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The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
412 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's participatory public process to develop final rules to preserve an open Internet. We share a common purpose in ensuring that the Internet remains an enduring engine for innovation, investment, economic growth, and the free flow of information. You have my pledge to continue working with you and your staff in an ongoing, constructive dialogue with respect to this crucial infrastructure.

I appreciate your thoughts about a free and open Internet that supports the creation, transfer, and sharing of lawful content while permitting mechanisms that address the unlawful distribution of copyrighted materials. I firmly believe that open Internet protections and enforcement of copyright law are not mutually exclusive. To the contrary, clear rules of the road that protect the open Internet while allowing reasonable network management will provide broadband network operators increased certainty, facilitating the development of innovative approaches to a number of challenges, including online copyright infringement. Coexistence of copyright enforcement and unambiguous obligations of network openness founded on a solid legal foundation will sustain the vibrant opportunities that the Internet has created for artistic expression, content creation, and free speech.

I look forward to continuing a constructive dialogue with you on these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski".

Julius Genachowski