

Thank you, Chairman Walden for convening today's hearing on common carrier regulation of the internet. I understand and respect the FCC's decision to regulate wired and wireless broadband internet services under Title II. Unfortunately, in doing so, the FCC is now having to defend that decision in court.

I knew that any move to regulate the internet under Title II would be met with swift opposition. And that has proven to be true.

So that's why I have long advocated for a legislative solution that codifies the principles that Republicans and Democrats support without moving to more onerous Title II regulation. The two aren't mutually exclusive. There is a path forward here.

My position on Net Neutrality remains the same as it always has – I strongly support an open Internet where blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization are banned.

I do believe that a legislative solution is the most prudent and practical way forward. Absent Congressional action, I worry about the perpetual uncertainty for investors and consumers alike.

So, Mr. Chairman, I hope to work with you and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to shape a bill that I, Ranking Member Eshoo, and others can support.

When then-Chairman Henry Waxman put forward a legislative proposal dealing with an open Internet five years ago, he said that we must “break the deadlock on net neutrality so that we can focus on building the most open and robust Internet possible.” That statement remains very much true today.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I will submit my questions for the record.

I yield back.