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Representative Greg Walden
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Communication and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Walden,

I understand that the Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will be conducting oversight hearings on November 17 that will include an evaluation of recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) actions on broadband that I believe represent a clear overreach by the federal government.

As I stated in my February 6, 2015 letter to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, I share the goal of encouraging investment of broadband. However, I firmly believe that these types of decisions are best made at the state level and that states have a strong interest in overseeing the process for broadband approval and deployment.

I strongly disagree with the approach that has been taken and would respectfully ask the subcommittee to consider appropriate action to reinstate and further protect the rights of states in this matter.

Thank you for your service and commitment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Haslam
Governor

cc: Rep. Fred Upton, Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee
Rep. Marsha Blackburn, Vice Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee