



ASLMU Senate at Loyola Marymount University
A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE POTENTIAL REPEAL OF NET NEUTRALITY
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RESOLUTION SR 17-04

WHEREAS, the FCC, under the Obama administration in 2015, voted in favor of certain rules and regulations of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) grounded in Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

WHEREAS, the introduction of this new regulation reclassified broadband providers (ISPs) from that of information services to that of telecommunication services, effectively making them “common carriers” and public utilities.

WHEREAS, the 2015 regulations also provided prohibitions against the ability of ISPs to engage in blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the US Constitution provides Freedom of Expression to all.

WHEREAS, the Internet provides an open forum to allow discourse regardless of socioeconomic status, race, gender, or sexuality.

WHEREAS, the Internet is an integral part to the LMU Experience.

WHEREAS, the restriction of access would be detrimental to the furtherance of the Jesuit and Marymount traditions of education of the whole person.

WHEREAS, students are reliant on the Internet for both academic and non-academic purposes that ultimately better their standard of living.

WHEREAS, restricting student access to the entire Internet could negatively impact the educational experience as a whole.

WHEREAS, students must be protected from maligned companies who seek to exploit them further through both political and economic methods.

WHEREAS, the current administration has proven to be against the rights of the minorities and those who would be negatively impacted by the end of Net Neutrality.



WHEREAS, Ajit Pai, the Chairman of the Federal Communication Commission, claims repealing the rules and regulations on Net Neutrality brought forth by the 2015 FCC will promote economic competition between private and public companies.

WHEREAS, repealing these Net Neutrality rules and regulations will simply allow large corporations to charge exorbitant fees to access more popular websites without regulations or restrictions.

WHEREAS, Senate must be devoted to the right of free speech as it is an essential part of student government.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that we must publicly denounce the vote to rescind the Net Neutrality rules and regulations conceived by the FCC in 2015 on the 14th of December, 2017. ASLMU also encourages students to contact their elected officials in support to keep Net Neutrality.

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