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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission*****Media Contact:** Tina Pelkey, (202) 418-0536tina.pelkey@fcc.gov**For Immediate Release****CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON SO-CALLED ‘SAVE THE INTERNET’ ACT**WASHINGTON, April 10, 2019—Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai released the following statement regarding the so-called ‘Save the Internet’ Act, which would reinstate heavy-handed Title II regulations on the Internet and passed the U.S. House of Representatives today: “This legislation is a big-government solution in search of a problem. The Internet is free and open, while faster broadband is being deployed across America. This bill should not and will not become law.”Background:* **Faster Speeds.**  Fixed broadband download speeds in the United States rose 35.8% in 2018 while upload speeds increased 22%. Ookla concluded that “As ISPs continue to build out their fiber networks and gigabit-level speeds expand we only expect to see internet speeds increase across the U.S.”  ([Ookla report](https://www.speedtest.net/reports/united-states/), 12/12/18)
* **More Fiber Connectivity.**Fiber was made available to more new homes in 2018 than in any previous year.  In 2018, the number of U.S. homes passed by fiber went up by 5.9 million. ([Fiber Broadband Association Report](https://www.telecompetitor.com/report-finds-18-4-million-u-s-fiber-broadband-homes-highest-ever-deployment-in-2018/), 12/11/18)
* **Higher Investment.**After Internet service providers reduced new investments in 2015 and 2016, broadband investment increased in 2017 by $1.5 billion.  In 2018, capital spending for the six largest broadband providers increased by approximately $2.3 billion (3.6%). ([USTelecom Report](https://www.telecompetitor.com/ustelecom-broadband-investment-increased-to-76-3-billion-in-2017/), 10/19/18; [Broadband Investment in 2018 Continues Upswing](https://www.ustelecom.org/broadband-investment-in-2018-continues-on-upswing/), 2/7/19)

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