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To prohibit the imposition of access charges on Internet service providers,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. EWING, Mr. POMBO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. WELLER, Mr. MICA, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. REGULA, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. STEARNS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, of Texas, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. LINDER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. OSE, Mr. CAMP, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BARCIA, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Access Charge
3 Prohibition Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 It is the purpose of this Act to ensure that Internet
6 information services will continue to be deployed as rapidly
7 and efficiently to as many Americans as possible by pre-
8 venting the Federal Communications Commission from
9 applying interstate access charges to providers of Internet
10 services.

11 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF ACCESS CHARGES ON INTERNET**
12 **SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

13 Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
14 U.S.C. 254) is amended by adding at the end the following
15 new subsection:

16 “(1) PROHIBITION OF ACCESS CHARGES ON INTER-
17 NET SERVICE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding subsection
18 (b)(4) or (d) or any other provision of this section, the
19 Commission shall not impose on any interactive computer
20 service (as such term is defined in section 230(e)) or other
21 information service provider any access charge for the sup-
22 port of universal service that is based on a measure of
23 the time that telecommunications services are used in the
24 provision of such interactive computer service or informa-
25 tion service.”.