

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Our respective committees in the House and Senate recently began an open and honest effort to achieve a bipartisan legislative solution to protect Internet users, promote innovation, and encourage robust broadband investment. Such a law, enacted with your signature, would avoid the legal uncertainty created by the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) nearly decade-long endeavor to determine its own authority to regulate broadband Internet services.

Before concluding your remarks to Congress and the American people in this year's State of the Union address, you said, "I commit to every Republican here tonight that I will not only seek out your ideas, I will seek to work with you to make this country stronger." We accept your invitation to work together to achieve positive and enduring results for all Americans who rely on the Internet in our increasingly digital economy.

We believe there is an opportunity to work together to provide legislative certainty to the net neutrality goals you articulated on November 10, 2014. We have put forward legislation that seeks to codify the principles you highlighted in your statement, including prohibiting blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization. This legislation places these principles into law, without the uncertainty of litigation that Commission action would entail. Working together to craft sustainable protections will have lasting benefits for our country and Internet users alike.

Finding an agreement on enforceable authority for the FCC will have a profound, positive impact on Internet users, edge innovators, and infrastructure investment – all without the legal uncertainty that exists absent clear statutory guidance.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce



John Thune
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation