

I wanted to let you know that, with my strong support, the House of Representatives has passed H. J. Res. 37, legislation that would overturn the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) controversial "net neutrality" regulations. I oppose these regulations because they represent an unnecessary government intrusion into the Internet that will ultimately limit high-speed access for Northern Californians. Specifically, the regulations would limit the ability for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to manage the flow of information across their networks and prohibit them from adjusting the Internet connection speed based on the content trying to be accessed. This would make it more difficult for ISPs to accommodate the ever-changing needs for Internet access and, correspondingly, would negatively affect Northern Californians' efforts to get online.

The FCC passed the controversial regulations in December of 2010, even though a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in April of that year that the FCC did not have the authority to regulate ISPs without the approval of Congress. I joined 172 Republicans that May [to urge](#) the FCC to respect that court's ruling. Unfortunately, the agency decided to unilaterally defy the court and ignore the views of Congress. I am pleased the House took action and urge the Senate to pass H.J. Res 37 and overturn the Obama Administration's harmful regulations that will stifle high-speed Internet growth across the country.