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**J.H. SNIDER**

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As the Research Director of the Wireless Future Program at the New America Foundation, J.H. Snider focuses on the policy paradigm changing implications of emerging information technologies, including fiber optics and smart radio, in the areas of telecommunications, e-education, e-commerce, and e-democracy. Mr. Snider came to New America after serving in the U.S. Senate on the staffs of Senators Wyden and Leahy as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow in Communications and Public Policy.

Mr. Snider is a graduate of Harvard College and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Mr. Snider's graduate work on telecommunications and media policy won two graduate student paper awards from the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference and two Goldsmith Research Awards from Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, & Public Policy. His op-eds have been published in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*. He is the author of *Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick* (iUniverse), a book on telecommunications and media politics and co-author of *Future Shop* (St. Martin's), an early work on e-commerce. He has testified before Congress a number of times, with one of his congressional speeches receiving the rare honor of being published in Vital Speeches of the Day.

**BOB EDGAR**

*President and CEO, Common Cause*

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Dr. Bob Edgar was named President and CEO of Common Cause in May 2007. He is leaving his post as general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, the leading U.S. organization in the movement for Christian unity. The Council represents 45 million congregants of 35 churches, and works to overcome poverty, protect the environment, foster interfaith understanding and build international peace. He previously served as president of the Claremont School of Theology.

Bob was elected to the U.S. House in 1974, the first Democrat in 82 years to represent the heavily Republican 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. He led efforts to improve public transportation, fought wasteful water projects and authored the community Right to Know provision of Super Fund legislation, among other things. He ran unsuccessfully for the US Senate in 1986 against Republican Sen. Arlen Specter. That race fueled his frustration with the undue influence of money in politics and he became an active supporter of clean elections and campaign finance reform, issues that have been Common Cause's hallmark.

His wide-ranging career has also included pastorates at United Methodist congregations and stints as a teacher, college chaplain, community organizer, and director of a "think tank" on national security issues. An active volunteer, Dr. Edgar serves on the boards of several organizations, including Independent Sector,

the National Coalition for Health Care and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. He serves on the board of directors of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, an independent, non-profit organization that is a principal resource for Congress on environmental and energy issues.

Bob received a bachelor of arts degree from Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., and a master of divinity degree from the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, N.J. He holds four honorary doctoral degrees.

**GARY BASS**

*Executive Director, OMB Watch*

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Gary D. Bass is the Founder and Executive Director of OMB Watch. Since founding the advocacy organization in 1983, Dr. Bass has testified before Congress, appeared on national television, addressed groups across the country, and written extensively on federal budgetary, program management, regulatory and information policy issues.

Dr. Bass is well known for assisting nonprofit organizations in better understanding federal rules affecting their organizations and constituencies and was recently selected as one of the Nonprofit Times Power and Influence Top 50. He has led campaigns to preserve the advocacy voice of nonprofits, make federal government a more open and accountable operation, and insure meaningful citizen participation in government decision-making. He has been an active supporter of right-to-know initiatives, encouraging the government to make information publicly accessible in order to empower its citizens. He has also undertaken initiatives to insure that, as we move into the information age, we do not create a society of information haves and have-nots.

Prior to founding OMB Watch, Dr. Bass was President of the Human Services Information Center, where he wrote two books and numerous articles on human services issues, and published the Human Services INSIDER, a bimonthly newsletter on the politics of federal human services program. He had also served as: Director of Liaison for the International Year of Disabled Persons; consultant on several projects in special education and the mental health of children, youth, most notably, the preparation of the first annual report to Congress on the implementation of the Education of All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142); Special Assistant to Wilbur Cohen, then chair of the Michigan Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prevention of Abuse in Residential Institutions; and in juvenile justice and community corrections.

Dr. Bass received a combined doctorate in psychology and education from The University of Michigan, along with the University's highest award for graduate student teaching and several awards for academic excellence.

**DREW CLARK**

*Project Manager, "Well Connected", Center for Public Integrity*

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Drew Clark joined the center in August 2006 as head of the "Well Connected" project, which has a goal of providing the most comprehensive reporting on the business and legislative influences behind information networks. Since 1998, Clark was Senior Writer at the National Journal Group and a driving force behind National Journal's Technology Daily, a leading online Web site on information technology and public policy. He was also Senior Editor of National Journal's Insider Update: The Telecom Act, devoted to daily coverage of communications policy, and Contributing Editor for CongressDaily, where he explored the digital convergence of broadcasting, satellite, cable, wireless, telecommunications and technology in his column, "Wired in Washington." His blog is [www.drewclark.com](http://www.drewclark.com). Clark is a speaker and commentator on communications and technology trends. An Honors graduate of Swarthmore College and the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, Clark has worked for daily newspapers from San Francisco to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he wrote about the end of apartheid and won an H.L. Mencken Award.

**MODERATOR**

**MICHAEL CALABRESE**

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Michael Calabrese is Vice President and Director of the Wireless Future Program at the New America Foundation, a non-profit think tank based in Washington, D.C. He oversees the Foundation's efforts to improve our nation's management of publicly-owned assets – particularly the public airwaves. New America has advocated open, unlicensed access to an increasing share of the airwaves to facilitate innovation and more affordable and ubiquitous community wireless broadband access. With respect to spectrum licensing, the Program opposes permanent private property rights in frequencies, advocating instead completely flexible license rights for a limited period and compensation for the public based on modest annual user fees by all commercial users, rather than one-time auction payments. New America has supported earmarking spectrum revenue to finance the digital future of non-commercial public service media and for e-learning R&D.

Previously, Mr. Calabrese served as General Counsel of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and as benefits counsel at the national AFL-CIO. He is the co-author of three previous books on policy and politics and has published opinion articles in the nation's leading outlets, including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*. He is a graduate of Stanford Business and Law Schools, where he earned a JD/MBA degree; and a graduate of Harvard College, where he earned a B.A. in Economics and Government.