

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

RE: WC Docket No. 14-116 (Chattanooga), Removal of State Barriers to Municipal Broadband

As a tax-payer of Hamilton County, TN I fully support the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga (EPB) in their request that the Commission act pursuant to section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preempt those portions of Tennessee state law which restrict the ability of EPB to provide broadband services outside its electric service territory. The above-mentioned Tennessee state laws were constructed with the sole intent to restrict fair competition and are, therefore, not in the best interest of citizens. I ask the Commission to utilize its authority, granted to it by the U.S. Congress, to remove this and similar barriers to broadband internet deployment.

Please break up this monopoly for the good of the public and for the potential expanding business endeavors that would benefit from better, faster internet service.

I urge the Commission to act in accordance with its authority to remove this barrier as described in the petition submitted by EPB on 24 July, 2014: proceeding 14-116.

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