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LDF Statement on FCC Vote to End Net Neutrality

The Federal Communications Commission voted today, to dismantle Net neutrality rules. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. President and Director-Counsel Sherrilyn Ifill released the following statement:

“I am incredibly disappointed that the FCC has chosen to reverse the net neutrality rules implemented during the last Administration. These rules were critical to ensuring equal access to information for all Americans, uninhibited by powerful internet companies deciding who has access to what information and at what price. A functioning democracy relies on an educated public with unfiltered access to information about voting rights, public policy, education, news, and more. This is even more critical for underserved communities, who are likely to use the internet to apply for jobs, improve their educations, and to access government services. While disappointed, I stand ready to push forward with my colleagues in urging Congress to step up and make these rules statutory so that they are not subject to the whims of political change.”

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