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Dear Kevin Martin,

The Internet has become a vital part of American life. We rely on web-based communication to learn, work, play and communicate on issues of importance to our communities. That is why all American families, schools, independent businesses and charitable organizations need access to Internet service that is fast, free and family-friendly.

America's future broadband infrastructure must allow families access to the benefits of the internet without requiring them to seek out indecency filters. Network providers should take a more active role in blocking indecent material online and help parents protect their children from the dangers of the Internet. Parents should not be expected to become computer experts in order to protect their children from online pornography and children should not be denied the learning opportunities available online because their parents fear they will be exposed to inappropriate content.

Implementation of a proposal now before the FCC to provide fast of a fast, free, and family-friendly universal broadband access program, like that supported by the Coalition for Free Broadband Now, is a necessary step in protecting our children online while ensuring that all Americans have affordable Internet access. This proposal could come at no better time, and I urge you to take action now to ensure it becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

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