

# Here's How Much Money the TeleCom Industry Gave to Members of Congress Who Urged the FCC to End "Net Neutrality"

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**Ajit Pai**, President Trump's hand-picked Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, completed his boss's directive to [dismantle net neutrality today](#). Claiming without evidence that gutting net neutrality would spur innovation, Pai cast the deciding vote on a package of measures that remove the popular Obama-era regulations that prevented internet service providers from controlling the speeds at which content travels across their networks.

While Democrats have been united in their opposition to Pai's plan, net neutrality hasn't been among the top issues Republicans have been talking about for the past year. Few have offered much more than tacit support for Trump's plan to hand the keys to the internet over to broadband owners. On the eve of the FCC's vote, however, 107 GOP members of congress came out of the shadows and [sent a letter](#) (screen shot below) to Ajit Pai offering their full support for the controversial move.

December 13, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write today in support of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) plan to restore Internet freedom by reversing the prior Commission's decision to regulate broadband Internet service under Title II of the Communications Act, a statutory scheme created for the monopoly telephone carriers of a bygone era. This proposal is a major step forward in the effort to clear the way for the substantial investment necessary to advance our Internet architecture for the next generation and close the digital divide. When its effects are fully realized, more Americans than ever will experience the benefits of telemedicine, distance learning, streaming video, and future innovations made possible by broadband.

Additionally, we note that under your leadership, the FCC and the American people have enjoyed an unprecedented level of transparency as you work toward this goal. Since March 2017, for the first time in the history of the Commission, you have made every document to be

TeleCom providers like Comcast and AT&T have lobbied hard against net neutrality for months, and Republicans in congress have been particularly receptive to their overtures. **Kaleigh Rogers** and **Jason Koebler** at *Vice News* just revealed [how receptive they have been](#).

## Here's a List of the Members of Congress Who Just Told Ajit Pai to Repeal Net Neutrality

And how much money they've taken from the telecom industry.

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By **Kaleigh Rogers** and **Jason Koebler**  
Dec 13 2017, 7:00pm



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They've documented how much in “donations” 84 of those members have received from

TeleCom industry giants. Here's their entire list:

1. Mo Brooks, Alabama, \$26,000
2. Ron Estes, Kansas, \$13,807
3. Thomas Massie, Kentucky, \$25,000
4. Ralph Norman, South Carolina, \$15,050
5. John Moolenaar, Michigan, \$25,000
6. Neal Dunn, Florida, \$18,500
7. Mike Bishop, Michigan, \$68,250
8. Alex Mooney, West Virginia, \$17,750
9. Glenn "GT" Thompson, Pennsylvania, \$70,500
10. Blaine Luetkemeyer, Missouri, \$105,000
11. Paul Gosar, Arizona, \$12,250
12. Richard W. Allen, Georgia, \$24,250
13. Kevin Cramer, North Dakota, \$168,500
14. Greg Walden, Oregon, \$1,605,986
15. Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee, \$600,999
16. Billy Long, Missouri, \$221,500
17. Gregg Harper, Mississippi, \$245,200
18. Brett Guthrie, Kentucky, \$398,500
19. Bill Johnson, Ohio, \$196,666
20. Jeff Duncan, South Carolina, \$41,830
21. Earl "Buddy" Carter, Georgia, \$39,250
22. Susan Brooks, Indiana, \$168,500
23. Gus Bilirakis, Florida, \$234,400
24. Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma, \$141,750
25. Mimi Walters, California, \$161,500
26. Joe Barton, Texas, \$1,262,757
27. Bill Flores, Texas, \$127,500
28. Pete Olson, Texas, \$220,500
29. Morgan Griffith, Virginia, \$198,900
30. Tim Walberg, Michigan, \$131,850
31. Fred Upton, Michigan, \$1,590,125
32. Joe Wilson, South Carolina, \$104,750
33. Martha McSally, Arizona, \$84,936
34. Blake Farenthold, Texas, \$64,250
35. Steve Womack, Arkansas, \$104,750
36. Tom Marino, Pennsylvania, \$130,700
37. Louie Gohmert, Texas, \$85,055
38. Walter Jones, North Carolina, \$72,800
39. Leonard Lance, New Jersey, \$290,550
40. Steve Chabot, Ohio, \$332,083
41. Bob Goodlatte, Virginia, \$815,099
42. Andy Biggs, Arizona, \$19,500
43. Mark Walker, North Carolina, \$35,750
44. Glenn Grothman, Wisconsin, \$21,200
45. Ken Buck, Colorado, \$79,350
46. Larry Bucshon, Indiana, \$71,750
47. Chuck Fleischmann, Tennessee, \$42,000
48. David Rouzer, North Carolina, \$34,300

49. Paul Mitchell, Michigan, \$18,000
50. Hal Rogers, Kentucky, \$360,450
51. Doug Collins, Georgia, \$103,600
52. Ralph Abraham, Louisiana, \$27,300
53. Mark Meadows, North Carolina, \$14,500
54. Michael McCaul, Texas, \$216,500
55. Jeb Hensarling, Texas, \$270,198
56. Mike Simpson, Idaho, \$125,200
57. Tom Emmer, Minnesota, \$28,500
58. Randy Weber, Texas, \$13,750
59. Rob Woodall, Georgia, \$60,250
60. Ted Budd, North Carolina, \$15,500
61. Ken Calvert, California, \$219,212
62. Diane Black, Tennessee, \$104,750
63. Virginia Foxx, North Carolina, \$115,700
64. Sam Johnson, Texas, \$219,785
65. James Comer, Kentucky, \$22,750
66. Trey Gowdy, South Carolina, \$83,250
67. Lamar Smith, Texas, \$810,462
68. Steven A King, Iowa, \$210,810
69. George Holding, North Carolina, \$97,750
70. Rob Wittman, Virginia, \$57,250
71. John Lee Ratcliffe, Texas, \$53,950
72. Jason Lewis, Minnesota, \$21,050
73. Jim Banks, Indiana, \$16,303
74. Bill Huizenga, Michigan, \$34,000
75. Bill Shuster, Pennsylvania, \$202,500
76. Steven Russell, Oklahoma, \$23,500
77. Adrian Smith, Nebraska, \$165,834
78. Jody B Hice, Georgia, \$21,000
79. Richard Hudson, North Carolina, \$136,750
80. Douglas L Lamborn, Colorado, \$110,543
81. Chris Collins, New York, \$151,060
82. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, Washington, \$673,530
83. Brad Wenstrup, Ohio, \$33,750
84. Andy Barr, Kentucky, \$51,100

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