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The Honorable John Thune  
U.S. Senate  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Fred Upton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thune and Chairman Upton:

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), the leading trade association for global manufacturers, vendors, and suppliers of information and communications technology, applauds your leadership in releasing draft legislation and conducting hearings on "Protecting the Internet and Consumers through Congressional Action." We particularly appreciate your scheduling each Committee's inaugural hearings of the 114th Congress on this important issue.

There is a clear consensus that consumers should be assured of unfettered access to their choice of content or services, as well as connectivity of devices to the Internet. Determining the appropriate FCC legal authority to achieve these goals has been challenging. TIA believes strongly that reclassifying broadband Internet access under Title II has significant adverse consequences. Using Title II to achieve net neutrality attempts to put a round peg into a square hole.

Congress is uniquely qualified to resolve the net neutrality issue by directing the FCC to assure an Open Internet without applying regulatory excesses that would cripple continued investment.

We look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Regards,

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