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Joint Statement on Internet Openness from League of United Latin American Citizens and Latinos for Internet Freedom

Washington, D.C.-Over the past year, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and various groups comprising Latinos for Internet Freedom, whose leadership team includes National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC), Presente.org, Center for Media Justice and Free Press, have debated the merits of network neutrality. As the FCC closes in on a final decision on December 21, 2010, members from both organizations issue this joint statement:

"Although we disagree on some of the components of the proposed network neutrality regulations, there is one point on which we are in lock step: the FCC's network neutrality rules must apply equally to wireline and wireless internet access. Of course we understand that what is 'reasonable network management' may be slightly different over different types of connections. Cost is the primary barrier to broadband adoption, and Latinos are turning to their mobile phones as their only onramp to the internet. We are committed to finding ways to lower broadband costs by increasing competition through wireless access and other means. It is therefore essential that the FCC ensures that users of wireless and wireline services are protected by its openness rules."

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The National Hispanic Media Coalition is a non-profit, media advocacy organization established in 1986 in Los Angeles, California. Our mission is to improve the image of American Latinos as portrayed by the media, increase the number of American Latinos employed in all facets of the media industry, and advocate for media and telecommunications policies that benefit the Latino community.