**Powell: Congress Needs to Subsidize Broadband Services**

Michael Powell, president of NCTA--The Internet & Television Association, told a Hispanic tech summit that Congress should subsidize closing the digital divide. He suggested broadband should be treated as part of the "social safety net," and said that access is a civil rights concern.

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