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Subject: Open Access in Data Transmission Bill

Dear Sen. Binay,

Hope this letter finds you well. We are the Mozilla Philippines Community (MozillaPH - https://mozillaphilippines.org), the duly-recognized organization of Mozilla volunteers in the country.

Mozilla [https://mozilla.org] is the global not-for-profit behind the lightning-fast Firefox web browser. We put people over profit to give everyone more power online.

Our mission is to ensure the Internet remains a global public resource, that is open and accessible to all. We want to have an Internet that truly puts people first, where individuals can shape their own experience and are empowered, safe, and independent.

Our organization is best known as a global community of technologists, thinkers, and builders working together to keep the Internet alive and accessible, so people worldwide can be informed contributors and creators of the Web. We believe this act of human collaboration across an open platform is essential to individual growth and our collective future.

The Firefox family of products is designed to protect your privacy. We firmly believe that we, as users of the Web, should be able to decide who sees our personal information — not just among our friends, but with every advertiser and company on the Internet — including us.

In the Philippines, our awesome volunteers from MozillaPH uphold these promises. Pinoy Mozillians, as we call our Filipino volunteers, work tirelessly in promoting online safety and privacy to both users and non-users of our products and services.

Last 02 March 2020, we manifested our support [https://bit.ly/mozillaph-open-access] for the passing of the Open Access in Data Transmission Bill, which aims at establishing a forward-looking and future-ready digital policy framework for the Philippines.



MozillaPH firmly believes that the ratification of the said bill will give our citizenry an equal footing in various industries and spaces where access to the information superhighway is critical.

We are writing to you as head of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology. As an organization, we fervently hope that legislative proceedings related to the Open Access in Data Transmission Bill move forward at the Senate of the Philippines to its eventual ratification.

Members of the Mozilla Philippines Community (MozillaPH) are more than willing to be part of this legislative exercise should you require our participation.

Mabuhay at maraming salamat po!

On behalf of the Mozilla Philippines Community,

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