

The FCC has four principles that maintain Net Neutrality.

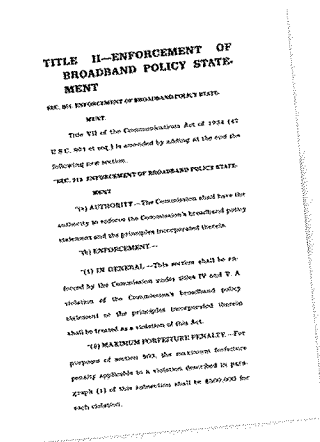
Consumers are entitled to access the lawful Internet content of their choice.

Consumers are entitled to run applications and use services of their choice, subject to the needs of law enforcement.

Consumers are entitled to connect their choice of legal devices that do not harm the network.

Consumers are entitled to competition among network providers, application and service providers, and content providers.

The Barton-Rush bill makes them federal law.



"A violation of the Commission's broadband policy statement or the principles incorporated therein shall be treated as a violation of this Act."

-H.R. 5252, Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act, pg. 41-42

The Barton-Rush bill enhances the Federal Communications Commission's ability to enforce policies that have successfully encouraged Internet growth and innovation.

The bill gives new teeth to the FCC's existing policy that maintains an open Internet without legislating massive new regulations.

Any company that violates these principles will be hit with a penalty up to half a million dollars -- for each offense.

Barton-Rush continues the policies that have allowed the Internet to thrive and consumers to benefit.