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Via FedEx Ground 1283181-00004305

Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Subject: Your Corporatist Promotion of 21 November 2013, Entitled:  
"CONSUMER ACCESS TO IN-FLIGHT MOBILE WIRELESS SERVICES"**

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

You have not yet been in your current position one month, and yet you seem adamant to establish broad-based incompetence, intrinsic inaccuracy, and outright pusillanimity. In this context it surprises no one that a legislative body, one that currently has the lowest approval rating in its history, voted "unanimously" to approve your nomination by the promoter of another licentious consumer fraud, Obamacare.

Preliminary discussion needs to be addressed prior to stating my response to the subject, which babbled:

*"Today, we circulated a proposal to expand consumer access and choice for in-flight mobile broadband. Modern technologies can deliver mobile services in the air safely and reliably, and the time is right to review our outdated and restrictive rules. I look forward to working closely with my colleagues, the FAA, and the airline industry on this review of new mobile opportunities for consumers."*

By use of the term "modern technologies" are we to assume that you seek to forthrightly confirm that such technologies relating to airliner cell phone calls did not exist a-little over twelve years ago? Admittedly this is generally well-known, but we await your specific answer to that simple question . . . one that the subject announcement provokes.

A recent headline read:

*New FCC chairman Tom Wheeler starts term on pro-consumer note  
All eyes are on the former lobbyist as he starts five-year term*

So, you were a lobbyist? And now we airline customers are supposed to believe that your heartfelt priority is the consumer? The taxpayer? The registered, legal citizen that has the right to vote? With this in view, please at least admit; please at least demonstrate enough self-lucidity to recognize that on the surface your resume has zero credibility versus the portent of a constitutional republic, let-alone some non-sense about "pro consumer."

Mr Wheeler, welcome to your new post as just another in a long line of corporatist/Bolshevik lackeys. In the meantime, if you board a commercial airliner, and are seated next to me, and start babbling on your cell phone; I will demand that you be removed from the flight not as merely rude, not merely as a "person of interest," **but as an obvious threat to passenger and airline crew safety.** Otherwise, save your communications company sycophantisms for K Street.

Cordially,



Paul V. Sheridan

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**Endnotes**

Relevant hyperlinks:

<http://www.fcc.gov/document/chairman-wheeler-statement-flight-mobile-services-proposal>

<http://www.theverge.com/2013/11/16/5108920/new-fcc-chairman-tom-wheeler-starts-term-on-pro-consumer-note>

<http://www.fcc.gov/what-we-do>

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