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Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for contacting me regarding net neutrality. As your Representative, your thoughts are important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns about this important issue.

Access to the broadband Internet system is a public policy concern which has been addressed by all three branches of government. Sometimes referred to as "Internet openness," net neutrality refers generally to the idea that lawful content on the Internet should be accessible to anyone who wishes to receive it.

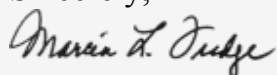
The Internet is a critical tool in the twenty-first century, and we must make sure that we balance the rights of all its users and providers.

Please be assured I am closely monitoring the results of the January 2014 U.S. Court of Appeals ruling in Verizon Communications v. Federal Communications Commission, any new rules and regulations coming from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and pending legislation before Congress. Should legislation concerning net neutrality come before the full House of Representatives, please rest assured I will keep your views in mind.

Your needs and concerns are important to me and I thank you for taking an active role in the legislative process. Democracy works best when we stay in touch, so I invite you to sign-up for email updates at [fudge.congressnewsletter.net](http://fudge.congressnewsletter.net). You can also get late-breaking news at [www.facebook.com/RepMarciaLFudge](http://www.facebook.com/RepMarciaLFudge) and [twitter.com/RepMarciaFudge](http://twitter.com/RepMarciaFudge).

If you should need any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my D.C. office at (202) 225-7032.

Sincerely,



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