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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WV Docket No. 16-143, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment; WC Docket No. 15-247, Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; RM-10593, AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services.

I'm writing as a concerned member of organized labor and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbus/Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council representing over 18,000 hard working men and women, about an issue that could negatively impact my community, the economy and lead to job losses that my members and other organized labor groups can ill afford.

I'm hopeful the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will only consider regulation when they have the most accurate data as it relates to competition in the business data services market.

I am aware that the FCC is contemplating regulation of the business data services market while relying on data that is out of date. The FCC apparently recently received a report, completed for the Commission's consideration of this rulemaking, that is simply inaccurate as it relates to the cable providers' ability to provide true business data services.

I appreciate the work the FCC Commissioner's and staff must undertake and the work they put in to do their jobs but to consider such a significant rule change while using inaccurate data is simply unacceptable. It is incumbent on the FCC to do this is in a manner that uses appropriate data, sound evidence and continues to support economic conditions where competition continues to grow.

As someone who has been in the organized labor movement for twenty-three years, I take seriously the importance of being engaged on issues that impact the potential economic and job opportunities for the members I am charged with representing. I am confident you share my compassion and commitment for our men and women in organized labor; I worry the FCC's current approach will only serve to limit job opportunities for my members and others across Ohio.

I again ask that the FCC Commissioners get this right and revise this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dorsey Hager Jr.

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer