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To Whom It May Concern:

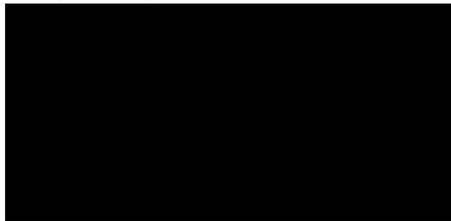
Another perspective on the global free flow of information on the Internet has to do with “cloud computing” and the fact that the digital divide will not only be worsened by this autocratic information strategy but that it will ultimately and severely impact this nation’s economic recovery. I recently posted an article entitled “National Rifle and Internet Association” to our local paper, <http://blogs.covingtonreporter.com/perspective/> which describes how our identity is being taken away and how our information highways will become more congested than transportation highways. Basically, the Internet was founded on the basis of having no single point of failure, which implicitly means distributed processing and thereby individual and community empowerment.

The promotion of cloud computing and the subsequent manipulation of the information market and associated technology will by far eclipse Enron’s manipulation of California’s energy market and will inevitably have a far more devastating impact on the global free flow of information on the Internet.

Yours sincerely,

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
[Docket No. 100921457-0561-02]
RIN 0660-XA20**

Global Free Flow of Information on the Internet

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Inquiry; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce’s Internet Policy Task Force announces that the closing deadline for submission of comments responsive to the September 29, 2010 notice of inquiry on the global free flow of information on the Internet has been reopened and will extend until 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on December 6, 2010.

DATES: Comments are due by 5 p.m. EST on December 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are encouraged to file comments electronically by e-mail to freeflow-noi-2010@ntia.doc.gov. Submissions should be in one of the following formats: HTML, ASCII, Word, rtf, or pdf. Paper comments can be sent to: National Telecommunications and Information Administration at U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4701, Washington, DC 20230. Please note that all material sent via the U.S. Postal Service (including “Overnight” or “Express Mail”) is subject to delivery delays of up to two weeks due to mail security procedures. Paper submissions should also include a CD or DVD in Word, WordPerfect, or pdf format. CDs or DVDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. Comments filed in response to this notice will be made available to the public on the Internet Policy Task Force Web page at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/internetpolicytaskforce>. For this reason, comments should not include confidential, proprietary, or business sensitive information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this amended Notice, contact: Chris Hemmerlein, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4706, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1885; e-mail chemmerlein@ntia.doc.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs at (202) 482-7002; or USPTO’s Office of Public Affairs at (572) 272-8400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 21, 2010, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) announced the formation of a Commerce-wide Internet Policy Task Force (“Task Force”) to identify leading public policy and operational issues impacting the U.S. private sector’s ability to realize the potential for economic growth and job creation through the Internet.¹ On September 29, 2010, the Task Force issued a notice of inquiry on restrictions placed upon the free flow of information on the Internet with a closing date for comments of November 15, 2010.² In the interest of affording parties more time to submit comments, the Task Force is reopening the comment period. The Task Force announces that the closing deadline for submission of comments responsive to the September 29, 2010 is now extended until 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on December 6, 2010. Comments received after the original closing date of November 15, 2010 and before the publication of this notice will be considered timely and given full consideration.

Dated: November 12, 2010.

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