

April 2, 2019

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the United States House of Representatives:

We the undersigned 90 organizations urge House members to pass the *Save the Internet Act* (H.R. 1644), restoring the strong protections for net neutrality and broadband access guaranteed by the 2015 *Open Internet Order*.

Since the repeal of the *Open Internet Order* by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in December 2017, millions of Americans have been fighting to protect an open and accessible internet and calling on Congress to restore vital protections for universal communications rights, small business innovation, and free speech online.

Additionally, net neutrality continues to receive overwhelming bipartisan support across the country, with the latest polling showing that 4 in 5 Americans support net neutrality, including 77% of Republicans.¹

In the year since the FCC took away the 2015 *Open Internet Order*, we have seen some very troubling and dangerous activities by big cable and telephone companies:

wildfires in California history;²

The largest U.S. telecom companies were caught slowing streaming speeds to popular applications like YouTube and Netflix;³

Centurylink blocked internet access to force customers to view specific ads;⁴

AT&T gave preference to its own video services by not having its video data count against customers' monthly data caps;⁵ and

Sprint has been accused of interfering with Skype, which provides an alternative to wireless

Despite empty rhetoric by open internet opponents, the 2015 *Open Internet Order* did not harm broadband investment from 2015-2017, nor is broadband investment, deployment, or speed

While advocates seek redress in court t
the *Save the Internet Act*

Open Internet Order repeal,

Passing this bill would help reestablish important net neutrality protections while the court case

¹[Birnbaum, Emily \(2019\). 4 in 5 Americans say they support net neutrality: poll. The Hill](#)

²[Brodkin, Jon \(2018\) Verizon throttled fire department's "unlimited" data during Calif. Wildfire. Ars Technica](#)

³[Kharif, Olga \(2018\). YouTube, Netflix Videos Found to Be Slowed by Wireless Carriers. Bloomberg](#)

⁴[Brodkin, Jon \(2018\). CenturyLink blocked its customers' Internet access in order to show an ad. Ars Technica](#)

⁵[Bode, Karl \(2018\). How the new AT&T could bully its way to streaming domination. The Verge](#)

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MomsRising
The Nation
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National Federation of Community
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