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**Statement by Chairman Wheeler Regarding Public Comment on the Open Internet Proceeding**

*As of Friday at 4 p.m., 1,062,000 public comments had been filed in the FCC’s Open Internet proceeding*. *The following is a statement from FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler regarding this outpouring of comments:*

“When the Commission launched its effort to restore Open Internet protections that were struck down in January, I said that where we end up depends on what we learn during this process.  We asked the public a fundamental question:  “What is the right public policy to ensure that the Internet remains open?”  We are grateful so many Americans have answered our call. Our work is just beginning as we review the more than one million comments we have received. There are currently no rules on the books to protect an Open Internet and prevent ISPs from blocking or degrading the public’s access to content. There is no question the Internet must remain open as a platform for innovation, economic growth and free expression. Today’s deadline is a checkpoint, not the finish line for public comment. We want to continue to hear from you. “

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