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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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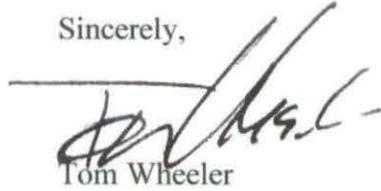
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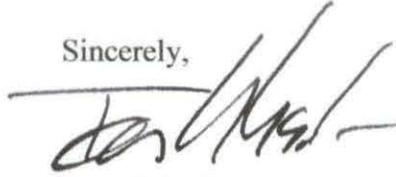
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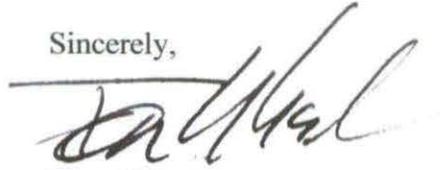
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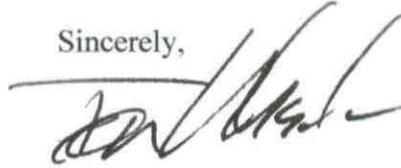
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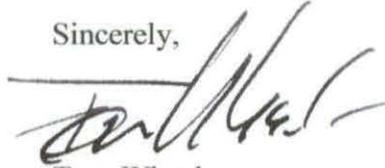
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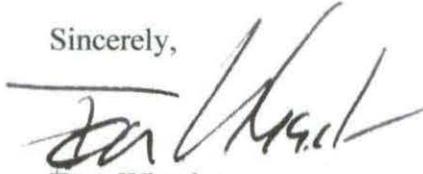
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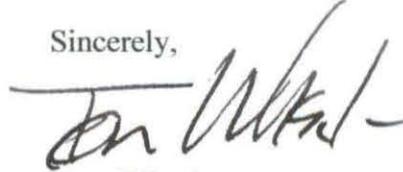
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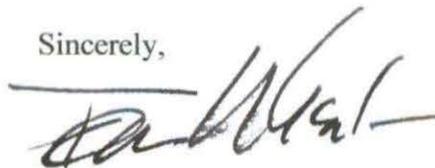
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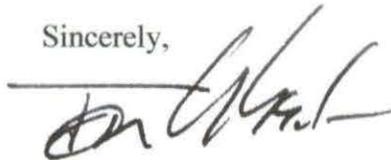
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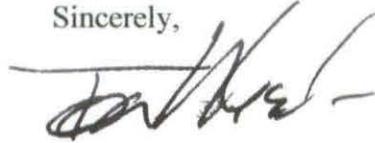
Importantly, these rules are grounded in the strongest authority the FCC can utilize: a modernized application of Title II of the Communications Act, along with Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act. I refer to this application of Title II as "modernized" because we have used the forbearance authority granted to us by Congress to ensure that we are not applying unreasonable conditions to these modern networks. The Order forbears from 27 provisions of Title II and more than 700 FCC rules and regulations. This forbearance is targeted to avoid major issues like rate regulation, tariffing, and network unbundling, which would not be appropriate for the broadband Internet access industry, and is designed to preserve incentives for continued investment in broadband networks.

The FCC's new rules, grounded in strong Title II authority coupled with appropriate forbearance, carry the support of millions of Americans, and are poised to keep the Internet open and free for consumers and innovators for years to come.

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I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Tom Wheeler