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October 4, 2016

The Honorable Steve Chabot  
Chairman  
Small Business Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2371 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Chabot:

Thank you for sharing your views about the Commission's rulemaking proceeding to protect the privacy of broadband customers' personal information.

The Commission takes seriously its responsibilities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). As required by the RFA, the broadband privacy Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission in March 2016 sought comment on an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the proposed rules. The IRFA includes an estimate of the number and types of small entities that the NPRM's proposals could potentially impact, the projected recordkeeping, reporting, and other compliance requirements, and a description of any significant alternatives to the proposed rules that accomplish the stated objectives of applicable statutes and that minimize any significant economic impact of the proposed rules on small entities.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the IRFA, the NPRM repeatedly seeks specific comment on the potential costs of our proposals on small broadband Internet access service (BIAS) providers, as well as ways to mitigate potential burdens and costs of the rules.

The Commission continues to engage in a regulatory flexibility analysis for this ongoing proceeding. When final rules are adopted, the Commission's decision will incorporate consideration of the impacts of the rules on small BIAS providers and will include a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) that fulfills the requirements of the RFA. The comments submitted by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy will be addressed in the FRFA.<sup>2</sup>

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Your views are very important and I have asked that this letter be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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Tom Wheeler

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The Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Velazquez:

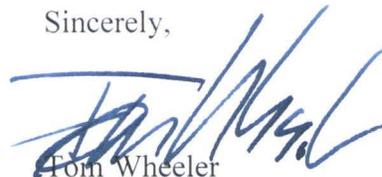
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