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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission***  **Media Contact:**  Tina Pelkey, (202) 418-0536  tina.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)   ###  **Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500**  **ASL Videophone: (844) 432-2275**  **TTY: (888) 835-5322**  **Twitter: @FCC**  **www.fcc.gov/media-relations**  *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |