



## **Carr Welcomes Court Order Invalidating President Biden’s Plan to Expand Government Control of the Internet Through Title II Regulations** *Appellate Court Strikes Down Key Part of President Biden’s Internet Power Grab*

WASHINGTON, DC, January 2, 2025—Today, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a [decision](#) that strikes down in its entirety President Biden’s plan to increase government control of the Internet through Title II “net neutrality” regulations. The court order invalidates one of the key pillars of President Biden’s broader Internet power grab. The court held that the FCC exceeded its authority when it [voted](#) 3-2 last year to adopt President Biden’s plan and thus the court returned broadband Internet access to the same, bipartisan regulatory framework under which it has thrived for decades.

Commissioner Carr issued the following statement welcoming the appellate court decision:

“Today’s decision is a good win for the country. Over the past four years, the Biden Administration has worked to expand the government’s control over every feature of the Internet ecosystem. You can see it in the Biden Administration’s efforts to pressure social media companies into censoring the free speech rights of everyday Americans. You can see it in the Biden Administration’s demand that the FCC adopt ‘digital equity’ rules for the Internet—sweeping regulations that give the Commission nearly limitless powers over the Internet. And you can see it in the Biden Administration’s decision to impose so-called ‘net neutrality’ rules by applying Title II or utility-style regulations to the Internet.

“President Biden’s decision to impose these Title II regulations represented a break from the bipartisan consensus established by a Republican Congress and a Democrat President and enshrined in law nearly thirty years ago—a consensus that provided a stable regulatory framework that allowed the Internet in America to flourish. And President Biden’s entire plan rested on the Chicken Little tactic of persuading Americans that the Internet would break in the absence of these so-called ‘net neutrality’ regulations. The American people have now seen through that ruse.

“Rather than focusing on a broadband agenda that would bridge the digital divide, the Biden Administration chose to waste time and resources imposing these unnecessary command and control regulations. Indeed, Republicans and Democrats alike warned the FCC not to head back down the quixotic path of Title II regulation. Even President Obama’s former top lawyers wrote a paper explaining that any such FCC decision ‘would be struck down’ and represent a ‘massive waste of resources for the government, industry, and the public, as well as the lost opportunity to pursue more pressing policy goals such as deploying robust broadband service to all Americans.’ They were right.

“I also called—repeatedly—for the FCC not to go this route. I dissented and urged the Administration to focus instead on the work of promoting next-generation connectivity. But that key work remains unfinished. Indeed, it has now been 1,145 days since President Biden signed his \$42 billion plan for expanding Internet access into law. But today, not one home or business has been connected through that program.

“I am pleased that the appellate court invalidated President Biden’s Internet power grab by striking down these unlawful Title II regulations. But the work to unwind the Biden Administration’s regulatory overreach will continue. I welcome the chance to advance a policy agenda that will deliver great results for the American people.”

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