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Main Street Project and the Twin Cities Media Alliance Join Forces to Endorse Net Neutrality

MINNEAPOLIS (June 10, 2008)—In an effort to protect the small towns, urban residents and consumers that they represent, the Main Street Project (MSP) and the Twin Cities Media Alliance (TCMA) collected over 80 signatures to present to legislators as part of a campaign to preserve a free and open Internet.

Mandating so-called “Network Neutrality” would help prevent Internet providers from slowing down or speeding up Web content based on its source, ownership or destination.

For organizations like the Main Street Project, support of Net Neutrality was easy, as it fit with their mission.

“As an organization that works to engage diverse voices in rural communities, not allowing Net Neutrality would discourage the very voices that we are working to support,” Amalia Anderson, Program Director of The Main Street Project said.

Twin Cities Media Alliance Executive Director Jeremy Iggers said that the organization's local news website, the Twin Cities Daily Planet, www.tcdailyplanet.net, relies on a free and open Internet. "We offer a forum for many different communities and points of view. Net Neutrality is essential to keep the channels of communication open to all."

For further information regarding Net Neutrality or to sign the compact, go to the Main Street Project web site at www.mainstreetproject.org.

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Main Street Project's Community-Based Civic Engagement program works to give rural residents of all ages, cultures, economic and immigration status the opportunity to more actively participate in community life.

The Twin Cities Media Alliance brings together media professionals and engaged citizens to improve the quality, diversity and accountability of local media. The [Twin Cities Daily Planet](http://www.tcdailyplanet.net), a project of the Twin Cities Media Alliance, is a community newswire and syndication service showcasing original reporting by citizen journalists, as well as the best of the neighborhood and community press. In addition to the Daily Planet, TCMA offers classes, workshops and public forums.