

## HR 5994

Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** May 8, 2008

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (May 8, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/5994>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 8, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 8, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 - Amends the Clayton Act to prohibit any broadband network provider from: (1) failing to provide its services on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms; (2) refusing to interconnect its facilities with those of another service provider on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms; (3) blocking, impairing, discriminating against, or interfering with any person's ability to use a broadband network service to access or offer lawful content, applications, or services over the Internet (or imposing an additional charge to avoid such prohibited conduct); (4) prohibiting a user from attaching or using a device on the provider's network that does not physically damage or materially degrade other users' utilization of the network; or (5) failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose to users accurate information concerning service terms.

Requires a provider that prioritizes or offers enhanced quality of service to data of a particular type to prioritize or offer enhanced quality of service to all data of that type without imposing a surcharge or other consideration.

Permits a provider to take reasonable and nondiscriminatory measures to: (1) manage the functioning of its network and services; (2) give priority to emergency communications; (3) prevent a violation of federal or state law; (4) offer consumer protection services; (5) offer special promotional pricing or other marketing initiatives; or (6) prioritize or offer enhanced quality of service to all data of a particular type without imposing a surcharge or other consideration.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 8, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E859)
- **May 8, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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