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Shuster Votes to Extend Protections Against Taxing the Internet

Expresses Disappointment that Tax Moratorium not made Permanent

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** voted to pass H.R. 3678, legislation to extend the tax moratorium on Internet use. Shuster released the following statement after the vote:

“Today, the House succeeded in extending the ban on Internet taxation for another four years. No one should be taxed for using the Internet and passage of this legislation is good news for consumers, especially those in rural areas who hope to purchase low cost broadband Internet access.

The Internet is a driving force in commerce, communication, and innovation throughout the world. Congress should be concerned with finding ways to get more people on the Internet at faster speeds, on more reliable networks instead of looking for ways to tax it.

While I applaud my colleagues for passing this legislation, I cannot deny my disappointment that this ban will only last four years. Instead of a piecemeal approach to banning Internet taxes, I believe we should send a bold message of support for a free and open Internet by passing a permanent ban on Internet user fees.”

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