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**The Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications
Partnership (HTTP) Disappointed with the FCC Vote on
Open Internet Rules**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 26, 2015 - The Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP), a coalition of 19 of the largest national Hispanic organizations, issued a statement today expressing its disappointment with the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) decision to impose an onerous and outdated regulatory regimen, over 300 pages of new regulations, on broadband Internet access service, by reclassifying it as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934. (<http://www.httponline.org>)

“HTTP has always strongly supported an open Internet. We believe that all consumers, particularly Hispanics who are still underserved, should have equal access to broadband and to all legal content and applications on the Internet” said Martin Chavez, Senior Advisor to HTTP. The HTTP statement goes on to point out that the vote by the FCC today imposing strict and antiquated regulations on the Internet totally disregards the fact that the Internet has thrived, and that there has been unparalleled innovation and investment in broadband infrastructure without the heavy regulation, which has benefitted the Hispanic community enormously.

“The Hispanic community is leading the way in adopting mobile broadband and enjoys the endless benefits of an open Internet because of the investments made by providers across the country.



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Imposing these new regulations, which will certainly be challenged in court creating further uncertainty, will be a blow to investment and innovation that has driven significant economic activity and jobs, and will stifle further adoption by Hispanics, who are most underserved.” added Mr. Chavez.

In its statement, HTTP urged Congress to act quickly on what has traditionally been a bi-partisan issue, to overturn these harmful regulations, and set forth a modern legal and regulatory framework that will include strong consumer protections, but at the same time will encourage investment and innovation, and will promote further adoption by the Hispanic community.

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About HTTP

HTTP is the leading national Latino think tank and advocacy organization on Internet, telecommunications and technology policy issues to promote access and adoption of broadband in the Latino community. It is a nonpartisan coalition of 19 national Latino organizations working to ensure that the full array of technological and telecommunications advancements are available to all Latinos in the United States. Learn more about HTTP. <http://www.httponline.org>