

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515
October 3, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On August 25, 2016, we wrote to you expressing concerns that the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) privacy proposals will result in rules that have a negative economic impact on small Broadband Internet Access Service (BIAS) providers.¹ The extent of this adverse impact, at least in terms of data-driven estimates, is unknown, as the FCC has failed to fully (or adequately) comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 601-12 (RFA). We urged the FCC to ameliorate this concern and promptly conduct and release for public review an analysis of the impact its proposed privacy rules will have on small businesses.

We requested that you address our concerns in a written response to our offices by September 8, 2016. To date, we have received no such reply. Please submit your written response to our concerns by October 7, 2016. A copy of the original letter is enclosed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Hartz with Chairman Chabot's staff at joe.hartz@mail.house.gov or Melissa Jung on Ranking Member Velázquez's staff at melissa.jung@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Steve Chabot
Chairman


Nydia Velázquez
Ranking Member

Enclosure

¹ *Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services*, WC Docket No. 16-106, March 31, 2016.