

City of Palo Alto
Office of the Mayor and City Council

May 9, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
S-230 The Capitol
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
S. 221, The Capitol
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for legislation overturning FCC's net neutrality actions

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

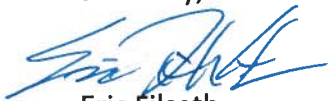
On behalf of the City of Palo Alto, California, known as the birthplace of Silicon Valley, our City Council urges the Senate to approve legislation to reverse the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) decision last year to overturn net neutrality. We understand that legislation is being developed under the provisions of the Congressional Review Act, which has been used by Congress to review and repeal a number of administrative actions.

The FCC's decision to repeal net neutrality undermines the free and open use of the Internet, which is critical for innovation, education, and free expression for all people. Treating all Internet data equally and prohibiting any discrimination or preference by Internet service providers are policies that have fostered technological growth and must be preserved.

In the City of Palo Alto, we believe everyone should have ease of access to knowledge and information. The Internet has thrived on openness and we need an open online experience to encourage business and academic growth. Businesses, universities, and schools across Palo Alto need full access to the Internet to provide an even playing field through online research, advertising, and educational tools.

A free and open internet is essential for a free America. We urge the Senate to schedule a vote as soon as possible to restore net neutrality.

Sincerely,



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Vice Mayor of Palo Alto

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
Palo Alto City Council

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