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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the more than three million members of the National Education Association and 50 million students they serve, we urge you to VOTE YES on the Save the Internet Act (H.R. 1644) to restore net neutrality by reinstating Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations requiring internet service providers (ISPs) to treat all web traffic the same. Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 116th Congress.

#### **Impact of repealing net neutrality**

- Potential chilling of first amendment free speech rights
- Inequitable limitations on access for students and educators
- Instead of being free and open to all users, the internet could become a tool for big businesses and the wealthy

#### **Net neutrality has overwhelming public support**

- The FCC implemented net neutrality in 2015 and repealed it in 2018, a change that generated an unprecedented public response—nearly 22 million comments
- A [Stanford University analysis](#) found that 99.7 percent of the 800,000 legitimate comments on the proposed change supported net neutrality
- [The Pew Research Center](#) found that 21 million comments opposing net neutrality were bots, organized campaigns, or fakes using stolen identities

#### **Why America's educators support net neutrality**

- Treating all web traffic equally is essential to ensure equal access to information.
- Schools are both customers for internet access and providers of internet access to students.
- In today's teaching and learning environment, sufficient access to internet content is not a luxury—it is a necessity.
- Nullifying net neutrality has created significant budgeting uncertainty for schools—they may be forced to cut other programs to cover the rising cost of internet access

We urge you to VOTE YES on H.R. 1644 to restore net neutrality.

Sincerely,

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