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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
U.S. House of Representatives
217 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Blackburn:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on cost-benefit analysis in rulemaking proceedings and the proposed Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NRPM) on the Open Internet.

Cost-benefit analysis is one of many valuable tools used in certain circumstances by regulatory agencies, including the FCC, to assist in the evaluation of a proposed regulatory course of action. Since President Obama issued Executive Orders 13563 and 13579 in 2011, the Commission has endeavored to act consistently with the cost-benefit analysis principles articulated in those orders in its rulemaking proceedings. This includes consideration of quantifiable, monetized costs and benefits associated with a proposed regulatory approach, as well as careful consideration of those costs and benefits that are not as easily quantifiable or monetized. The agency will conduct the Open Internet rulemaking proceeding following the same principles and guidelines.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler