

July 14, 2014

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

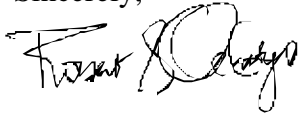
Citizens for Tax Justice writes in opposition to making permanent the federal law banning state and local governments from subjecting Internet access to the same taxes that they impose on other goods and services. This ban was first enacted with the “Internet Tax Freedom Act” (ITFA) in 1998 and extended several times since then.

Both the “Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act” (H.R. 3086) and “Internet Tax Freedom Forever Act” (S. 1431) would make this ban *permanent*, thereby forever treating the Internet differently from other goods and services by barring state and local governments from deciding for themselves whether or not to tax it.

In 1998 Congress decided that the internet was an “infant industry” needing special protection from the taxes that state and local governments impose on other goods and services. Today, the infant of 1998 has the keys to the American economy, yet lawmakers are still coddling it by proposing to make the tax ban permanent.

Congress should allow the ban to expire as scheduled on November 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. McIntyre". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robert S. McIntyre  
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