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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
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The Honorable Greg Walden  
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The Honorable Mike Doyle  
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The Honorable Robert E. Latta  
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Dear Chairman Pallone, Ranking Member Walden, Chairman Doyle, Ranking Member Latta, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of ALLvanza, a nonpartisan, forward-thinking, policy and action nonprofit organization that advocates for the success of Latinxs, and other underserved communities, in our Internet- and technology-based society, we respectfully submit this letter in support of a free and open Internet. We believe that in order to facilitate an Internet ecosystem that fosters innovation and fair and equal economic opportunity, a free and open Internet is crucial. With that in mind, lawmakers must come together in a bipartisan way to enact modern, smart policies that evolve with the ever-changing Internet environment. The solution should be newly developed and not a reliance on

outdated regulatory policy such as Title II, which has become politically charged and continuing to pursue it as a viable solution would likely be a waste of effort. Furthermore, the current pattern of major net neutrality policy changes happening every time there is an administration, and/or change in congress' composition, could prove quite detrimental to a safe and stable environment that is good for consumers as well as investment and innovation.

We focus on ensuring an open Internet because the stakes couldn't be higher. Affordable, reliable broadband access is the engine that drives underserved communities' (and all communities') achievement and success in the modern Internet- and technology-driven world. ALLvanza advocates for this essential, fundamental right, and associated smart policies, for the benefit of all people living in the United States. We specifically advocate for an online environment that is free from blocking, throttling, and other practices, both active and passive, which hinder Internet freedom. ALLvanza strongly supports an open Internet that is able to grow and expand at the speed of innovation.

Below is a list of key principles that ALLvanza advocates for/against that provide a foundation for a free and open Internet:

**Transparency:** Transparency is crucial to an equitable, open Internet for all stakeholders and therefore fair, comprehensive transparency standards must be established for both fixed and mobile broadband providers. These standards should ensure that providers disclose and make public their terms and conditions, network management policies and performance metrics across their footprint. All consumers have a right to know this information about the services upon which they spend their hard earned money.

**No Redlining:** Redlining is a discriminatory practice that perpetuates and amplifies the Digital Divide and therefore it must be expressly prohibited. Furthermore, fixed and mobile providers must be required to develop and deploy infrastructure in a way that serves everyone living in the United States equally, regardless of race, socioeconomic status or location, and not just to those able to afford premium services. ALLvanza encourages policy makers to analyze and address the many ways that redlining can present itself in infrastructure deployment and how to create and pass smart policies to prevent redlining from taking place.

**No Blocking or Throttling:** Regulators should restrict fixed and mobile broadband providers from blocking and/or throttling competitors', or anyone's, devices, content, applications, or services as long as they are lawful.

**No Discrimination:** Fixed and mobile broadband providers should be explicitly prohibited from discriminating against lawful network traffic in the same way that discrimination is not allowed in other public spaces.

These principles are all key parts of ensuring a free and open Internet that fosters innovation and growth and keeps the U.S. at the forefront of the global economy. At this critical time in our history, ALLvanza urges policy makers to work together in a bipartisan way to enact policies that are in the best interest of everyone living in the U.S. Both sides of the aisle must come to a consensus on how to address net neutrality, once and for all, in a way that benefits and protects consumers while allowing the Internet to continue to flourish. If each administration change initiates a complete reversal of 4-8

years of net neutrality policies it can create uncertainty and harm consumers, investment, and the economy.

ALLvanza stands ready to work with and advise policy makers on how to enact smart policies that address key net neutrality issues and collaborate on how to address future issues we have yet to face.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO



cc: All members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce