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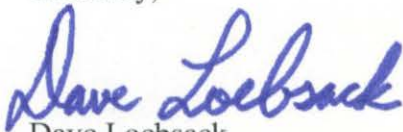
Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners,

Last week, your Commission advanced a proposal regarding rules governing the open Internet. I am deeply concerned about the potential of this proposal to run afoul of a strong net neutrality policy that treats some online content differently by Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

I strongly believe that the Internet is a space and a tool that must remain equal to all users. The internet has become more than just a research tool and gathering place, it has become a necessary tool for individuals and businesses to function in our modern society and economy. In many aspects of life, we now have a system that revolves tightly around access to the Internet and its ability to perform – for things like education, commerce, medicines and healthcare, as well as completing government requirements that are increasingly moving online. For each person or businesses, each use of the internet takes on a different priority and it's critical to provide an equal playfield for all uses.

As this proposal now moves forward and into the public comment phase, it's imperative that you take all options for maintaining a strong net neutrality policy into consideration. I appreciate you soliciting comments specifically on if paid-prioritization should be banned, and I urge you to give serious consideration to reclassifying ISPs as common carriers in order to ensure strong open Internet rules. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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