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To prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from further regulating  
the Internet.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. TERRY, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. HALL, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. REED, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HARPER, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BONNER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. BASS of New Hampshire, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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further regulating the Internet.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Freedom  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF THE FCC.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal Communications  
6 Commission shall not propose, promulgate, or issue any  
7 regulations regarding the Internet or IP-enabled services.

8 (b) **EXCEPTION.**—The limitation set forth in this sec-  
9 tion shall not apply to any regulations that the Commis-  
10 sion determines necessary—

11 (1) to prevent damage to the national security  
12 of the United States;

13 (2) to ensure the public safety; or

14 (3) to assist or facilitate any actions taken by  
15 a Federal or State law enforcement agency.

16 (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
17 tion shall be construed to supersede, repeal, or negate any  
18 regulations regarding the Internet or IP-enabled services  
19 that were in effect on the day before the date of enactment  
20 of this Act, including any regulations established pursuant  
21 to the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement  
22 Act (47 U.S.C. 1001 note).

23 (d) **GENERAL PRINCIPLES.**—Congress finds that—

24 (1) the Internet and all IP-enabled services are  
25 services affecting interstate commerce; and

1           (2) such services are not subject to the jurisdic-  
2           tion of any State or municipal locality.

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