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**STATEMENT OF MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO
IN SUPPORT OF FCC'S PROPOSED OPEN INTERNET RULES**

“Last summer, I joined the mayors of Portland, Oregon and San Francisco to call upon the Federal Communications Commission to safeguard the open Internet. We urged the Commission to re-classify broadband as a telecommunications service and to enact the strongest possible rules against blocking, paid prioritization, and other discriminatory practices.

“The newly announced proposals by the FCC demonstrate the Commission’s steadfast commitment to ensuring that this cutting-edge technology remains a tool for advancing goals related to equity, education, innovation, economic growth, and smart and responsive government.

“I applaud the Chairman for the leadership he has demonstrated with these proposed rules. And I whole-heartedly urge the Commission to protect a free and open Internet for generations to come by voting in favor of adoption of these strong protections when it convenes later this month.”

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