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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As you know, President Barack Obama has made a strong statement on net neutrality and the importance of preserving a free and open Internet.

I strongly agree with him and so do the American people. You may recall that my office shared with the Commission more than 40,000 comments submitted to us opposing your proposal to allow for-pay fast lanes on the Internet. Many of those comments were extremely thoughtful and made clear that ending net neutrality would be a disaster for our country, for small businesses and for the free flow of ideas.

It is time now for you to stand with the American people and for net neutrality. It is time for you to stand up to the army of Comcast and Verizon lobbyists and institute strong rules to ensure net neutrality.

Sincerely,

Bernard Sanders

United States Senator

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