

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

It is gratifying to see a proposal from an organization of our Federal Government which protects consumers from the greed of big business and lobbyists. So often lobbyists attempt to influence government organizations for their benefit at the expense of the consumer. I support a free and open internet and don't believe that telecommunications companies such as Verizon and cable companies such as Comcast have the best interests of the consumer in mind. Instead they are mainly interested in finding ways to increase their revenue by controlling the pipeline. The response by Verizon and others against your proposals is just smoke and mirrors to obfuscate the issues in a way that tries to keep this proposal from passing.

I want you and the other commissioners to know that I fully support an open internet without the controls that companies like Verizon and Comcast are trying to implement, and I encourage all members of the FCC to vote for your proposed new rules without being influenced by politics or lobbyists attempting to scuttle this plan.

I also applaud the Committee for increasing the definition of broadband to 25Mbps. I had hoped that this applied to both upstream and downstream, however, it is a step in the right direction. I look forward to the day when the United States is at the top of the ranking of countries internet speeds, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_Internet\\_connection\\_speeds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_Internet_connection_speeds) as an example of one such list where the US is ranked 11th.

Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, etc are working hard to maintain a stranglehold on our Internet Infrastructure. I'm encouraged that companies like Google are showing the country that 1GBps is possible and am encourage that cities like Chattanooga, TN is able to provide 1GBps internet for prices that are compatible to Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon's broadband speeds. In fact my "Performance Internet" from Comcast costs as much or more than a 1GBps connect in Chattanooga. These cable and phone companies currently have no incentive to significantly increase speed at the same cost until there is more competition and accompanying rules and other cities figure out how to do what Chattanooga did.

I live in Huntsville, AL which prides itself on being a high tech city, yet, Chattanooga, TN has been able to do what Huntsville is only now starting to investigate. Knology, now WOW, installed fiber optic cable down my street three or four years ago, and as far as I can tell, it is unused. Only Comcast provides service in my area and at speeds and pricing that pale in comparison to what the citizens of Chattanooga, TN have available. Citywide GBps internet access can be done, as witnessed by Chattanooga, TN and other forward looking cities.

The technology exists. Now the citizens of this country need bold action from our governments to establish rules and regulations that foster the open internet at gigabit speeds. Chairman Wheeler, I think that your new rules are a step in the right direction. Hopefully Huntsville's Mayor Battle and his team will start looking at all of the sources of fiber around the city (such as the unused fiber down my street), and figure out how existing fiber can be used to implement Internet access in Huntsville that is comparable to Chattanooga and other cities that provide gigabit internet for broadband prices.

Thank you Chairman Wheeler for your hard work on behalf of the American consumer.