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April 4, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Pai,

We urge you to abide by the law and retain Net Neutrality rules grounded in Title II of the Communications Act. Under the current legal framework governing your agency, Title II is the best, most flexible, and indeed the only authority for protecting the open Internet.

In 2015, record public engagement for an FCC rulemaking proceeding generated millions of comments in support of Title II classification for broadband Internet. The Commission listened to the people and businesses that demanded these safeguards. The FCC then followed the law, both in letter and spirit, when it decided to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service under Title II.

Reclassification under Title II returned the Commission's authority to the solid footing of the Telecommunications Act, updated in 1996 on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis. The FCC's decision was upheld just last year by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. The law grants the Commission the power to prohibit cable and phone companies from blocking speech, inhibiting political organizing, or interfering with online commerce.

Under Title II, the Internet has remained open for competition, innovation and creativity. Broadband investment has continued apace and Internet service provider revenues have continued to grow since the Commission issued its landmark decision in 2015.

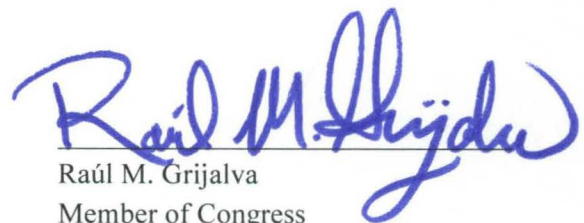
Most importantly, strong Net Neutrality rules have worked to keep the Internet free from discrimination against users, regardless of their race or economic status. You simply cannot claim to support the open Internet and Net Neutrality rules while abandoning and attacking the legal framework that makes those rules possible.

We call upon you and your fellow commissioners to uphold these vital protections, as well as our constituents' congressionally mandated communications rights. You must maintain rules that truly prevent discrimination, preserve choice, and promote opportunity for people across this nation and around the world.

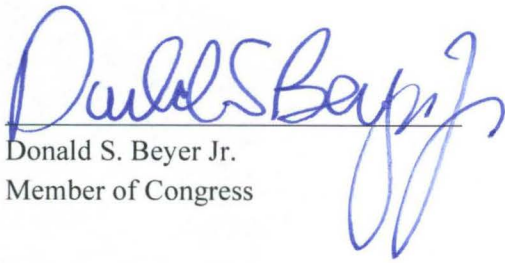
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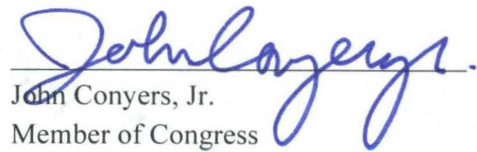
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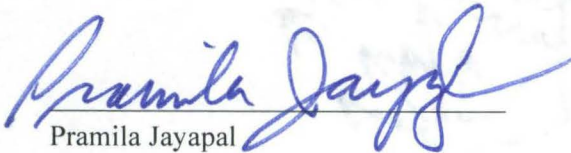
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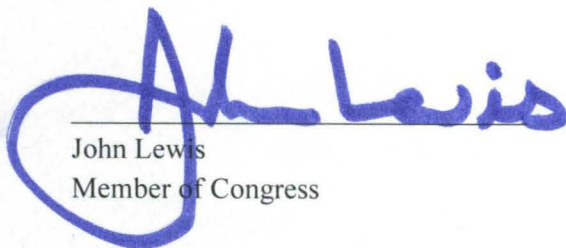
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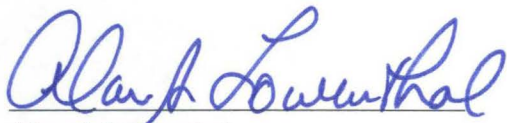
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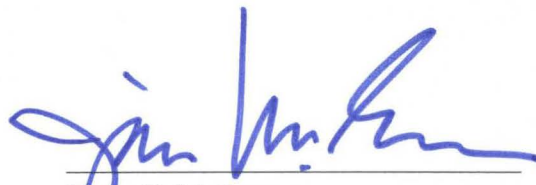
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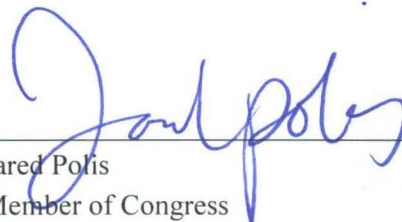
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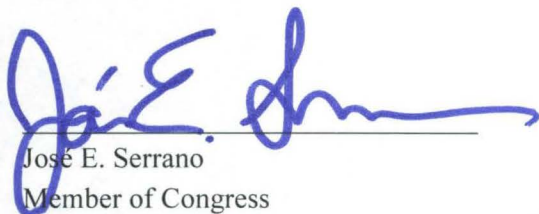
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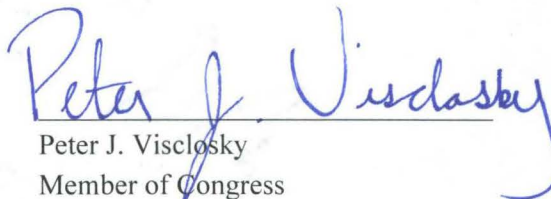
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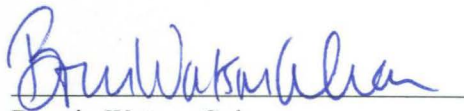
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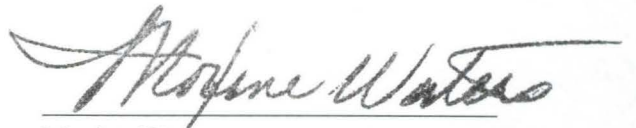
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August 29, 2017

The Honorable Don Beyer
U.S. House of Representatives
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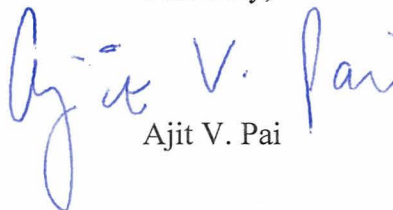
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August 29, 2017

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
U.S. House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

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The Honorable Beto O'Rourke
U.S. House of Representatives
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman O'Rourke:

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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

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The Honorable Jared Polis
U.S. House of Representatives
1727 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Polis:

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The Honorable Jamie Raskin
U.S. House of Representatives
431 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Raskin:

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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schakowsky:

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The Honorable Jose E. Serrano
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Serrano:

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The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter
U.S. House of Representatives
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Shea-Porter:

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The Honorable Mark Takano
U.S. House of Representatives
1507 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Takano:

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The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
U.S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Visclosky:

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August 29, 2017

The Honorable Maxine Waters
U.S. House of Representatives
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Waters:

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The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman
U.S. House of Representatives
1535 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Watson Coleman:

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