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Dear FCC,

My name is Phillip Barton and I live in Saint Helens, OR.

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 don't want to see community innovations, such as mesh networking, get cut off.

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.

I am a competent user with knowledge of networking. Frequently I am able to do things on my network in such a way as to make it more secure than what is possible using the firmware that comes with networking devices. Requiring manufacturers to lock down the firmware on their devices would be damaging to general home networking security and accomplish nothing positive.

Sincerely,

Phillip Barton