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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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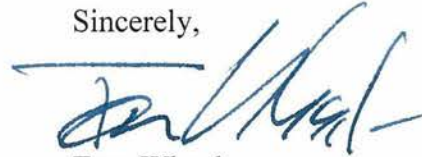
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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
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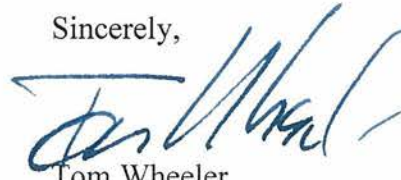
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
U.S. House of Representatives
217 Cannon House Office Building
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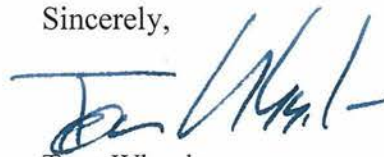
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U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
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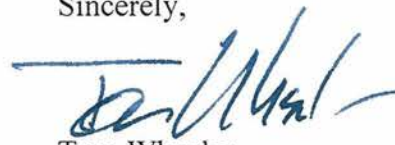
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The Honorable Chris Collins
U.S. House of Representatives
1117 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Collins:

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The Honorable Kevin Cramer
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1032 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Renee Ellmers
U.S. House of Representatives
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
308 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1710 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1221 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
133 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
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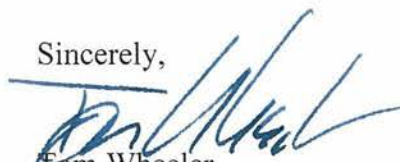
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With the need for a technical solution in mind, today I am sending letters to the four major wireless carriers, together with CTIA-The Wireless Association and the Competitive Carriers Association, calling on them to identify, within 60 days, real-world solutions for making nationwide wireless porting a practical reality as quickly as possible. As part of that deliverable, I have also requested a timeline by which any proposed solutions could be implemented.

I believe an industry-driven solution is most likely to deliver practical benefits in the shortest timeframe. However, if the industry is ultimately unsuccessful in agreeing upon and implementing a solution to whatever impediments to nationwide wireless porting may exist, I will not hesitate to deploy the full panoply of tools at the Commission's disposal to facilitate nationwide wireless number porting.

Thank you again for raising this important issue that goes to the heart of competition and consumer choice.

Sincerely,



Tom Wheeler