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

Re: GN Docket No. 14-28

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to you today regarding the FCC potentially classifying and regulating all ISPs as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. By way of background, my company Outback Internet LLC is a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) that provides high speed Internet to rural areas and communities in the Central California Coast. We provide Internet service using unlicensed spectrum which must be shared with others.

While we are a small company, we have a big impact on the local communities we serve. Our client base is split between residential and small business (primarily agribusiness). We enable:

- rural businesses to operate by providing them a connection to the Cloud
- telecommuting and HD video conferencing which allows our local residents to remain with their families rather than commuting to distant metropolitan areas
- families to stream HD movies and videos and their children to do homework online

Our customers don't call us and complain about poor Internet speeds, nor do they complain about not being able to reach our customer service when they have a question. They do, however, call us and thank us for what we do. While we have built our service without ever taking a penny in government funds, we continue to invest in our network and increase the bandwidth we provide to our customers on an annual basis.

We have and continue to support the Open Internet rules adopted in 2010. We certainly don't take payment for traffic prioritization. As you consider adopting rules that classify ISPs under the Title II, you must understand that a "one size fits all" approach will not work. Small broadband providers simply do not have the resources to comply with disclosure and reporting requirements that were designed to regulate some of our nation's largest

companies. At best if the FCC moves forward with subjecting small ISPs to Title II regulation, we will be forced to pass the increased costs on to our customers. At worst, with the onerous current reporting requirements of Title II, we will be forced to close down.

We realize that the FCC's goal is to support an open Internet for all Americans. To allow small businesses to continue to operate and provide Internet to rural America, we specifically ask that you exempt small ISPs from any new disclosure and reporting requirements. If the FCC does adopt Title II for ISPs, small businesses should be exempt from *all* Title II regulations.

Please understand that our story is not unique. There are thousands of small, entrepreneurial ISPs like ours across the country that provide high speed Internet to rural America. I know you've heard from other members of our association, WISPA. Please do not misstep by taking action that would inadvertently harm small businesses and discourage the deployment of broadband.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D-B' followed by a horizontal line.

Dan Baum
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