



November 13, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting, Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Friday November 3rd, 2017, I meet with Nathan Leamer, Policy Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai. Consistent with the comments we filed in this proceeding, I expressed Lincoln Network's continued belief that the internet should not be beholden to burdensome regulation. I have experienced firsthand how Title II regulations can stifle companies of all sizes, limiting both investment and competition in the internet economy.

An open internet is crucial, but how we achieve it is just as important. Regulating the internet as a public utility is a recipe for stagnation. As such, Lincoln will continue to support actions aimed at encouraging our elected officials in Congress to take up the torch of creating and maintaining sensible and forward thinking policies for the regulation of the internet.

We also discussed the Commission's authority to preempt state-by-state regulation of broadband Internet services. That authority is supported by a long line of precedent, and is necessary in order to ensure uniform, consistent approach across the country. We thus encouraged the Commission to support the creation of a uniform national framework for broadband that promotes investment and innovation, and ensures that states and localities do not undermine that framework with a patchwork of contrary state or local regulation.

Respectfully,

Garrett Johnson

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cc: Nathan Leamer