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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](#), 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](#), 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](#), 10/19/18; [Broadband Investment in 2018 Continues Upswing](#), 2/7/19)

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