WHEREAS, it is the mission of the American Legislative Exchange Council to advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty, and

WHEREAS, broadband information services sector is critical to growing the nation’s economy, enhancing quality of life through new and innovative applications, and enabling greater job creation, and

WHEREAS, the rise of private investment in broadband technologies has dramatically transformed the way consumers work, live, learn, and conduct their daily lives, and

WHEREAS, ALEC believes that innovation, private investment, and market competition, not additional regulations, should drive the continued deployment and adoption of broadband information services, and

WHEREAS, the FCC has moved forward with a plan that would impose its authority on the Internet and regulate the provision of broadband information services, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ALEC voices its support of lawmakers and regulators avoiding the unnecessary, burdensome and economically harmful regulation of broadband Internet service companies, including the providers of the infrastructure that supports and enables Internet services, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that ALEC urges that the FCC, Congress and state regulatory and legislative bodies refocus their efforts on specific and limited initiatives targeted at ensuring that broadband service is made universally available and affordable to consumers, rejecting overly prescriptive regulations that would harm innovation, investment, and job growth, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that ALEC’s opposition to the sweeping redefinition of broadband services be communicated to all ALEC members, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that ALEC shall convey its support to the members of the United States Congress and Executive Branch.

Adopted by ALEC’s Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force at the ALEC Annual Meeting on August 6, 2010. Approved by ALEC Board of Directors, August 10, 2010.

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