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YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join

The Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership

for a special reception

A series of experts and policymakers will discuss how smart technology policy can increase broadband adoption by Latinos to enhance education and promote economic development and innovation.

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Location: Rayburn 2322

Time: 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

(Refreshments will be provided)

To RSVP or for more information please email us at: info@httponline.org

FCC Vote on Net Neutrality: Implications for Latinos

The Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP), a coalition of 19 of the largest national Latino organizations, strongly supports an open Internet but is disappointed that in pursuit of net neutrality, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

acted to impose an onerous and outdated regulatory regimen, with over 300 pages of new regulations that will hinder adoption among Latinos.

Today, the Latino community leads the way in adopting mobile broadband but lags behind in high speed Internet access at home. Without pointing to any specific problems with the current state of the Internet, the FCC has voted to increase the cost of access to the Internet by utilization of outdated Title II regulations, which will not only inject legal ambiguity but also cause decreased investment in our broadband infrastructure. We believe that all consumers, particularly underserved minority communities, should have equal access to broadband and to all legal content and applications on the Internet. If the United States is to maintain its global leadership in technology and innovation, it is incumbent upon Congress to act and ensure these services are available and affordable to all consumers by overturning these harmful regulations. ([Read more](#))

HTTP joins the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) and other national minority civil rights and social advocacy organizations to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to comprehensively reform Lifeline, a crucially important part of the Universal Service Program.

In a letter to the FCC, the group stated its support for a bi-partisan effort needed to modernize the program and more effectively administer program funds. The Lifeline Program is a critical mechanism for ensuring all Americans have equal access to essential digital tools in the Broadband Age, while respecting the hard working U.S. taxpayers.

HTTP continues the dialogue with House and Senate members

HTTP has continued the conversation with policy makers to ensure that Latinos have a voice in technology and telecommunication policy discussions and to ensure that Latinos' concerns are addressed, particularly with regard to issues of access and adoption. HTTP's commitment to this dialogue helps to ensure that Latinos have a voice in national policy decisions concerning technology and telecommunications.

- Meetings were held with the following offices:
 - Rep. Antonio Cárdenas
 - Rep. Norma Torres
 - Rep. Ben Ray Luján
 - Rep. Joaquín Castro
 - Rep. Linda Sánchez
 - Sen. Harry Reid

Must Read...

National Broadband Plan & the Uncertain Future of the Internet

By Rosa Mendoza, Contributor, The Hill

Executive Director, Hispanic Technology & Telecommunications Partnership

In consumer technology, many things improve with age. Compare broadband speeds, tablets and 4G service from five years ago with what's available today. They're all better, faster and more powerful.

But a few things, unfortunately, become worse – and nothing declined more sharply than the foresight of U.S. Internet policy. That became obvious on February 26 when the FCC voted 3-2 to place the Internet under “Title II” public utility regulations. Although billed as the FCC's next attempt to install rules to protect an open Internet, these rules, written in 1934, were designed for the Depression-era rotary telephone and other long-gone services. These rules are unsuited for today's complex digital technologies. And these rules were not the rules a prior Court decision regarding the open Internet suggested that the FCC follow.

There was an unsettling irony to the FCC's decision as it took place so close to the fifth

anniversary of the Commission's seminal **National Broadband Plan**. That document was a roadmap meant to help communities – especially traditionally underserved areas – connect and participate in the equalizing medium that is the Internet. At great cost of both time and money, the FCC wrote this plan to “**ensure every American** has access to broadband capability.”

[\(Read more\)](#)

Important Debates

Setting the Record Straight: Auctions and Net Neutrality

Wall Street Journal: Netflix Is the Culprit

Butterfield: Politically Driven Open Internet Debate Should Not Slow Sound Broadband Policy

Let private enterprise build broadband networks

That Didn't Take Long ...

Digital Es Universal: How U.S. Hispanic are Driving Growth in Digital

HTTP at Events

HTTP at events, conferences and industry gatherings



HTTP's Senior Advisor, Martin Chavez, receives MMTC's Broadband and Social Justice Award



HTTP's Executive Director, Rosa Mendoza, participates in the Dialogue on Diversity's 2015 Internet Data Privacy Colloquium

HTTP Upcoming Events

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HTTP Editorial

Internet regulations require legislative fix

By Marty Chavez, contributor, *Florida Sun-Sentinel*

When it comes to enshrining sensible and permanent public policy in regard to the Internet, Senator Bill Nelson, D-Fla., says there is “magic in the making,” and that by working with his colleagues in the U.S. Senate, Americans could soon enjoy a law that ensures an open yet flexible Internet.

The Federal Communications Commission enacted new “net neutrality” regulations in February predicated on utility-style phone regulations. But by now, most people paying attention to the issue — including Florida’s senior senator — know that applying this outdated regime to the Internet is a high-risk strategy driven by politics instead of smart policy making.

Designed for rotary phones and essentially one monopolistic company in 1934, the basis of these rules has nothing to do with an Internet invented several decades after this legal structure was introduced eons ago.

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About HTTP

HTTP is the leading national Latino think tank and advocacy organization on Internet, telecommunications and technology policy issues. It is a nonpartisan coalition of national Latino organizations working to ensure that the full array of technological and telecommunications advancements are available to all Latinos in the United States. [Learn more about HTTP.](#)

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