to the regulatory uncertainty surrounding the Commission's current 3G plans. This uncertainty puts at risk both the ability of students across the country to access video-based programming and the ability of ITFS' commercial partners to deploy broadband services to rural communities across the country. We have been caught in the middle the larger debate about the future of America's mobile communications industry and spectrum allocation policy. If we are to prosper and serve the needs of education, the ITFS spectrum must be taken off the table now.

We greatly appreciate your strong statement in support of quickly resolving the uncertainties surrounding ITFS. Your strong commitement to resolving this issue by the end of the month leaves us hopeful that we will be "off the table" in the next several weeks, in large part because of your strong advocacy on our behalf.

We appreciate your continued support on this issue and, on behalf of the thousands of children and lifelong learners who depend on ITFS, thank you for your leadership and vision. We look forward to working with you to resolve this issue expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Leslie Harris
Wireless Education Broadband NOW Campaign

ATT: List of WEB NOW endorsing organizations

CC: Peter Tenhula, Senior Legal Advisor

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WEB NOW is a membership based campaign dedicated to preserving and developing the ITFS spectrum in order to further education.

Endorsers of the campaign include:

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Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
Monroe County Chamber of Commerce
North Mississippi Industrial Development Association
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Oakton Community College
Oceanside Unified School District
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