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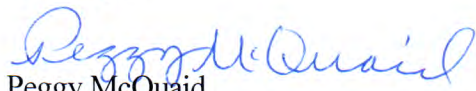
Re: Restoring Internet Freedom Draft Order (WC Docket No. 17-108)

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn, O’Rielly, Carr and Rosenworcel:

On behalf of the City of Albany CA, I am writing to express our strong opposition to the Restoring Internet Freedom Draft Order (“Proposal”) to eliminate critical consumer and economic protections adopted in the 2015 Open Internet Order. A free and open Internet forms the backbone of the 21st Century economy, and I am acutely aware of the threat to education, innovation, and economic growth posed by the Proposal. I am also deeply disturbed by the Commission’s efforts to preempt our City’s ability to protect consumers and businesses in our communities. I strongly oppose this proposal, and urge the Commission to reconsider.

I strongly oppose the Commission’s proposal. It offers carte blanche to powerful service providers but little more than promises to consumers. The Commission’s approach puts those few companies ahead of millions of Americans, tens of thousands of businesses which depend on a free and open Internet, and local communities solving everyday problems Americans face. I urge the Commission to recognize, as most Americans do, the Commission’s duty to protect, preserve, and enforce the strong Net Neutrality protections already in place under the 2015 Open Internet Order and its Title II regulatory framework. Anything less threatens to undermine the investment, innovation, and freedom Americans enjoy and expect online.

Sincerely,


Peggy McQuaid
Mayor of Albany CA