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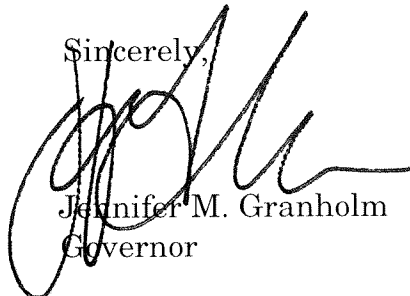
Dear Larry:

Thank you for all of the expertise Google has brought to Michigan on the issue of net neutrality. I have certainly appreciated our conversation on this subject. While I am pleased we were able to extend some of the consumer protection provisions in HB 6456, I believe it may be more desirable to pursue stand-alone legislation to further extend consumer protections by enacting net neutrality next year, rather than as an amendment to this year's legislation.

I strongly agree that consumers should not be charged extra for, or otherwise disadvantaged from, reaching certain sites on the internet that those providers wish to provide for free. Nor do I believe that service providers should be able to restrict access to sites that their customers have always been able to access. I believe strong consumer protection is important for government to provide, as well as an effective tool to stimulate economic growth and innovation in Michigan and elsewhere.

In the interest of taking incremental steps towards improving competition and services for Michigan consumers, it's best that the Legislature complete work on video franchising this year. I look forward to working with Google and others next year to ensure continued open access to the internet for all Michigan residents.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor