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When Chairman Wheeler of FCC received those 1 million signatures in January, the FCC chairman said (awkwardly): "One of the great things about what the Internet does and why it needs to stay open, it enables people to organize and express themselves. A million people? That's boffo!"

Chairman Wheeler apparently thought a pat on the head would satisfy us. It certainly will not. We don't want empty rhetoric -- we want a commitment to the democratic principle of net neutrality.

Yesterday, Wheeler, a former cable lobbyist, revealed proposed new rules -- drafted by himself -- that would end net neutrality. Big corporations would pay for faster delivery of their content, making it difficult for smaller operations to compete. Tell Chairman Wheeler and the rest of the Federal Communications Commission: we want action for democratic media, not platitudes as smokescreens for corporate domination of the Internet.

Ironically, last night's news of the FCC's impending action emerged on the same day that Brazil created the world's first Internet bill of rights -- protecting exactly the democratic principles that Chairman Wheeler and his FCC cohorts are on the verge of assaulting.

Also I find it disturbing at a time that Time Warner and Comcast are merging and the NSA is opening its new facility in Utah. Keep the WWW open and free to everyone.