



September 11, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
44 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet – GN Docket No. 14-28

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

On behalf of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), we urge the Commission to refrain from imposing any sweeping redefinition of broadband services.

ALEC is the nation's largest nonpartisan, individual membership association of state legislators. It represents nearly two thousand state legislators nationwide. We believe the federal government and state governments must resist temptations to impose new layers of regulation on the Internet.

Congress, the Commission, and states should spur broadband adoption and promote universal availability through limited and specific initiatives, consistent with free market principles.

The Internet has thrived under existing policy that classifies broadband as a Title I "information service." The touchstone of Title I is its light-touch approach to regulation. ALEC members believe this policy should continue.

ALEC is aware the courts have twice struck down Commission attempts to impose regulations on broadband Internet services.

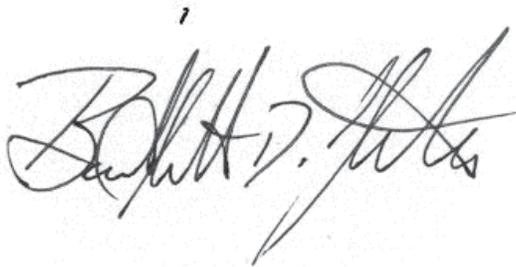
ALEC set forth its considered views in this matter through its *Resolution Regarding the Regulation of Broadband Information Services in Innovative and Expanding Competitive Markets*. We hereby transmit our *Resolution* to the Commission for its deliberations.

The FCC should not impose any sweeping redefinition of broadband services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rep. Blair Thoreson  
North Dakota  
ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Public Sector Chair

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Bartlett Cleland  
Institute for Policy Innovation  
ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Private Sector Chair

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Michael Hough  
ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director

## **A Resolution Regarding the Regulation of Broadband Information Services in Innovative and Expanding Competitive Markets**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the American Legislative Exchange Council to advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty, and

**WHEREAS**, broadband information services sector is critical to growing the nation's economy, enhancing quality of life through new and innovative applications, and enabling greater job creation, and

**WHEREAS**, the rise of private investment in broadband technologies has dramatically transformed the way consumers work, live, learn, and conduct their daily lives, and

**WHEREAS**, ALEC believes that innovation, private investment, and market competition, not additional regulations, should drive the continued deployment and adoption of broadband information services, and

**WHEREAS**, the FCC has moved forward with a plan that would impose its authority on the Internet and regulate the provision of broadband information services, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC voices its support of lawmakers and regulators avoiding the unnecessary, burdensome and economically harmful regulation of broadband Internet service companies, including the providers of the infrastructure that supports and enables Internet services, and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC urges that the FCC, Congress and state regulatory and legislative bodies refocus their efforts on specific and limited initiatives targeted at ensuring that broadband service is made universally available and affordable to consumers, rejecting overly prescriptive regulations that would harm innovation, investment, and job growth, and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC's opposition to the sweeping redefinition of broadband services be communicated to all ALEC members, and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC shall convey its support to the members of the United States Congress and Executive Branch.

*Approved by ALEC Board of Directors on August 10, 2010.*