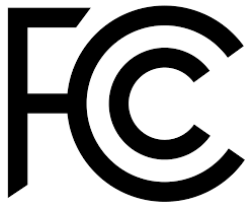


# FCC votes to repeal net neutrality

## FCC's "Restoring Internet Freedom" provision



✓ 3 in favor  
✗ 2 opposed

- In a 3-2 vote, the Federal Communications Commission repealed an Obama-era rule that required Internet service providers to treat all web traffic equally
- **What it means:** Companies like Comcast and AT&T will be able to block or slow web traffic, but they will have to disclose such practices, and the FTC will enforce transparency

### What's next:

- It is still unclear when the repeal will take effect; the FCC has not established a workable timeline
- Advocates of net neutrality, including Public Knowledge, Free Press and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, will challenge the repeal in court
- These lawsuits will petition the US Court of Appeals for a review of the FCC's order
- Congress could pass a joint resolution to overturn the repeal, but this is unlikely considering how many Republicans supported Pai's decision

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