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OF THE
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TO THE
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IN GENEVA

November 1, 2017

Mr. David Kaye
Special Rapporteur on Freedom of
Opinion and Expression

Mr. Edison Lanza
Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Dear Mr. Kaye and Mr. Lanza:

Thank you for your letter dated August 17, 2017, requesting information concerning the Federal Communications Commission Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Restoring Internet Freedom". As the request was also sent to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), please find the attached response which was sent via that channel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason R. Mack".

Jason R. Mack
U.S. Deputy Permanent
Representative to the UN Human
Rights Council



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
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TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 18, 2017

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**RE: Information Request regarding Federal Communications
Commission (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)
“Restoring Internet Freedom”**

Dear Sirs:

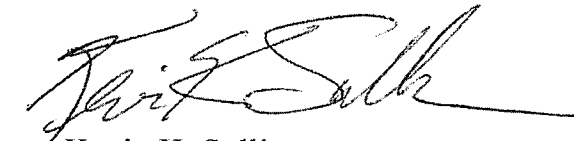
I would like to thank you for your letter of August 17, 2017, in which you bring to the attention of the United States your views related to the FCC’s NPRM “Restoring Internet Freedom.”

As you are aware the FCC has a process in place by which interested parties may share their views before the FCC takes any action. The FCC released the information related to this proposed rule on May 23 and sought comments by July 17, 2017, and reply comments by August 30, 2017. We understand that you filed joint comments to the FCC on this matter within the comment period. We have reviewed these comments and are confident they will be given due consideration by the FCC before any action is taken on the final rule.

The United States is committed to internet freedom and freedom of expression more generally. As you are aware, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) (a treaty to which United States is a State Party) both state that individuals have a right to freedom of expression; this right includes the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds. We thank you for your continued work to engage internationally to ensure all countries in the world remain steadfast in their commitments to these issues.

Please accept renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin K. Sullivan
Interim Permanent Representative