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July 17, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Restoring Internet Freedom [WC Docket No. 17-108]

Dear Madam Secretary:

On July 14, 2017, "Net Neutrality Day of Action," fifty (50) of the nation's leading mayors shared a letter with Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn and O'Rielly calling on the Commission to enforce certain nondiscrimination principles. In the intervening three days, twelve (12) additional mayors have asked to add their names to the letter bring the total to 62 mayors representing over twenty six million Americans In alphabetical order by city name, the twelve additional signers of the mayors of

Austin, TX
Berkeley, CA
Cambridge, MA
Kenmore, WA
Milwaukie, OR
New Haven, CT

Pittsburgh, PA
Roanoke, VA
Salem, VA
Santa Cruz, CA
Stamford, CT and
State College, PA

A copy of the letter with all 62 mayors signing is attached hereto and we would ask that it become part of the record.

Sincerely,

By

Gerard Lavery Lederer
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Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly:

Our nation’s residents benefit immensely from an open internet, which drives innovation and economic growth across every segment of American society. “Net neutrality” rules recognize the importance of maintaining a level playing field for all internet content – regardless of the creator or owner – to be enjoyed by all users, regardless of their internet provider. For this reason, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has consistently advocated for strong federal actions on this issue across two federal administrations.

This message has been consistent and simple. Be it through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or through legislative action, the U.S. Conference of Mayors first called in 2014 for nationwide internet protections that enforce the following nondiscrimination principles:

- Commitment to transparency;
- The free flow of information over the internet;
- No blocking of lawful websites;
- No unreasonable discrimination of lawful network traffic; and
- No paid prioritization.

In 2015, the FCC enshrined these same principles of free and open internet service into law, through the reclassification of internet service under Title II of the Communications Act.

On May 18th, the FCC voted to consider full repeal of Title II and net neutrality rules. The FCC’s proposal poses a significant risk of stifling American innovation and harming local economies across the country.

Net neutrality is a pocket book issue for American households. Full repeal would have a particularly negative impact on middle and working class families, while simultaneously restricting access to certain types of online content and services to those who cannot afford to pay more. When internet providers restrict access to certain types of content and services and charge residents for the luxury of accessing information and services online, we are all less free to participate in the modern economy. For these and many other reasons, repealing these crucial protections will prove disruptive for our residents, our families, our small businesses, and countless others including nonprofits, schools, and libraries.

Additionally, technology startups depend on net neutrality to gain fair and competitive access to customers. A repeal of net neutrality rules could see innovative solutions from these startups relegated to the background as entrenched internet providers steer consumers to established

solutions that can afford to pay for privileged status. Our cities depend on a thriving startup community to drive innovation and our continued economic growth.

The FCC must maintain and enforce the 2015 Open Internet Order, to ensure the principles of openness, freedom, and innovation continue to drive the American economy into the twenty-first century.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Lee, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco, California

Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York, New York

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor, City of Boston, Massachusetts

Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia

Ed Murray, Mayor, City of Seattle, Washington

Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, City of Chicago, Illinois

Allison Silberberg, Mayor, City of Alexandria, Virginia

Dana Kirkham, Mayor, City of Ammon, Idaho

Steve Adler, Mayor, City of Austin, Texas

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley, California

Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley, Ohio

Melvin Kleckner, Town Administrator, Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

E. Denise Simmons, Mayor, City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Deborah Frank Feinen, Mayor, City of Champaign, Illinois

Andy Berke, Mayor, City of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mary Casillas Salas, Mayor, City of Chula Vista, California

Kim McMillan, Mayor, City of Clarksville, Tennessee

John Woods, Mayor, Town of Davidson, North Carolina

Lucy Vinis, Mayor, City of Eugene, Oregon

Lionel Jordan, Mayor, City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

William McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Archibald L. Gillies, Chairman, Islesboro Board of Selectmen, Town of Islesboro, Maine

David Baker, Mayor, City of Kenmore, Washington

Peter D'Errico, Chair of Select Board, Town of Leverett, Massachusetts

Chris Beutler, Mayor, City of Lincoln, Nebraska

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Alex Morcos, Mayor, City of Medina, Washington

Mark Gamba, Mayor, City of Milwaukie, Oregon

Betsy Hodges, Mayor, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota
Hans Riemer, Council Vice President, Montgomery County, Maryland
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Joe Dominick, Mayor, City of Westminster, Maryland
Gary Resnick, Mayor, City of Wilton Manors, Florida