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AARP Commends Adoption of Net Neutrality Framework

FCC Votes to Preserve Consumer Choice, Access to Services

WASHINGTON, DC—Today the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved network neutrality rules designed to ensure continued unrestricted use by consumers of websites, online services and applications, on an equal-access basis, a goal AARP supports.

The new rules reclassify broadband Internet as a “regulated transmission service” under Title II of the 1934 Communications Act.

“With reclassification in place, broadband network operators will not be able to cut deals with certain content providers and online services at the expense of their competition that could potentially harm consumers,” said Nancy LeaMond, Executive Vice President, State and National Group, AARP. “Today’s FCC action is a victory for consumers who have come to depend upon reliable, open Internet access to content, applications, and services.”

In [comments filed](#) with the FCC last July, AARP said, “The widespread availability of high quality and affordable broadband connections -- both fixed and mobile -- can enable new applications and services, including new methods of delivering healthcare and support for independent living -- issues that are of pressing importance for older Americans.”

AARP’s remains a dedicated consumer advocate for older Americans on issues that include open internet access, [utilities](#) and access to [workplace retirement savings plans](#).

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AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. We advocate for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services. A trusted source for lifestyle tips, news and educational information, AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the world's largest circulation magazine; AARP Bulletin; www.aarp.org; AARP TV & Radio; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish-language website addressing the interests and needs of Hispanics. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

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