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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I write to you today because I am very concerned that the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recent decision to regulate the Internet under Title II of the *Communications Act of 1934* will have a disproportionate impact on small and mid-sized Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and jeopardize their ability to make future investments in the network.

In the state of Iowa, many homes and businesses receive wireline Internet services from dozens of small and mid-sized ISPs. By using Title II as a means of enforcing net neutrality, the FCC will impose unwarranted and onerous burdens on these businesses, increasing costs which are then passed onto customers and inhibiting their ability to finance and deploy broadband, especially in rural areas.

The imposition of onerous Title II regulations on small and mid-size ISPs is wholly unwarranted. These ISPs doing business in Iowa have no incentive to restrict the openness of the Internet. All face competition from other wireline and/or wireless ISPs and would face significant subscriber losses if they engaged in blocking, throttling, or discrimination with respect to Internet traffic.

Furthermore, none of these small or mid-sized ISPs have the market power to compel payments for content providers for paid prioritization because they serve too few subscribers to have negotiating leverage.

For these reasons, I urge the FCC to exempt small and mid-sized ISPs from the onerous provisions of Title II.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress