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 RESTORING INTERNET FREEDOM )  
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WC Docket No. 17-108

## Internet Neutrality Matter: Reply Comments

These reply comments presented on behalf of ALL the Children, and in the name of Margaret Noreen and Charles J. Watza, Loving Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents, some 63 times over.

***“But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>1</sup>***

Our children and our treatment of them has always brought out the very best in all of us and has served as the hallmark of our culture and our civilization.

This Commission has before it an opportunity to do a wonderful thing for these, our most innocent, our least concerned about political persuasion or moneyed influence or boardroom profits. They are also those in greatest need at this hour and on this issue. While many arguments have been presented on the issues in this proceeding, this note is provided to reply briefly to those comments and remind this Commission that as fellow humans, our mission must first and last, be to the benefit and welfare of our children – All of them.

Please, on behalf of all the children, keep the Internet neutral and protected from those who would seek fleeting short term profit over the obvious long term benefit for ALL our children.

And to, even considering those profit interests of the ISP's in particular, is there any real doubt that the very greatest profit will come from the free and open exchange of ideas on a free and openly neutral internet? Only a little patience is needed. Those seeking profit will be rewarded, but not if the Internet is crushed by selfishness in the short term today.

1 Matthew 19:14King James Version (KJV)

Our children, my children and grandchildren, your children, ALL of them, are entering an age of knowledge unparalleled with any other. A new and unparalleled Renaissance in the truest sense is at hand. The knowledge based civilization which is just around the corner is driven largely by that technological marvel: The Internet. However, to reach its highest potential, the Internet must be content and access neutral and open and connected to ALL.

Like the Gold Rush of the 1800's, which in large measure incited the build of our railroad system connecting the great new Pacific Coast with the established East Coast of America,<sup>2</sup> the Internet and the golden knowledge potential it holds, beckons for connections by, to and from all of us; most necessarily our children - all of them. It is and will be once fully connected to ALL, the foundation on which our entire 21st and 22nd Century economy will be based as well as the glue that holds our nation together, connecting all of us across our careers, play and culture.

This internet driven age of knowledge will largely set humans free of mundane physical labor in part due to human to human connections, but also due to human to machine and machine to machine communication and the eventual harkening of true artificial intelligence. But in order to exist and prosper in that new age of broad and thoughtful development, ALL our children must be connected and invested in that free, open and protected knowledge super highway.

There is substantial political gain to be had here as well. President Trump has spoken of a massive infrastructure rebuild across our country. The President, Congress, and this FCC need look no further than the instant matter to seize an opportunity which will eclipse the last great American infrastructure build which yielded trillions of dollars of economic benefit.

This Administration has an opportunity no Republican or Democratic administration has successfully pursued since the Administration of Republican President and former 5 Star General, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Imagine our President's ability to compare himself favorably with such an American Hero!

"[It] was a public-works program on a massive scale, indeed the largest public-works program in history, which meant that the government could put millions of men to work without subjecting itself to the criticism that this was "make-work" of the [Depression-era] WPA or PWA variety. By tailoring expenditures for highways to the state of the economy, Eisenhower could use the program to flatten out the peaks and valleys in unemployment."<sup>3</sup>

"One of Eisenhower's favorite programs for reducing the peaks and valleys on the GNP chart was the Interstate System. Back in November 1955, the President had talked to

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<sup>2</sup> <http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration/goldrush.html>

<sup>3</sup> Ambrose, Stephen E., *Eisenhower: Volume Two: The President*, Simon and Schuster, 1984, p. 250

[economic advisor Gabriel] Hauge, then informed [Secretary of Commerce Sinclair] Weeks that he wanted Commerce to plan to use the Interstate System for managing the economy. As Hauge put it, "That was the fundamental purpose of the plan in the initial instance."<sup>4</sup>

***"Our unity as a nation is sustained by free communication of thought and by easy transportation of people and goods. The ceaseless flow of information throughout the Republic is matched by individual and commercial movement over a vast system of interconnected highways crisscrossing the country and joining at our national borders with friendly neighbors to the north and south. Together, the united forces of our communication and transportation systems are dynamic elements in the very name we bear – 'United States'. Without them, we would be a mere alliance of many separate parts."*<sup>5</sup> – President Dwight D. Eisenhower**

The economic benefits of a robust, freely accessible and protected internet cannot be disputed<sup>6</sup>

The economic loss associated with missing such an opportunity, also cannot be disputed.

Critical to the Open Internet based opportunities discussed here is that it be open, neutral and properly protected from over reach by those who are, or at the least may be, inclined to reap short term advantage, without strong and pointed government regulation.

Perhaps some of the best and most objective discussion of all these issues including the long history of the battle between those seeking short term advantage and the efforts by the FCC in its primary role of protecting and making worldwide communication available to **ALL** the people<sup>7</sup> is the recent US Court of Appeals Opinion<sup>8</sup> affirming the FCC's long sought and current internet regulation protocol.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Ambrose, Stephen E., *Eisenhower: Volume Two: The President*, Simon and Schuster, 1984, p. 250, 305 as reported in <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/originalintent.cfm>

<sup>5</sup> February 22, 1955, President Eisenhower transmittal letter to Congress regarding the Clay Committee report: A 10-Year National Highway Program. as reported in <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/originalintent.cfm>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2017/04/12/the-internet-of-economic-things/>

<sup>7</sup> "47 U.S. Code § 151 - Purposes of chapter; Federal Communications Commission created  
For the purpose of regulating interstate and foreign commerce in communication by wire and radio so as **to make available, so far as possible, to all the people of the United States, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, a rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges,** for the purpose of the national defense, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communications, and for the purpose of securing a more effective execution of this policy by centralizing authority heretofore granted by law to several agencies and by granting additional authority with respect to interstate and foreign commerce in wire and radio communication,

***“Over the past two decades, this content has transformed nearly every aspect of our lives, from profound actions like choosing a leader, building a career, and falling in love to more quotidian ones like hailing a cab and watching a movie.” -***

United States Telecom Association, et al., Petitioners v. Federal Communications Commission and United States of America Supra at p 26.

We must have unrestricted and fully available (both physically and financially) on and off ramps accessing this entire new information superhighway for ALL Americans and in particular, ALL our Children.

Respectfully Submitted,

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there is created a commission to be known as the “Federal Communications Commission”, which shall be constituted as hereinafter provided, and which shall execute and enforce the provisions of this chapter. (June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title I, § 1, [48 Stat. 1064](#); May 20, 1937, ch. 229, § 1, [50 Stat. 189](#); [Pub. L. 104-104, title I](#), § 104, Feb. 8, 1996, [110 Stat. 86](#).)

<sup>8</sup> United States Telecom Association, et al., Petitioners v. Federal Communications Commission and United States of America, US Ct of Appeals DC Circuit 825 F.3d 674 (No. 15-1063 June 14, 2016) [https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/3F95E49183E6F8AF85257FD200505A3A/\\$file/15-1063-1619173.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/3F95E49183E6F8AF85257FD200505A3A/$file/15-1063-1619173.pdf)