



February 15, 2011

Hon. Fred Upton, Chairman
Hon. Henry A. Waxman
Hon. Anna G. Eshoo
Hon. Greg Walden
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton,

On behalf of One Economy Corporation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to connecting underserved populations across the United States, we urge you not to overturn the order of the Federal Communications Commission in Preserving the Open Internet: Broadband Industry Practices (rel. Dec. 23, 2010) (“Open Internet Order”) by way of the Congressional Review Act, a rider to appropriations measures or any other means available to Congress.

Our publicly stated objective throughout the long debate that led to the Open Internet Order was to reach a decision that balances competing interests in a way that provides clarity for businesses to invest in network infrastructure that is necessary for building out and upgrading our nation’s broadband infrastructure, and for private sector driven job creation. Proving regulatory certainty for private investment and job creation is our key goal. We strongly believe that the Open Internet Order achieves a balance that is reasonable. That is why we strongly urge Congress to not take any steps to overturn the Open Internet Order.

The Open Internet Order is now before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and we anticipate that judicial review will be expeditious. We urge Congress to allow the judicial process to run its course. After the courts resolve this matter, we trust that Congress will not hesitate to exercise its oversight powers with wisdom and dispatch to protect the public from regulatory excesses.

Rather than risk disrupting the regulatory certainty that has been crystallizing since the Open Internet Order was issued, we urge Congress to focus on the critical goals of the National Broadband Plan. These include promoting broadband adoption through targeted and efficient programs, fixing the nearly-broken Universal Service Fund, and advancing the participation of minority business enterprises in the broadband economy. We strongly believe that creative, efficient and bipartisan solutions to these practical problems are what the communities that we represent and Americans everywhere expect from Congress.

We thank you for taking our views into consideration. We congratulate you on your election as Chairman and look forward to working with you to advance innovation, growth and prosperity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rey Ramsey'.

Rey Ramsey
Chairman of the Board
One Economy Corporation