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Preserving Internet Freedom

MADISON - State Representative Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee) and State Senator Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee) circulated legislation today that would keep the freedom of net neutrality here in Wisconsin.

In December, the Federal Communications Commission repealed the federal net neutrality rules that required all internet service be provided equally without prejudice. Senator Larson and Representative Brostoff circulated for co-sponsorship legislation that will preserve the ideological and personal freedom guaranteed by net neutrality.

“Wisconsin must take steps to protect our citizens against price gouging, severely narrowed access to information, and market manipulation,” said Brostoff. “Net neutrality is one of the key issues of our generation, and it's up to us to do everything we can to protect it.”

Net neutrality prohibited internet service providers from charging their customers different rates based on who they were, what websites they visited, the browsing platform they used, and more. It also prevented internet providers from blocking legal websites or charging targeted websites if they wanted expedient content delivery to their consumers.

“The internet is the modern town square. With so much of our lives conducted online, Wisconsinites deserve the freedom to see the content of their choice without internet service providers purposefully holding content back by slowing it down or blocking it,” said Larson. “Our state must take a strong stance against providers picking winners and losers.”

The bill circulated by Larson and Brostoff would prohibit Internet service providers from unnecessarily blocking content, slowing service, or otherwise unreasonably disadvantaging Wisconsin consumers.

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