

IFTA Statement in Support of Senate and House Resolutions to Restore Net Neutrality

“The Independent Film and Television Alliance (IFTA) applauds Senator Edward Markey (D-MA) and Congressman Mike Doyle (D-PA) for their introduction in both Houses of resolutions under the Congressional Review Act to reinstate the strong Net Neutrality rules obliterated by the current FCC.

The Net Neutrality rules adopted in 2015 and affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals safeguarded consumers’ and users’ rights to access the legal content, applications, and services of their choice online and protected independent providers of content from discriminatory treatment by service providers’ intent on promoting their own products. Without the certainty of these bright-line rules and assurance of their enforcement, the promise of the internet – of an open and ubiquitous platform for all providers, for wide and diverse content, accessible to all citizens – is seriously compromised.

IFTA has long supported efforts to ensure that the internet serves the public rather than exclusively the service providers themselves. The FCC chose to ignore the record of public support for the 2015 rules. The decisive action taken by legislators in both chambers who have supported these Resolutions shows clearly that they are willing to fight to serve the public interest by reinstating a fair and balanced rule to ensure equal Internet access.”

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