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Majority Leader John Boehner  
Office of the Majority Leader  
H-107 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Boehner:

Two weeks ago, the Center for Individual Freedom (CFIF) conducted an Internet letter writing campaign on the issue of network neutrality. More than *four thousand* online activists sent letters to their Members of Congress urging them to not regulate the Internet through a so-called “network neutrality” provision.

Almost 3,500 of those letter writers asked us to deliver a copy of their letters to you as well, which are enclosed in the binder that accompanies this letter.

CFIF has been a long-time advocate of keeping the Internet **free of** regulation and taxation. Now we find ourselves even more concerned over the “network neutrality” provision included in the new video franchise reform legislation introduced by Chairman Barton last week.

We are very excited and supportive of the video franchise reform proposal – it is something that is long overdue and will reduce regulation and provide consumers a competitive marketplace that will ultimately lead to lower prices.

However, to tie the de-regulation of one industry to the regulation of another in the same legislation is like robbing Peter to pay Paul. Therefore, CFIF will continue to fight against “network neutrality” provisions regardless of the good legislation it may be attached to.

On behalf of CFIF’s more than 250,000 supporters and activists across the country, we applaud Chairman Barton and the House Energy and Commerce Committee for their leadership in introducing long-overdue reforms to the video franchise system and we hope that it is something that all Members of the United State Congress will support. But we urge you, as the Majority Leader, to encourage your colleagues to remove the damaging “network neutrality” language from the video franchise fee reform legislation.

Thank you for your leadership in the matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Mazzella  
President

Cc: Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn