

ATR <u>WILL RATE</u> AND <u>MAY DOUBLE RATE</u> A VOTE FOR THE MARKEY NET NEUTRALITY AMENDMENT AS A VOTE AGAINST TAXPAYERS

Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) is expected to offer an amendment to the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act of 2006 that would mandate so-called "network neutrality." Americans for Tax Reform strongly opposes any legislation that would mandate net neutrality, and <u>will rate</u> and <u>may double rate</u> a vote for the Markey amendment as a vote against taxpayers.

Government regulation of the Internet is contradictory to the free market philosophy that has allowed the Internet to flourish for more than a decade. ATR believes that language regarding network neutrality in the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act recently approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee already goes too far; stronger language such as that found in the Markey Amendment would represent the beginnings of Internet regulation, discouraging innovation and investment in all sectors of the Internet.

ATR strongly opposes the Markey Amendment to the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act of 2006.

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