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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Edward J. Markey United States Senate 255 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Mozilla Corp. v. FCC decision, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld the overwhelming majority of the Commission's Restoring Internet Freedom Order, including the Commission's decision to repeal 1930s utilitystyle regulation of the Internet. Contrary to the predictions that this decision marked "the end of the Internet as we know it" and that "you'll get the Internet one word at a time," consumers are much better off today. Since the Commission decided to return to the light-touch framework over two years ago, American broadband consumers are enjoying over 70% faster speeds and millions more Americans have gained access to the Internet.

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer United States Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell United States Senate 511 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal United States Senate 706 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand United States Senate 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin United States Senate 709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley United States Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown United States Senate 713 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jack Reed United States Senate 728 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono United States Senate 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris United States Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar United States Senate 425 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Cory Booker United States Senate 717 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth United States Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Mozilla Corp. v. FCC decision, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld the overwhelming majority of the Commission's Restoring Internet Freedom Order, including the Commission's decision to repeal 1930s utilitystyle regulation of the Internet. Contrary to the predictions that this decision marked "the end of the Internet as we know it" and that "you'll get the Internet one word at a time," consumers are much better off today. Since the Commission decided to return to the light-touch framework over two years ago, American broadband consumers are enjoying over 70% faster speeds and millions more Americans have gained access to the Internet.

As you note, the Court remanded to the Commission three discrete issues for further consideration. Immediately after the Court issued its mandate in February, the Wireline Competition Bureau sought to refresh the record regarding how the Restoring Internet Freedom Order might affect public safety, the regulation of pole attachments, and the Lifeline program. Due to the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau extended the comment periods. Comments were due April 20, and reply comments are due May 20.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.