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Dear Representatives:

The below signed businesses support the Open Internet and oppose repeal of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Open Internet rules through the Congressional Review Act. Using the Congressional Review Act would eliminate the current FCC rules and would prevent the FCC from preserving the Open Internet in the future.

The Open Internet allowed our businesses to open. As we grow we rely on the Internet as an open platform to expand. Each one of us is proof that the Open Internet increases opportunities for businesses large and small to compete and grow regardless of origin, location, or corporate affiliation. An Open Internet allows us to reach our customers at any place and at any time, and to grow rapidly as demand increases. We can do all of this without asking permission from gatekeepers or incumbent competitors. An Open Internet is an engine for economic growth, innovation, and job creation.

The FCC has adopted a framework that takes steps to preserve the Open Internet. Without such protection our businesses will be forced to rely on the largess of Internet Service Providers, not the support of our customers, to flourish. That will inevitably harm competition and reduce our ability to grow and create much-needed jobs. We use our resources to compete to bring the best products and services to our customers, not seek out the blessings of a few large gatekeepers.

In light of the critical importance of an Open Internet, we urge Congress not to utilize the Congressional Review Act to repeal the FCC's framework. Such a repeal would have a profoundly negative impact on our ability to compete freely in the marketplace, reach new consumers, and offer competitive alternatives to incumbents. We hope that Congress will continue to work on promoting policies that increase our ability to expand our businesses, reach new customers, and create new jobs.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote no on a Congressional Review Act repeal of the FCC's Open Internet rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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