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USTA APPLAUDS INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM LEGISLATION

Background: Today, Senator George Allen, Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Chris Cox introduced legislation to make permanent the Internet tax moratorium.

The following statement is from Walter B. McCormick, Jr., President and CEO of the United States Telecom Association:

"This legislation will permanently end the unnecessary, burdensome taxes that limit choice and often require consumers to pay more for one high-speed Internet service over another. We appreciate Senator Allen, Senator Wyden and Representative Cox for their commitment to ensuring real competition in today's highly competitive communications market and we will work closely with them to enact this important legislation that will end all taxes on Internet access."

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