

Washington – The House of Representatives today passed H.J.Res. 37, a measure co-authored by Rep. Lee Terry to overturn the network neutrality rules submitted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The retail availability of Internet access service has historically been treated as an unregulated information service under Title I of the Communications Act. However, in December, the FCC adopted rules allowing the federal government to regulate how fixed and mobile broadband carriers provide access to content, applications, services, and devices among other mandates.

The FCC had no basis for this action nor has it cited sufficient legal authority for its actions.

"This resolution will end the sense of uncertainty created by the FCC – a sense of uncertainty which could threaten one of the most vibrant aspects of our economy. Time and time again the FCC has failed to justify these rules, and Congress has the duty to the American consumer to end this power grab," Terry said.

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