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Obama to Name Wheeler FCC Chairman

President Barack Obama plans to nominate Tom Wheeler on Wednesday to become chairman of the FCC, a White House official confirmed Tuesday. Commissioner Mignon Clyburn will serve as interim chair until Wheeler is confirmed, the official said. Wheeler's past leadership of CTIA and NCTA have drawn the scrutiny of public interest groups, which wrote Obama in March that Wheeler's lobbying background could potentially disqualify him as a candidate. But a public-interest official told us Tuesday that Wheeler is unlikely to face much opposition from the Senate. The White House official would not say who will replace outgoing Republican FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell.

"Tom Wheeler is an experienced leader in the communications technology field who shares the President's commitment to protecting consumers, promoting innovation, enhancing competition and encouraging investment," said the White House official. Wheeler is chairman of the FCC Technological Advisory Council and chairman of the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. Wheeler was a fundraiser for Obama during both the 2008 and 2012 campaigns, netting nearly \$360,000 for the president, according to the Center for Responsive Politics (<http://bit.ly/IOIPIM>). Wheeler and his wife, Carol Wheeler, worked on Obama's presidential campaign in Ames, Iowa, during 2008 and he led the Obama-Biden Transition Project's Agency Review Working Group responsible for the science, technology, space and arts agencies in 2009. Wheeler has been on the president's Intelligence Advisory Board since 2011. Wheeler is a former director at PBS, former chairman of the Foundation for the National Archives and a former trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

CEA President Gary Shapiro said Wheeler has done a "terrific job" as chairman of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, of which Shapiro is