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Dated : 24th June, 2016

Dear *Sh. Abraham,*

As you are aware, debate on net neutrality and its related aspects is going on all over the world. Even in India, the Government of India and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are deliberating on different aspects of net neutrality and the manner in which the same can be accepted and implemented in India.


2. TRAI has notified the Regulations on "Prohibition of Discriminatory Tariffs for Data Services" on 08.02.2016. While this prohibition does address a part of the larger issue of net neutrality, several other aspects need consideration and deliberation. Towards this end, TRAI has already floated a pre-consultation paper on net neutrality on 30.05.2016.

3. The net neutrality debate is critical as the principle of non-discrimination has governed the Internet since its inception. The regulation of internet needs to balance the rights of consumer versus the need to ensure Regulation which does not stifle the innovation and creativity of internet.

4. Keeping in view the above, the Authority considers it to be immensely useful to have expert views on the subject of net neutrality and its related aspects in a face to face discussion with experts. While the Authority will consider the views of all stakeholders as obtained during the entire consultation process envisaged for the purpose, it is our belief that such focused discussions will further enrich the debate. May I take this opportunity to invite you for this discussion to be held on 15.07.2016 at 10:00 A.M. at REGAL (1st Floor), The Lalit Hotel, Barakhamba Avenue, Connaught Place, New Delhi. I am sure your expertise and interest in the subject will enrich/guide us in taking decisions that are appropriate in the overall interest of the country.

With regards

Yours sincerely,


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