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Honorable Christopher Porrino  
Attorney General  
State of New Jersey  
Department of Law and Public Safety  
25 Market Street  
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Honorable Rick Mroz  
President  
State of New Jersey  
Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Ave  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear General Porrino and President Mroz:

As you are likely aware, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will consider the "Restoring Internet Freedom Draft Order" at its December 14, 2017 meeting. The public has come to know this for what it really is – rolling back net neutrality. Despite the inclusion of the word "freedom" in the title, the Order would do the exact opposite but allowing Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to take away the current freedom of online use by slowing or limiting access to necessary services.

Almost two dozen states have filed measures opposing the federal appeal. In our State, several legislators from both sides of the aisle in both legislative bodies similarly have urged opposition. Last week, 60 mayors from across the country submitted a letter to the FCC opposing the Order. As two of our leading officials, I urge your expedient intervention on behalf of the residents and small businesses of New Jersey.

As a staunch advocate for New Jersey's small businesses, I am greatly concerned about the potential impact that rolling back net neutrality could have on them. Many small businesses rely upon e-commerce to not only receive customer orders but also to promote themselves through popular social media services. These core functions that may small businesses profitable would be endangered or blocked completely. Our state can ill-afford sitting silently by when any federal action could jeopardize the financial viability or growth of small businesses that are the backbone of our economy.

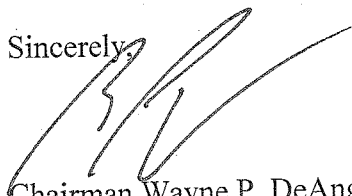
Millions of New Jerseyans rely upon open Internet access on a daily, even minute-by-minute, basis to carry out their daily work or personal tasks. Access should not be left up to corporations that would gain financially by charging additional fees for even the most basic, most popular web-based services.

Every day, there is talk about preparing our youth for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce. As a society, we demand more and more businesses to have an online presence. We cannot stop any such progress by rolling back net neutrality.

I urge your intervention and strong opposition to any action by the FCC to impeding net neutrality. It is a dire matter that requires your urgent attention.

Thank you in advance for your support of this request. Feel free to contact me at any time to discuss this or any other matter of concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. DeAngelo', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman Wayne P. DeAngelo  
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