

# United States Senate

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Mr. David Segal  
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Dear Mr. Segal:

In your recent letter, you asked me to publicly support strong net neutrality regulations. Let me be clear: I support net neutrality. You further asked that I tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. Let me assure you that I will lead the fight to protect any Open Internet rules promulgated by the FCC against the inevitable Republican attack against such rules.

Since 2006, I have strongly and publicly supported net neutrality. I believe that the Internet is one of the great equalizers of our time. Especially in a time when dark money threatens to take over our political system, the Internet offers a forum for people to make a difference with ideas, not dollars. And I favor rules that will keep the Internet open and allow ideas and innovation to thrive. This is why in 2011 I led the Senate's effort to defeat a Republican resolution that would have overturned the FCC's 2010 *Open Internet Order*.

The Commission now is considering how to promulgate meaningful net neutrality rules in the wake of the D.C. Circuit Court's opinion in *Verizon v. Federal Communications Commission*. I am watching closely as the Commission drafts these rules. And I will work to ensure that these rules give consumers access to the lawful content they want when they want it, without interference and ensure that priority arrangements that harm consumers are prohibited.

I look forward to working with you to keep the Internet open, innovative, and free.



Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate