

# Alaska State Legislature

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Dear Senator Murkowski,

Please help start congressional deliberations on net neutrality with the goal of enacting it into law.

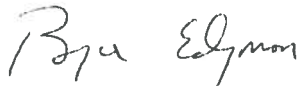
Letting the Federal Communications Commission take the lead on net neutrality creates fear, uncertainty, and instability. Policy may change every time control of the White House changes. It is time for Congress to assert leadership in this arena and create guidelines for the 21st century that provide stability and predictability in something as significant as Internet service.

As the information age has rapidly progressed, the Internet has become a pillar of a democratic society, vital to commerce, education, communications, and everyday life. It is similar to a public utility that needs protection against the kind of chaos once seen in the early days of the telephone. The quality and speed of Internet service should not be determined by private actors who may not have the public's best interests at heart, especially in rural regions where there is often only one Internet provider, making remote areas vulnerable to the dangers of a monopoly. In these instances, competition may not be counted on to protect consumers.

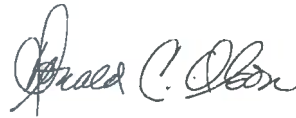
Current protections under the Open Internet Order of 2015 are at risk. The FCC is considering whether to reverse this policy and give private companies an unprecedented level of control over how we use the Internet. The FCC is poised to relinquish its authority to enforce common-sense, net-neutrality rules, letting Internet service providers engage in unfair and predatory practices like site-blocking and throttling. We need to continue to treat broadband Internet providers as common carriers under Title II of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 — a law that needs updating to meet the demands of the Internet age which have changed dramatically since Congress passed the measure 21 years ago.

Please oppose attempts to roll back net-neutrality and help set in law protections established in the Open Internet Order of 2015.

Thank you,



Representative Bryce Edgmon



Senator Donald Olson



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