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Internet Freedom Business Alliance Commends Appropriations Subcommittee for Pragmatism on Net Neutrality

WASHINGTON—Today, the Internet Freedom Business Alliance (IFBA), which represents dozens of companies and innovators in the tech startup community, praised Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Chairman John Boozman (R-Ark.), Ranking Member Chris Coons (D-Del.), and members of the subcommittee for their pragmatic approach to net neutrality in their Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations legislation, while calling for continued dialogue on any provisions that could still affect net neutrality protections.

"We thank members of the subcommittee for taking the time to hear the tech startup community's story on how net neutrality is essential to ensuring a level competitive playing field, which is the key to fostering innovation," said Lauren Culbertson, Executive Director of the Internet Freedom Business Alliance. **"We commend the subcommittee for its pragmatic approach to net neutrality implementation in its appropriations legislation, which would provide more certainty and predictability for our businesses and the industries involved. We hope to continue a meaningful dialogue with the bill's drafters to ensure that other provisions impacting the FCC do not have unintended consequences for net neutrality and telecommunications policy."**

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.

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