

House Republicans are pointing to the bipartisan support of their net-neutrality repeal effort -- one of the most partisan issues before Energy and Commerce this year.

The committee's top telecom leaders circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter on Monday with five names on it -- two of them are Democratic Reps. Collin Peterson (Minn.) and Dan Boren (Okla.).

The letter asks members to support a resolution that would repeal the net-neutrality regulations passed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in December.

"The Internet has been open and free -- and should stay that way. That's why I have exercised the authority under the Congressional Review Act to introduce H.J.Res. 37, a simple resolution that would nullify the FCC's launch of a government takeover of the Internet," wrote Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.), chairman of the Communications subcommittee.

Committee Democrats strongly oppose the resolution, arguing that rules are moderate and that the repeal approach is over-aggressive.

Subcommittee Vice Chairman **Lee Terry (R-Neb.)** and full committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.) are also on the letter.

The full committee will mark up the resolution on Monday and hold a vote on Tuesday.

