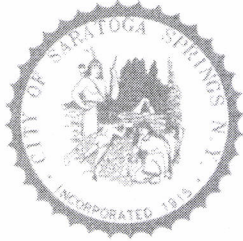


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Mr. Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Pai,

At the Wednesday, July 5, 2017 City Council meeting, the City of Saratoga Springs City Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to maintain and enforce the 2015 Open Internet Order. I have attached the resolution for your review. Please feel free to contact any of the Council members at 587-3550 to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ribis
Secretary to the City Council

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**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, as follows:

WHEREAS, our nation's residents benefit immensely from an open internet which drives innovation and economic growth across every segment of American society. "Net neutrality" rules recognize the importance of maintaining a level playing field for all internet content – regardless of the creator or owner – to be enjoyed by all users, regardless of their internet provider. For this reason, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has consistently advocated for strong federal actions on this issue across two federal administrations; and

WHEREAS, whether through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or through legislative action, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has called since 2014 for nationwide internet protections that enforce the following nondiscrimination principles: a commitment to transparency, the free flow of information over the internet, no blocking of lawful websites, no unreasonable discrimination of lawful network traffic, and no paid prioritization. In 2015, the FCC enshrined these same principles of free and open internet service into law through the reclassification of internet service under Title II of the Communications Act, and

WHEREAS, on May 18 the FCC voted to consider a full repeal of Title II and the net neutrality rules. This proposal poses a significant risk of stifling American innovation and harming local economies across the country, and

WHEREAS, net neutrality is a pocketbook issue for American households. Full repeal of the existing rules would have a particularly negative impact on middle and working class families while simultaneously restricting access to certain types of online content and services to those who cannot afford to pay more. When internet providers restrict access to certain types of conduct and services and charge residents for the luxury of accessing information and services online, we are all less free to participate in the modern economy. For these and many other reasons, a repeal of these crucial protections would prove disruptive to residents, schools, small businesses, nonprofits, libraries and countless others. Technology startups depend on net neutrality to gain fair and competitive access to customers. A repeal of existing rules could see many innovative solutions pushed into the background by entrenched internet providers. Our cities depend on a thriving startup community to drive innovation and growth,


NOW, THEREFORE, this Council urges the FCC to maintain and enforce the 2015 Open Internet Order, and to continue to ensure that the principles of openness, freedom and innovation continue to drive our nation's economy.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Ajit Pai,
Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.

Dated: July 5, 2017

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Franck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

By: John P. Franck, City Clerk