

Letter Sign-on Request

Preserve the Open Internet

Ask the FCC to delay Net Neutrality Repeal

November 27, 2017

Dear Colleague,

Please join Communications and Technology Subcommittee Ranking Member Mike Doyle in sending the following letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Pai. The letter requests that the Chairman delay consideration of the “Restoring Internet Freedom” item and remove it from the FCC's December Open Meeting Agenda. The “Restoring Internet Freedom” item would repeal the FCC's Open Internet Order and end Net Neutrality.

The FCC's current Net Neutrality rules have been upheld in Federal Court and public opinion polls show strong support from all sides of the political spectrum. During the FCC's public comment process to repeal the Open Internet Order, the Commission received more than 22 million comments that overwhelmingly called for the Commission to leave the current rules in place.

Today, on Cyber Monday, over 200 online companies sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai urging him to keep the current Open Internet rules as they are necessary to ensure the internet remains a free and open marketplace that encourages innovation and supports robust competition.

Here is a short list of others who are opposed to repealing the current rules.

[More than 1000 small businesses, investors, and technology startups in all 50 states have publicly opposed the proposal.](#)

[More than 900 online video creators that produce content for more than 240 million viewers oppose the FCC plan.](#)

[Over 200 international businesses and organizations have weighed in opposition.](#)

[Fifty-two racial justice, civil rights, and human rights organizations have filed in support of the current rules.](#)

[Dozens of ISPs across the country have told the FCC to leave the rules in place.](#)

[Libraries, around 120,000 in total, from across the United States support retaining the Open Internet Order.](#)

[Privacy organizations have told the FCC that its proposal would further degrade broadband user privacy and therefore oppose the proposal.](#)

[State Attorneys General from Illinois, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine and Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and DC support retaining the existing consumer protections.](#)

[Sixty Mayors across the country have filed their opposition to the FCC plan.](#)

[The National Association of Realtors expressed their support for keeping a legally enforceable Open Internet rule.](#)

To sign onto the letter or if you have any questions please contact Philip Murphy (Philip.Murphy@mail.house.gov) in Congressman Doyle's office at (202) 225-2135.

Text of Letter to Chairman Pai:

November xx, 2017

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write to you today regarding the “Restoring Internet Freedom” item, WC Docket No. 17-108, on the Federal Communication Commission’s December Open Meeting Agenda. We urge you to delay consideration of this item and remove it from the December agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

Mike Doyle
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
House Committee on Energy and Commerce