

## **Against New Regulations**

In his “Congress May Be Forced to Address Net Neutrality” column (Aug. 17), TechMan ignores the devastating effects government regulation would have on the Internet.

High-speed Internet networks provide enormous benefits to consumers. Broadband is connecting patients to specialty care hundreds of miles away and reducing costs at the same time. It connects students with the best education resources regardless of where they live. It is saving consumers at the gas pump while also allowing them to stay productive at home through telecommuting.

We need robust networks to support these applications, not to mention sites like YouTube and NBCOlympics.com.

America’s broadband providers are stepping up to make sure we do. This year alone nearly 1,400 broadband providers will invest \$60 billion to enhance our nation’s communications infrastructure so it can continue to meet our growing broadband demands.

Government simply cannot afford that large of an investment.

As for the misleading term “Net neutrality,” the Federal Communications Commission already has in place guiding principles to ensure consumers have a positive experience on the Internet.

New regulations would only hinder innovation and, even worse, the investment that is bringing the promise of the Internet to more and more Americans.

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