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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 577

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*Memorializing the Congress of the United States to recognize the importance of unfettered access to the Internet and limit regulation by the Federal Communications Commission.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the broadband information services sector is critical to growing the nation's economy, enhancing quality of life through new and innovative applications, and enabling greater job creation; and

WHEREAS, the rise of private investment in broadband technologies has dramatically transformed the way consumers work, live, learn, and conduct their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, innovation, private investment, and market competition, not additional regulations, should drive the continued deployment and adoption of broadband information services; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has moved forward with a plan that would impose its authority over the Internet and regulate the provision of broadband information services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to recognize the importance of unfettered access to the Internet and limit regulation by the Federal Communications Commission; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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