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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications & Technology
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Walden:

Last year, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA) strongly supported the Congressional resolution sending a clear message to the United Nations and International Telecommunications Union to avoid taking steps that would assert and impose unprecedented governmental regulation over the Internet. We agreed with you and your colleagues that our representatives to these bodies should clearly articulate the consistent and unequivocal policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control and preserve and advance the successful multi-stakeholder model that governs the Internet today.

NCTA continues to support this important objective and your efforts to advance legislation that would accomplish this worthy goal. Cable's private sector investment in infrastructure of more than \$200 billion since 1996 has fueled America's rapid expansion of broadband services. Cable's robust fiber-rich broadband networks are available to 93 percent of all American households and 82 percent of U.S. homes are passed by cable technology capable of supporting broadband speeds of 100 Mbps or higher. As history demonstrates, the success of the Internet is firmly rooted in its current multi-stakeholder governance model which incents private investment, consciously avoids government controls, and yields innovative new ways of increasing consumer welfare around the globe.

So that the other nations clearly understand our commitment to an Internet free from unwarranted government intrusion, we support the enactment of legislation again in this Congress that expresses this important goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Powell", written over a horizontal line.

Michael K. Powell

cc: The Hon. Henry Waxman
The Hon. Anna Eshoo