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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OPPOSE PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO REGULATE THE INTERNET AND SUPPORT FCC TRANSPARENCY

According to a survey conducted over the weekend by Hart Research Associates, a leading Democratic polling firm, the American people by a wide margin oppose President Obama's plan to regulate the Internet. Moreover, they overwhelmingly believe that the Federal Communications Commission should make the plan available to the public before any vote. Among the key findings:

- **56%** of Americans do not believe that the government should take a stronger and more active role in overseeing and regulating the Internet. Only **33%** favor such government action.

- **53%** of Americans believe that it would be harmful for the FCC to do what President Obama has requested and regulate the Internet using the same authority it has used to regulate telephone service. Only **32%** believe taking that step would be helpful.

- **79%** of Americans believe that the exact wording and the details of the plan to regulate the Internet should be made public before the FCC votes on it. Only **13%** of Americans oppose making the plan's exact language public prior to the vote.

- Only **9%** of Americans believe that the FCC should pass the proposed regulations as they currently stand. **85%** support either delaying the vote until the full plan is made public or oppose any new regulations.

Reacting to the results, FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai stated, "President Obama's 332-page plan to regulate the Internet has awakened a sleeping giant. Over the last two weeks, it has become clear that the American people want the federal government to keep its hands off of the Internet. Americans also want to see the plan before any vote. Unfortunately, the FCC has steadfastly refused to inform the public because it knows that the more the American people find out about President Obama's plan, the less they like it."

The press release summarizing the survey results is available here: http://bit.ly/1FyPKoO. The full results and methodology of the survey are available here: http://bit.ly/1CSoz2j.