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The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Green:

Thank you for writing to express your continued concerns over the reclassification of broadband under Title II of the Communications Act. You also express concerns about the effect that reclassification could have on broadband investment. Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding.

As I have expressed since the D.C. Circuit's decision in the *Verizon* case earlier this year, I am committed to moving with dispatch to reinstate strong, enforceable rules to safeguard consumers and further promote investment and innovation. I believe that the Internet must remain an open platform for free expression and innovation, as well as that strong rules will spur additional economic growth and investment. We cannot allow broadband networks to cut special deals to prioritize Internet traffic and harm consumers, competition, and innovation.

As you know, after the D.C. Circuit decision, the Commission sought comment on how to best reinstate Open Internet rules in order to protect consumers and innovators online. We sought comment on using either or both Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act and Title II or the Communications Act to protect what the court described as the "virtuous circle" of innovation that fosters broadband deployment and protects consumers. I promised that in this process all options would be on the table in order to identify the best legal approach to keeping the Internet open.

I look forward to continuing to receive input from all stakeholders, including the public, members of Congress of both parties, and my fellow commissioners. Ten years have passed since the Commission started down the road towards enforceable Open Internet rules. We must take the time to get the job done correctly, once and for all, in order to protect consumers and innovators online successfully.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Tom Wheeler