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The Honorable John Thune  
U.S. Senate  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
U.S. Senate  
716 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Greg Walden  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2185 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
U.S. House of Representatives  
237 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thune, Ranking Member Nelson, Chairman Walden, and Ranking Member Pallone:

I read in Variety that Google is continuing to block access to YouTube on Amazon's Echo device and on Amazon's Fire TV. Consumers expect to be able to use the internet devices of their choice to connect to the web and reach content and popular apps or services. One of the earliest statements on internet openness made this very clear.<sup>1</sup> Broadband providers have consistently committed that consumers can access the legal Internet content they choose when and how they want to. Other parts of the Internet ecosystem should do the same.

While the heated rhetoric in the net neutrality debate has been solely focused on broadband providers, if the goal is truly to protect all consumers, then the entire internet ecosystem must be accountable and held to the same standard. America's broadband providers and the families and communities they serve insist that the open internet experience and protections they deliver to consumers be adhered to by all companies.

For the sake of all consumers and the strength of our economy and civil society, I look forward to working with you to advance these principles.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Spalter

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<sup>1</sup> [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-260435A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-260435A1.pdf)

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cc: Roger Wicker, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

Brian Schatz, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

Marsha Blackburn, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Michael F. Doyle, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology