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Dear FCC,

My name is John Rydman and I live in APO AP, NC.

The principles of user choice and control are vitally important for a vibrant wireless ecosystem. But as written, the NPRM threatens to undermine these ideals by limiting what users can do with their devices. That's a concern, because I want to be able to update my own wireless software?not rely on slow manufacturers shipping updates.

The draft rules could enable device manufacturers to forbid third-party software, which would make me feel less safe about the wireless networks I use and operate.

As an active duty Marine, I need to stay flexible. I'm currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Being overseas presents unique problems for accessing the internet using resources that are freely available in the U.S. For example, connecting to Xbox Live to play online games becomes an insurmountable challenge unless one purchases an overly expensive router that natively supports OpenVPN. I was able to upgrade my 3 year old router using DDWRT to enable OpenVPN support. This makes it possible for me to connect to Xbox Live and play with my family and friends back in the U.S.

Sincerely,

John Rydman