Comment on FCC 10-114

The internet has been a transformative technology for the US and the world. The unfettered access to an unlimited potential audience has empowered individuals both politically and economically. Indeed, the internet has been a tremendous engine for both economic growth and human rights and freedom. The federal treatment of the internet as a common carrier, as proposed in FCC 10-114, places the internet in the same regulatory category as telephone service—subject to federal taxation, censorship, and regulation—thereby negating the very unfettered access, which empowered individuals worldwide. Classification as a common carrier is contrary to both the word and intent of existing law; it is opposed by informed citizens; and it is supported only by a few large corporations and one political party. The FCC will violate its charter and harm the US and her citizens if it takes this uncalled for action.