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# **Internet Freedom Business Alliance Praises Court Decision to Allow the FCC to Move Ahead with Implementation of Net Neutrality Safeguards**

## ***The FCC's Net Neutrality Protections for Consumers and Businesses Go Into Effect Today***

**WASHINGTON**—Today, the Internet Freedom Business Alliance (IFBA), which represents dozens of companies and innovators in the tech community, praised the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit for allowing the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Open Internet Order to take effect, ensuring network neutrality for America's consumers and businesses.

Several Internet service providers have filed appeals challenging the FCC's use of Title II and the agency's authority to issue net neutrality rules such as the ban on paid prioritization. Last month, the parties who filed appeals asked the Court for a "stay" of implementing the new rules until the legal challenges end.

**"Millions of consumers and businesses rely on the Internet for life, work and freedom of expression--that's why they strongly support the principles of net neutrality and the FCC's order. We thank the Court for allowing these critical protections to take effect as scheduled. Today marks an important milestone in ensuring the Internet is level playing field for**

**America’s consumers and businesses to thrive and innovate,”** said Lauren Culbertson, Executive Director of the Internet Freedom Business Alliance.

The order, which was passed by the FCC earlier this year, concluded a year-long rulemaking process that saw unprecedented public participation. Over 4 million people, companies and groups filed comments, the overwhelming majority of which demanded strong net neutrality rules.

Specifically, the FCC reclassified broadband Internet access service as a Title II telecommunications service and implemented net neutrality rules—rules that prevent broadband carriers from blocking, throttling or charging priority fees for Internet traffic within their networks.

Last month, several IFBA members--Vimeo, Meetup, Kickstarter, Etsy, Tumblr and Union Square Ventures--filed papers with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to intervene in appeals over the FCC's net neutrality order. The motions, if granted, will allow these companies to participate in the appeals process and help defend the FCC’s order.

The Internet Freedom Business Alliance (IFBA) is a coalition of startups, small businesses and venture investors advocating for strong, enforceable open Internet rules to promote American businesses, jobs, and small business investment. Learn more at [www.netfreedom.us](http://www.netfreedom.us).

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