

REGULATORY

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Issue	Ajit Pai	Jessica Rosenworcel
<u>Philosophy</u>	<p>“Consumers benefit most from competition, not preemptive regulation. Free markets have delivered more value to American consumers than highly regulated ones. No regulatory system should indulge arbitrage; regulators should be skeptical of pleas to regulate rivals, dispense favors, or otherwise afford special treatment.”</p> <p>- Biography of Former Chairman Ajit Pai</p>	<p>“We have work to do to support digital equity, especially in communities that have been overlooked and underserved for too long. We need to advance communications policies that keep the public safe and cybersecure... And we have work to do to ensure open, reliable, and affordable broadband reaches 100% of this country—rural areas, urban areas, and everything in between.”</p> <p>-Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel Remarks to FCC Staff</p>
<u>Net Neutrality</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes that we “must preserve Internet freedom here and abroad, so that the online world can flourish free from heavy-handed government intervention” • Led the charge to replace the 2015 Open Internet Order with the Restoring Internet Freedom Order • Argued that the FCC did not have the proper authority to mandate net neutrality rules absent a congressional directive • Also argued that granting ISP’s the freedom to manage their networks is best way to spur innovation and manage network traffic in emergency situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes that ISP’s must be heavily regulated and restricted to prevent them from hurting consumers • Dedicated to “fighting to protect net neutrality” • Voted with the Obama-era FCC to impose and expand net neutrality • Argued that net neutrality rules are the only way to prevent a “two-tiered internet” where ISP’s are “gatekeepers”
<u>Broadband</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes that “closing the digital divide” is essential to modern life in America • Focused heavily on building out broadband infrastructure and networks to better serve rural communities that have historically been neglected in internet buildout • Supported efforts to improve broadband maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes that the digital divide is a problem that was worsened by the policies of the Trump administration • Focused on “ensuring access to the internet for students caught in the Homework Gap” • Continuing the effort to improve broadband maps to support buildout
<u>Spectrum</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freed up significant amounts of licensed and unlicensed spectrum through a series of public auctions • This spectrum is being used by wireless carriers, ISP’s, and other companies to build out our 5G infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has taken steps to begin freeing up more of the mid-band spectrum at auction