

AT&T Supports an Open Internet

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Consumers deserve one set of rules to protect internet openness and freedom that applies equally to all internet companies.

- The internet has changed dramatically since the start of the net neutrality debate 15 years ago.
- In the last two decades, the internet has grown, matured and transformed thanks to enormous innovation and investment.
- And it's done so, for the most part, with very few—but often changing—rules.
- It is time for Congress to end the debate once and for all, by writing new laws that govern the internet and protect consumers.

Legislation protecting an open internet should reflect today's internet.

- Federal legislation would ensure consumers are protected and provide consistent rules for everyone that guarantee openness, transparency, and protect against unfair discrimination.
- Legislation would not only ensure consumers' rights are protected, but it would provide consistent rules of the road for all internet companies across all websites, content, devices and applications.
- Consumers need and expect consistent protections across the internet, regardless of what websites, content, devices, and applications they are using and regardless of what state they are in when they are using them.
- Effective legislation must apply to all internet actors consistently across the ecosystem; otherwise, consumers will receive only partial - and thus ineffective - protection that favors certain companies over others.

AT&T is committed to an open internet.

- We have long supported efforts to preserve and protect an open internet through federal legislation to restrict blocking, throttling, and unreasonable discrimination.
- We've publicly committed to open internet principles for over 10 years.
- We support federal legislation to enshrine these principles – but they must apply to everyone fairly, and not single out one group.