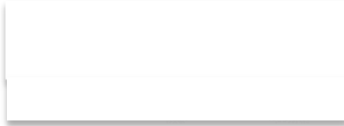


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Dear Stuart,

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on internet regulation. It is good to hear from you.

A free and open internet has flourished for decades with limited government intervention, creating an environment for technological innovation that has impacted lives for the better in countless ways. I am committed to ensuring that the internet remains free.

I understand there are currently a number of proposals for increased government regulation of the internet. As you may know, the FCC Chairman recently proposed "Net Neutrality" rules which would increase government oversight of content provided on the internet and open the door to future regulation of the internet as a public utility under Title II of the Communications Act.

These developments are concerning to me because the existing free and open internet has been a great engine of economic growth and the FCC's proposed regulations could disrupt the balance of freedom and opportunity that has developed over time. In my view, we must keep economic freedom and opportunity a priority and be careful not to make decisions that could be harmful to internet users. Ohioans are suffering through the worst economic recovery since the Great Depression. My top priority in the U.S. Senate is to promote policies that help create and foster an environment that leads to job creation and economic growth.

Thank you again for your time and consideration on this important issue. I will continue to follow this debate, and will support an approach that accurately reflects the views and concerns of internet consumers and providers. For more information, I encourage you to visit my website at www.portman.senate.gov. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Portman".

Rob Portman
U.S. Senator