

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 14, 2014

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We write to express our strong reservations with the Federal Communications Commission proceeding to a vote on proposing net neutrality rules at its May 15, 2014 meeting. Both the Commission and Congress should have sufficient time to review any proposal on net neutrality prior to further action.

Commissioners Jessica Rosenworcel and Ajit Pai have both called for a delay of the vote. Our understanding, as reported by *Politico*, is that minority members of the Commission have been kept in the dark about your revised net neutrality proposal. Transparency is paramount in this process, and forcing through regulations in a non-transparent way does a disservice to consumers, businesses, and American taxpayers.

To date, the commission has received over 35,000 public comments since your original proposal was first made public. We believe a more thorough examination of your proposal, including a rigorous economic analysis, is required.

Additionally, we believe the complexity and unprecedented nature of the upcoming broadcast incentive auction warrants the Commission's full and undivided attention at this critical time. This is necessary to ensure the bipartisan congressional mandates contained in the Public Safety and Spectrum Act of 2012 are properly executed.

Thank you for your prompt consideration. We look forward to working with you on this and other important challenges facing the Commission.

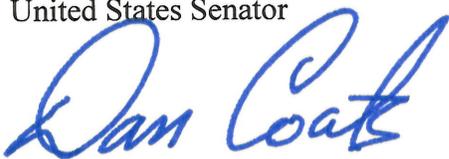
Sincerely,



Kelly Ayotte
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Dan Coats
United States Senator