

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
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Dear Senator,

On behalf of AASA, The School Superintendents Association, representing more than 13,000 public school superintendents across the nation, I write to express our support for the continuation of network neutrality, our support of S.J. Res 52 Restoring Internet Freedom, and to urge you to support the use of S.J.Res. 52 to reverse the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) decision to end network neutrality.

AASA has long championed the FCC's E-Rate program, which single-handedly transformed school and student access to the internet. Our nation's public schools have moved beyond a model based on books and pencils; today's schools rely on internet access to provide the type of educational opportunity our students need to succeed. Central to E-Rate is its focus on not only expanding broadband access to schools and libraries, but to do so in an equitable manner to ensure students have access to the internet regardless of the community in which they live. In today's schools, equitable access to broadband is a critical element to promoting and growing educational equity, and we are concerned that the FCC's partisan vote to end network neutrality serves the exact opposite purpose, slowing or even growing broadband connectivity gaps. The network neutrality protections offer a strong complement to the E-Rate equity focus, impacting access to not only affordable broadband access, but also the educational content, tools and access it provides to students and educators alike.

We find the FCC's proposal to reverse network neutrality and its implications for schools needing to monitor provider service terms and to report to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) woefully inadequate and shortsighted. We urge the Senate to vote for S.J.Res. 52 and restore network neutrality.

Please reach out with any questions ([nellerson@aasa.org](mailto:nellerson@aasa.org)).

Sincerely,



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