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The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

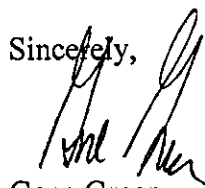
Last May, I sent you a letter, signed by 20 Members of the House Democratic Caucus, voicing our concern over the reclassification of Internet broadband as a Title II common carrier service. Since that time and in light of the wide level of interest from the public, advocates, and industry, my concern over reclassification has only grown.

I have always and continue to be a strong supporter of net neutrality and maintaining a free and open Internet. For the past several years, I have joined my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee in calling for the Commission to issue rules that would protect consumers and encourage further innovation. These protections, however, should not and cannot be mutually exclusive of greater broadband investment. Reclassification would undoubtedly result in years of litigation, uncertainty for Internet users and stakeholders alike, and bring investment to a near standstill. Just yesterday, AT&T, one of our nation's largest broadband providers, announced that it would halt its fiber investment in 100 U.S. cities, including my hometown of Houston, as a result of the growing regulatory uncertainty for Internet broadband providers.

It is for these reasons that I urge the Commission to follow the roadmap set by the DC Circuit Court in *Verizon* and regulate broadband Internet under Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance on this or other matters before the Federal Communications Commission.

Sincerely,



Gene Green  
Member of Congress