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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
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445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I write in support of consideration of a rule requiring that undersea cable operators report service outages to the Federal Communications Commission's Network Outage Reporting System. I understand that the Commission may issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to this effect.

The congressional district I represent, the Northern Mariana Islands, recently underwent a communications blackout when the sole undersea cable serving the islands was damaged. The experience heightened awareness of the vulnerability of our communications system and of the need to make it more secure.

The information provided by mandatory service outage reports could help the Commission ensure reliability and prevent in the future the kind of interruptions the Northern Marianas experienced.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress