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Dear FCC,

My name is John T Bell and I live in Beltsville, MD.

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 keep me from using my custom wireless configuration.

Because I can download and install new third-party firmware into my router I have been able to fix several important security issues that the manufacturer has never addressed. Manufacturers frequently offer limited support for a model once a new model has been released. Using third-party firmware, I have also configured separate virtual LANs in my home for guests and members of the family. This is typically not possible with the off-the-shelf firmware in SOHO routers. The ability to modify the firmware in my router has extended the usefulness of the router and helped to protect my family.

Sincerely,

John T Bell