

## **Call members of the FCC Today – Defend Net Neutrality**

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The FCC will be voting this week on loosening the regulations that assure Net Neutrality. LWVCT adopted a position on Net Neutrality in 2008.

**Urgent Call to Action/Call today!** - Please contact the three members who intend to loosen the regulations:

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### **Background**

Net neutrality (A simple definition provided by Wikipedia)

Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers must treat all data on the Internet the same, and not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication. For instance, under these principles, internet service providers are unable to intentionally block, slow down or charge money for specific websites and online content.

The FCC is composed of five members, at this time two members will vote to sustain the regulation and three are intending to vote to end/loosen the regulations.

### **Talking Points**

1. We believe that a free and open Internet is increasingly important to the protection of individual liberties – freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of association – guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and by the Connecticut Constitution.
2. We also believe that net neutrality protections are essential for political discourse, dissemination of news, and democratic participation. It is essential to protect the open, neutral, nondiscriminatory nature of the Internet.