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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I read your testimony yesterday before the House Energy and Commerce Committee with interest and wanted to share my views on one of the topics covered, net neutrality.

The Internet has given rise to the democratization of knowledge, has become the backbone of the modern economy, and has revolutionized how we live our daily lives. I am committed to ensuring the internet remains free, fair, and open. I am a strong supporter of net neutrality and support a strong FCC enforcing it.

Users should have access to the legal content of their choice – be it news, games, or movies – without fear of that content being discriminated against by their internet service provider. Similarly, internet service providers shouldn't block or slow down legal online content because that content may be provided by a competitor or an entity – a charitable organization or a start-up, for example – not paying for fast access or "express lanes." For users who want to make phone calls over the internet, they should be able to do that, too.

As you're soliciting public comments and considering how best to ensure enforcement of net neutrality, I urge you to consider solutions that protect user rights without creating an expensive, new, overly burdensome regulatory bureaucracy that stifles the very kind of innovation we're seeking to protect and that internet users deserve. Regulating the internet as a utility can't be the only option on the table. I share the desire of many of my colleagues who want to see the internet remain as open, innovative, and treasured as it has been.

I appreciate your taking my concerns into consideration and I'm encouraging my constituents to share their views, too, by participating in the public comment period. I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you as we address this important issue.

Sincerely,



Scott Peters
Member of Congress