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Tom Wheeler Mignon Clyburn Michael O'Rielly Chairman Commissioner Commissioner

Ajit Pai Jessica Rosenworcel Commissioner Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Realizing the Promise of the Open Internet

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

The FCC has several big opportunities now to protect consumers in the digital age. Among them are two pending proceedings on this month's agenda and one informal investigation that the FCC must act on as soon as possible: the set-top box rulemaking, the broadband privacy rulemaking, and the zero rating investigation. Each of these issues has been discussed by policymakers for years, if not decades. Further delay would put internet users' privacy in jeopardy and undermine longstanding efforts to make internet, cable and satellite services more affordable and open.

This Commission has made bold and historic moves to dismantle technological barriers to free and unfettered speech, making tools for generating content more accessible, and networks for sharing and reading more egalitarian. Chief among this Commission's accomplishments was the historic Open Internet Order, which set in place protections to help ensure that the world's most powerful platform for democratic speech and association does not become an oligarchy of closely curated and censored speech.

But there is still much left to do. The below-signed 76 groups and the American public therefore call on you to liberate consumers from the set-top box monopoly, helping lower prices and creating more choice for consumers and opportunities for small and independent programmers eager to grow their audience; to promulgate rules that foster trust in the integrity of broadband privacy so that consumers will readily use the internet, without self-censoring, for learning, expression, and association; and to prohibit abusive data caps and zero rating plans that violate net neutrality.

Each day that passes without marking progress on these important issues is another day of missed opportunities. We thank you for your continuing commitment to protecting consumers and promoting free and open access to critical communications networks and technologies. We urge you to move forward without delay on these important issues.

Sincerely,

18MillionRising.org Global Action Project

Access Fort Wayne Ho'ike Kauai Community Television
Access Humboldt Human Rights Defense Center

Access Now Image Marketing

Access Sonoma Broadband Institute for Local Self-Reliance

AccessVision Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de

Akaku Maui Community Media California

Alliance for Community Media Line Break Media

Alternate ROOTS Martinez Street Women's Center
Appalshop, Inc. Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition

Arts & Democracy May First/People Link Benton Foundation Media Action Center

Black Education Network Media Alliance

Broadband Alliance of Mendocino Media Council Hawaii
County Media Mobilizing Project

California Center for Rural Policy Michigan Chapter ACM

Campaign for a Commercial-Free MomsRising

Childhood National Association of Consumer

Center for Digital Democracy Advocates

Center for Media Justice

Center for Rural Strategies

Chicago Consumer Coalition

National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of its low-income clients

National Digital Inclusion Alliance

Color Of Change National Hispanic Media Coalition

Common Cause (NHMC)

Consumer Federation of California Native Public Media

Consumer Watchdog New America's Open Technology
Consumers Union Institute

Courage Campaign Open Access Connections

CTV Channel Six - St. Clair Open MIC (Open Media and

Daily Kos Information Companies Initiative)

Demand Progress OpenMedia

Electronic Frontier Foundation OVEC (Ohio Valley Environmental

Fight for the Future Coalition)

Free Press Oxford Community Television

FREE! Families Rally for Emancipation and Empowerment PhillyCAM Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Generation Justice Progressive Technology Project

Public Citizen U.S. PIRG

Public Knowledge Urbana-Champaign Independent Media

Public Media Network Center
The Greenlining Institute WACA TV
The People's Press Project Working Films

The Utility Reform Network (TURN) X-Lab

Tribal Digital Village Network (TDVNet)