May 7, 2014

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai, and O’Rielly:

We write to express our support for a free and open Internet. Over the past twenty years, American innovators have created countless Internet-based applications, content offerings, and services that are used around the world. These innovations have created enormous value for Internet users, fueled economic growth, and made our Internet companies global leaders. The innovation we have seen to date happened in a world without discrimination. An open Internet has also been a platform for free speech and opportunity for billions of users.

The Commission’s long-standing commitment and actions undertaken to protect the open Internet are a central reason why the Internet remains an engine of entrepreneurship and economic growth.

According to recent news reports, the Commission intends to propose rules that would enable phone and cable Internet service providers to discriminate both technically and financially against Internet companies and to impose new tolls on them. If these reports are correct, this represents a grave threat to the Internet.

Instead of permitting individualized bargaining and discrimination, the Commission’s rules should protect users and Internet companies on both fixed and mobile platforms against blocking, discrimination, and paid prioritization, and should make the market for Internet services more transparent. The rules should provide certainty to all market participants and keep the costs of regulation low.

Such rules are essential for the future of the Internet. This Commission should take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for speech and commerce so that America continues to lead the world in technology markets.

Sincerely,

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Facebook
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Kickstarter
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LinkedIn
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Netflix
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Zynga
2600hz, Inc.  
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4chan  
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Agile Learning Labs  
Airdroids  
AirHelp  
AnalyticsMD  
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Digg  
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Embedly  
Fandor  
Floor64  
Flowroute  
Flurry  
Fonebook  
Funeral Innovations  
Gandi  
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Handy Networks  
Haystack.tv  
Heavybit Industries  
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iFixit  
iLost  
Imgur  
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Kaltura  
LawGives  
Leaflad  
LendUp  
Linearair  
Linknovate  
littleBits  
Lucipher.net  
MDDHosting LLC  
Medium  
Meetup  
Meteor Development Group  
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Misk  
MixRank  
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