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## MAP Reacts to FCC Ruling Declaring Wireless Broadband an Information Service

In response to the Federal Communications Commission ruling declaring wireless broadband an "information service," Harold Feld, Senior Vice President of Media Access Project, had the following statement:

"If the Commission genuinely wants to 'standardize treatment of broadband services across platforms,' it must require wireless services to allow subscribers to attach any device to its network. Media Access Project fully supports Commissioner Copp's call for a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to apply the *Cartefone* principles and the Commission's network attachment rules to wireless networks."

"The FCC's actions today cannot change the legal status of wireless services offered by licensees. Licensees remain subject to Commission regulation under Title III of the Communications Act, regardless of the nature of the service. As Commissioner Adelstein observed, 'this Order appears to make no difference.'"

"Further, as Commissioner Adelstein noted, the Commission has now raised questions with regard to the protections of interconnection and other safeguards potentially available to wireless carriers under Section 332. In its myopic insistence that 'deregulation' spurs deployment and promotes certainty, the FCC has introduced new uncertainties that will keep new capital and new systems sidelined until the Commission's authority to order interconnection under Title I ancillary authority is thoroughly tested in court."

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