

# Commissioner Terrell McSweeney Reacts to Net Neutrality Repeal Announcement

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Commissioner Terrell McSweeney issued the following statement in response to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai's speech outlining the process he hopes will reverse the classification of broadband as communications service.

“The proposal outlined by FCC Chairman Pai this afternoon takes us a step away from an open internet. To support an inherently anti-consumer policy, Chairman Pai cites a return of the FTC's jurisdiction over broadband as a reason to unwind the FCC's Open Internet Order. Currently, neither agency has jurisdiction over consumer broadband privacy thanks to legislation recently signed by President Trump that repealed the FCC's broadband privacy rules. A simpler consumer protection solution exists. Congress should fully repeal the common carrier exemption in the FTC Act, and enable both the FTC and FCC to protect consumers and the openness and innovation of the internet.”