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H. R. 4070

To prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating certain network management practices of broadband Internet access service providers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SCALISE, and Mr. LATTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Freedom
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF FCC.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The regulations adopted by the
8 Federal Communications Commission in the Report and
9 Order in the matter of preserving the open Internet and

1 broadband industry practices (FCC 10–201; adopted De-
2 cember 21, 2010) shall have no force or effect, and the
3 Commission may not reissue such regulations in substan-
4 tially the same form, or issue new regulations that are
5 substantially the same as such regulations, unless the re-
6 issued or new regulations are specifically authorized by a
7 law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not apply to any
9 regulations that the Federal Communications Commission
10 determines necessary—

11 (1) to prevent damage to the national security
12 of the United States;

13 (2) to ensure the public safety; or

14 (3) to assist or facilitate any actions taken by
15 a Federal or State law enforcement agency.

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