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Activists Make Net Neutrality Appeals To Lawmakers
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Grassroots activists are increasing their lobbying efforts in Congress for legislation to prohibit high-speed Internet network operators from charging premium rates to certain content providers. The Politico reports that some of the activists have been able to get face time with lawmakers from their congressional districts to discuss the issue, which is commonly known as network neutrality. Branch Heller, a retiree in Delaware, said he landed a meeting with aides to Democratic Sen. Tom Carper after cornering him in the hallway and warning him that telecommunications companies are looking to dominate the Internet. Those on the other side of the debate said they also plan to work hard to defend their interests. "The evidence is really mounting that to have a federal regime in charge of regulation is very dangerous," said Christopher Wolf, co-chairman of Hands Off the Internet.