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United States Senate

RE: Support for the Freedom for Consumer Choice Act

Dear Senator:

We write urging your strong support for the Freedom for Consumer Choice Act, sponsored by Senator Jim DeMint. This legislation will require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide clear evidence of market failure amidst their ambitious and unwarranted push to regulate broadband Internet.

The FCC has begun proceedings to regulate broadband Internet access as a Title II monopoly common carrier service, despite a significant lack of consistent and fact-based justification. Today, over 95 percent of Americans have access to high-speed broadband by the FCC's own admission. The Internet is universally regarded as free, open, and flourishing. It has become a vital backbone in the American economy, outpacing the overall economy nearly four to one. The telecommunications and IT industries are a source of hundreds of billions in U.S. investment – nearly half of all non-structural investment – and have created hundreds of thousands of jobs. Yet, the FCC's onerous regulatory ambitions will severely imperil this and future innovation, investment, and job growth.

To date, a vast bipartisan majority in Congress have expressed concern that the FCC's regulatory proposal will be detrimental to broadband expansion and adoption. U.S. courts have ruled that the Internet should remain unregulated and that the FCC is attempting to "shatter" the bounds of its authority. Minority groups, family groups, labor unions, and limited government activists alike are part of the public's overwhelming chorus of opposition to the Commission's plan.

The Freedom for Consumer Choice Act simply restrains the FCC from enacting regulations at whim without sufficient justification presented to Congress and the American people. It also requires the Commission to review the potential costs of its actions and to revisit regulations every five years to ensure their continued relevancy.

To help the Internet continue its vibrant growth, we urge you to cosponsor and support the Freedom for Consumer Choice Act. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly William Cobb at (202) 785-0266.

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