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October 3, 2014

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

Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Realtors from across the country increasingly use the Internet to conduct business. Realtors rely on streaming video, voice over Internet protocol, and mobile applications to serve their clients, and in the future realtors will use new services, such as virtual reality and telepresence. These services and applications require an open Internet that is unencumbered by discrimination by Internet service providers.

In July 2014 many state and local associations of realtors unsuccessfully attempted to file comments in the above-referenced proceeding. The Federal Communications Commission should adopt strong open Internet rules that protect against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization. Comments by the Alabama Association of Realtors, Alaska Association of Realtors, Arkansas Realtors Association, Connecticut Realtors, Delaware Association of Realtors, Florida Realtors, Georgia Association of Realtors, Hawai'i Association of Realtors, Idaho Association of Realtors, Illinois Association of Realtors, Kansas Association of Realtors, Maine Association of Realtors, Massachusetts Association of Realtors, Mississippi Association of Realtors, Montana Association of Realtors, New Hampshire Association of Realtors, New Jersey Realtors, New York State Association of Realtors, North Carolina Association of Realtors, North Dakota Association of Realtors, Ohio Association of Realtors, Oklahoma Association of Realtors, Realtors Association of New Mexico, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Rhode Island Association of Realtors, South Carolina Association of Realtors, Utah Association of Realtors, Vermont Association of Realtors, Washington Association of Realtors, Wisconsin Realtors Association, Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors, Atlanta Board of Realtors, Billings Association of Realtors, Bucks County Association of Realtors, Commercial Alliance of Realtors, Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors, Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors, Greensboro Regional Realtors Association, High Point Regional Association of Realtors, Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors, Long Island Board of Realtors, Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, MetroTex Association of Realtors, Miami Association of Realtors, Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors, North Shore – Barrington Association of Realtors, Realtors Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, Phoenix Association of Realtors, Pocono Mountains Association of Realtors, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, Richmond



Association of Realtors, Seattle King County Association of Realtors, Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors, St. Paul Area Association of Realtors, Suburban Realtors Alliance, and the Suburban West Realtors Association are attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Brown
2014 President, National Association of REALTORS®

The benefits of broadband Internet for innovation and economic development are unparalleled. But we'll lose those tremendous benefits if the Internet does not remain an open platform, where Americans can innovate without permission and with low barriers to launching small businesses and creating jobs. We ask that you stand with Main Street businesses across this nation and guarantee a free and open internet that allows innovation to continue unencumbered.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Donna M. Cusson
2014 President
Vermont Association of Realtors

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trudy Nishihara", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trudy Nishihara
2014 President
Hawaii Association of REALTORS®

July 7, 1014



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COMMENTS OF THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC.

On behalf of the Rhode Island Association of REALTORS®, I am writing to oppose the FCC’s proposed Open Internet rules as drafted. The members of our Association increasingly conduct their business on the Internet to meet the demands of their consumers and clients. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members’ businesses today to meet the future needs of the public in seeking homes and other forms of real estate. RIAR anticipates that emerging technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, and others will become professional tools in the future. All of the above forms of technology depend on open internet access that is free of technical or financial discrimination.

We urge the FCC to adopt Open Internet rules that will protect consumers and business owners against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization.

The recently proposed Open Internet rules would permit Internet service providers to discriminate technically against and impose new tolls on small businesses that operate on the Internet. Permitting these actions would be disruptive to our members for whom an open Internet is essential. The proposed rules would disproportionately harm small businesses and start-ups which are competing against larger companies that can afford such tolls. In order to continue the economic boom enabled by Internet innovation, we urge the FCC instead to adopt open Internet rules that will protect against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization.

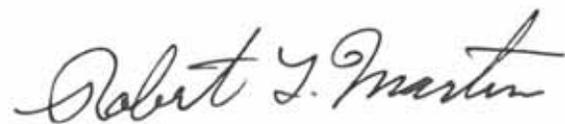


RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC.

The benefits of broadband Internet for innovation and economic development are unparalleled. But our members and the home buying public will lose those tremendous benefits if the Internet does not remain an open platform that encourages innovation and imposes minimal barriers to launching small businesses and creating jobs. We ask that you stand with small businesses across this nation and guarantee a free and open internet that allows innovation to continue unencumbered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert L. Martin, President
Rhode Island Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

July 7, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Angelia Levesque
President
Maine Association of Realtors

July 8, 2014

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COMMENTS OF THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

I. Introduction

The Maine Association of REALTORS appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FCC's Open Internet proceeding. We understand that increasingly, our members' businesses are conducted on the Internet. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members' businesses today. In the future, new technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, among others will be available that will no doubt require open internet access unencumbered by technical or financial discrimination.

II. We urge the FCC to adopt Open Internet rules that will protect against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization.

The recently proposed Open Internet rules would permit Internet service providers to discriminate technically against and impose new tolls on American businesses that operate on the Internet. Permitting these actions would be disruptive to our member businesses that have come to rely on an open Internet. Moreover, these actions would be especially harmful for small businesses and start-ups competing against larger companies that can afford such tolls. In order to continue the economic boom enabled by Internet innovation, we urge the FCC instead to adopt open Internet rules that will protect against blocking, discrimination, access charges, and paid prioritization.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Angelia Levesque
President
Maine Association of Realtors

July 8, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,



Chairman of the Board
Miami Association of Realtors

Date: July 8th, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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President
Commercial Alliance of REALTORS®

July 8, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Shows
2014 President
Mississippi Association of Realtors

July 7, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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President
REALTORS® Association of New Mexico

July 8, 2014



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COMMENTS OF REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH

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The REALTORS® Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FCC's Open Internet proceeding. We understand that increasingly, our members' businesses are conducted on the Internet. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members' businesses today. In the future, new technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, among others will be available that will no doubt require open internet access unencumbered by technical or financial discrimination.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert P. Freeman, President
REALTORS® Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh

July 8, 2014



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COMMENTS OF THE SUBURBAN REALTORS ALLIANCE

I. Introduction

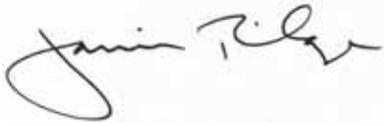
The Suburban Realtors Alliance, representing three local Associations of REALTORS and 10,000 members in metropolitan Philadelphia, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FCC's Open Internet proceeding. We understand that increasingly, our members' businesses are conducted on the Internet. Streaming video, Voice over Internet Protocol, and mobile applications are commonly used technologies in our members' businesses today. In the future, new technologies like virtual reality and telepresence, among others will be available that will no doubt require open internet access unencumbered by technical or financial discrimination.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Jamie Ridge
President/CEO
Suburban REALTORS Alliance
100 Deerfield Lane, Suite 230
Malvern, PA 19355

July 8, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman of the Board
Suburban West REALTORS® Association

July 8, 2014



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COMMENTS OF THE GREATER MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Ruzicka
President

July 9, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted,

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President
Alabama Association of Realtors

July 9, 2014