

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: Broadband Industry Practices, Notice of Inquiry, WC Docket No. 07-52

In 2005, the Commission adopted an Internet Policy Statement containing four principles. The intent of these principles was to protect consumers' access to the lawful online content of their choice and to foster the creation, adoption and use of Internet broadband content, applications, and services. Although we are not aware of any current blocking situations, the Commission remains vigilant in protecting consumers' access to content on the Internet. At the same time, I believe that it is useful for the Commission, as the expert communications agency, to collect a record about the current practices in the broadband marketplace.

This inquiry will provide a convenient forum for various providers, including network and content providers, to tell us what is happening in the market and about their concerns. For example, we seek comment on how broadband providers are managing their Internet traffic, whether certain traffic is prioritized, and whether our policies should distinguish between content providers that charge end users for access to content and those that do not. Gathering this information will allow us to better monitor this market and determine the extent to which providers are acting consistently with our Internet Policy Statement. The Commission is ready, willing, and able to step in if necessary. We have the dual responsibilities of creating an environment that promotes infrastructure investment and broadband deployment and to ensure that consumers' access to content on the Internet is protected. We can best fulfill these responsibilities by being fully informed.