Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We are writing in regard to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission's") new proposal in the agency's proceeding on set-top boxes.

While much remains unknown, what is clear at this point is that the proposal would benefit from more public process. Different versions of this proposal have circulated for many months now, and while staff for both committees has held numerous discussions with Commission staff and other stakeholders, we have received conflicting accounts about this proposal. Absent a public vetting of the Commission's proposal, it is unclear what the Commission is planning, let alone its impact.

Without further delay, we request that you release the text of the proposal. The proposal raises issues of significance to both of our Committees, and we believe the Commission should release text in order to allow all stakeholders time to meaningfully discuss the implications of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce

Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary