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VIA ECFS

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


Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to improve both wireline and wireless broadband access in rural America and promote competitive broadband markets. I am writing to emphasize the importance of ensuring that the final rule in the Commission’s Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)\(^1\) on business data services is based on accurate industry data and promotes strong continued investment in broadband infrastructure. In particular, I share the concerns expressed to you in the recent letter, submitted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), that the Commission should use all the available data, including the data submitted earlier this year by major cable operators, to both measure competitive markets accurately and ensure that potential regulations in less competitive markets properly reflect marketplace conditions.

I strongly believe that good decisions can be made with good information. The rule changes you are considering in the FNPRM are important steps in addressing adverse market conditions; however, they will only serve the public interest if they reflect the most accurate data possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jay Inslee
Governor

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\(^1\) WC Docket No. 16-143; WC Docket No. 15-247; WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593.