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The open internet is under threat. Late last year, the Federal Communications Commission voted to strip internet users of their rights to choose what they do, where they go and whom they connect with online. Without these Net Neutrality protections large phone and cable companies can block, throttle and slow access to sites and services at will.

The FCC's widely unpopular decision has sparked a powerful national movement to protect the open internet. Millions of people across the political spectrum are taking action in the streets, at their statehouses, outside the FCC and before Congress. The momentum has been incredible with mayors as well. Mayors Bill de Blasio of New York, Ted Wheeler of Portland and Steve Adler of Austin have crafted and signed the Cities Open Internet Pledge (below), and are urging other mayors to sign the pledge and commit to defending Net Neutrality in their cities and towns.

If you're a mayor in the United States, please sign the pledge. We will contact you to confirm your signature and discuss next steps in the campaign to win back Net Neutrality. Thank you.

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Cities Open Internet Pledge

Over the past two decades, cities have increased their presence on the internet to provide information and services to constituents. In that time, conducting business online has gone from an amenity to a necessity. Cities have come to rely on the internet as an open medium with the assurance that a service provider will deliver a resident's request for government content just the same as they deliver any other content. The Federal Communications Commission's recent repeal of its Open Internet order violates that principle. Cities cannot allow private internet service providers to be the gatekeeper between our residents and the local government services on which they depend every day.

We each commit our city to take all available steps to ensure the internet remains open and to keep gatekeepers from throttling, blocking or limiting government content on the internet. To that end, to the extent permitted by law and within our control, we will:

1. Procure applicable internet services from companies that do not block, throttle, or provide paid prioritization of content on sites that cities run to provide critical services and information to their residents.

2. Ensure an open internet connection with any free or subsidized service we offer to our residents.

3. Not block, throttle or engage in paid prioritization when providing internet service directly to our residents, such as through free public Wi-Fi or municipal broadband.

4. To the extent permitted, require clear and accessible notices of filtering, blocking and prioritization policies with enforceable penalties for violations to protect consumers from deceptive practices.

5. Monitor the practices of internet service providers so consumers and regulators can know when a company is violating open internet principles or commitments.

6. Encourage consumer use of ISPs, including municipal options, that abide by open internet policies.

Mayors Sign the Pledge by Completing the Fields Below

Mayor's Name *

Your answer

City, State *

Your answer

Email for Confirmation *

Your answer

Contact Name for Confirmation *

Your answer

Contact Phone for Confirmation *

Your answer

Mayor's Statement in Support of Net Neutrality (optional)

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