

NET NEUTRALITY

Access to open, affordable, and world-class broadband networks are integral to the future of our country. Congressman Blumenauer supports net neutrality and the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) authority to maintain open internet management practices. Internet service providers should not be able to aggressively manage user content and delivery. The internet should be an open arena where innovation can thrive, and people are free to exchange information and ideas without interference.

Furthermore, the telecommunications industry is a leading driver of our economy. If Internet service providers are allowed to give preferential treatment, it will limit innovation, stifle start-up businesses, and can slow economic growth.

The FCC must be allowed the authority to safeguard the Internet and ensure it remains free and open to all Americans.

WIRELESS COMPETITION

Over the past decade, the wireless industry has expanded rapidly: today, nearly every American owns a mobile phone. Unfortunately, this extraordinary growth has been accompanied by consolidation. In today's wireless market, just a few providers control the vast share of revenues, while U.S. consumers pay more for wireless service than other developed nations—an average of \$506 each year, compared with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development average of \$439. In addition, many of the most popular wireless devices are tied to a single provider in long-term exclusivity deals that can restrict innovation and consumer choice.

As Congress evaluates these industry practices, Congressman Blumenauer is monitoring these efforts and advocating for a fair and open marketplace where prices are competitive, innovation is encouraged, and consumers have choice of technology and services.