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Senator Maria Cantwell  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

We are writing to thank you for your continued interest in ensuring that the Internet remains open, affordable, and accessible to all consumers, and to offer our support for the “Internet Freedom, Broadband Promotion, and Consumer Protection Act of 2011.”

Your bill to preserve a free and open Internet provides certainty regarding the Federal Communications Commission’s ability to propose and adopt rules that will ensure that consumers continue to reap the benefits of affordable broadband and access to all devices and available content on the Internet. That is why Consumers Union, the non-profit publisher of *Consumer Reports*® magazine, is pleased to provide this letter of support.

As you know, Consumers Union believes that the FCC’s adopted rules on the Open Internet are an important framework for ensuring many of the same goals as your bill. We urge you to oppose any efforts to repeal the FCC’s rules or its authority to adopt those rules.

We thank you for your leadership in this area, and look forward to working together with you on this and other important issues.

Sincerely,

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