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**NetCompetition.org Asks Why Worsen Recession with Preemptive Internet Regulation?**  
*'Net Neutrality' would hurt economy, job creation and universal broadband deployment*

**WASHINGTON**—Scott Cleland, chairman of NetCompetition.org, today questioned why the Senate Commerce Committee would focus on promoting net neutrality in its “Future of the Internet” hearing, when the Internet is flourishing and does not need ‘saving,’ and when unprecedented preemptive regulation of the Internet could worsen the economic recession, cost jobs and freeze broadband deployment.

Cleland describes the Internet as the greatest free market success story of all time and net neutrality as a ‘socialized Internet’ policy.

*“Net neutrality social activists are wasting Congress’ time and energy on a fringe issue and factional business dispute that is neither sound Democratic policy nor sound Republican policy.”* Cleland said.

*“Congress has plenty of real problems to focus on without creating new ones by regulating the Internet for the first time.”* concluded Cleland.

See NetCompetition.org letter to all Senate Commerce Committee members and the Senate Leadership at: [http://www.netcompetition.org/docs/pronetcomp/042208\\_SCC\\_letter.pdf](http://www.netcompetition.org/docs/pronetcomp/042208_SCC_letter.pdf).

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