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The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing you to voice my concern about the growing problem with broadband, high-speed internet access in rural regions of North Carolina. All across North Carolina, high-speed, broadband internet service is spotty at best. Access to broadband service in rural regions of the state is critical. Not only is broadband service vital for economic growth and development, it is critical for important governmental services and agencies including our schools and law enforcement.

America's broadband future is at a tipping point. A few huge internet gatekeepers now dictate when, where and how much people pay for broadband access. The companies appear to be overcharging consumers and businesses billions of dollars every year with spotty service to say the least.

I urge you to support fair and open broadband access that will stimulate competition and better service for consumers, governmental agencies and the business community. Furthermore, I urge you to open up broadband competition to make it better, faster, and cheaper.

Allowing a powerful few telecom companies to control the broadband pipelines will have tremendous negative effects on our state. Let's face it, we need to encourage development of our digital economy not slow it down. I urge you to use your role at the FCC to open up access and competition for broadband internet service across rural North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Ken Goodman  
State Representative, House District 66

