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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: RM No. 11737 – Petition of American Hotel & Lodging Association, Marriott International, Inc. and Ryman Hospitality Properties for a Declaratory Ruling to Interpret 57 U.S.C. § 333, or, in the Alternative, for Rulemaking.

Dear Commissioners:

I recently read about the American Hotel & Lodging Association, Marriott International, Inc. and Ryman Hospitality Properties' (collectively, "Marriott") petition to block Wi-Fi signals at Marriott hotels unless purchased through Marriott. This is a stupid idea, and you should block it outright.

I am an attorney, frequent traveler, and importantly for the purposes of this opposition, a Marriott Rewards member. Because of my status, I rarely pay for Wi-Fi at Marriott properties, if it is ever needed.

I believe the other persons and entities in opposition to Marriott already have identified the reasons that this idea should be stopped and is a blatant attempt at additional revenue, without enhanced service. Hopefully, I can put one other issue into perspective.

Marriott and its cohorts want you to believe that their proposed systems are safer and more secure. However, Marriott cannot prove this to be true.

First, Marriott would have you believe that its system is secure. But this premise is based on a belief that no one can "hack" into Marriott's system. The recent attack on Sony Corporation should disprove this myth.

Second, Marriott alleges that its systems are better for its customers. I am a customer, and I disagree. In order to use Marriott's system, I have to "log in" every time I want to use the system. Except, if someone knows my last name and the room I am in, why can't they hack the computer system and log into the system as me? That does not make it more secure, it makes it less secure.

Alternatively, the MiFi I own has a secure password for my phone, computer, iPad and any other peripheral device I wish to use. Which is more secure, using a room number and last name, or a secure password that contains letters, numbers and other characters? More importantly, how can the Marriott System be better if I have to "log in" to use, which creates an

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opportunity to be hacked every time one logs in, then a system that knows my devices and allows my devices (and only my devices) to access Wi-Fi.

Marriott would do better to spend its money on upgrading its rooms and creating a better customer experience, not monopolizing how its customers access and utilize their personal data. Or, rather than spending the money to change over its hotel systems to monopolize data, how about using those funds to better protect the system from another “Sony-style” stack?

I urge the FCC to reject this blatant attack on personal freedom that Marriott, et al. is attempting, and if a rule is necessary, then issue a rule rejecting this theft of the airwaves.

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