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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN FILES NEW BRIEF IN NET NEUTRALITY LAWSUIT***Brief Urges D.C. Circuit to Vacate & Reverse FCC's Illegal Rollback of Net Neutrality***

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a new brief in her lawsuit to block the Federal Communications Commission's illegal rollback of net neutrality, urging the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to vacate and reverse the FCC's order. Madigan is part of a coalition of 23 attorneys general that filed the lawsuit earlier this year.

Madigan and the other attorneys general partnered with other government petitioners – the County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District, and the California Public Utilities Commission – in this brief. The non-government petitioners submitted a separate companion brief today; the government petitioners also joined the arguments made by the non-government petitioners in that brief.

The coalition of attorneys general collectively represents over 165 million people – approximately 50 percent of the U.S. population – and includes the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

[Madigan's brief](#) focuses on two critical issues: first, that the FCC's order is arbitrary and capricious, and, as a result, puts consumers at risk of abusive practices by broadband providers and jeopardizes public safety; and second, that the FCC's order impermissibly preempts state and local regulation of broadband service.

"For more than fifteen years, the Federal Communications Commission has agreed that an open Internet free from blocking, throttling, or other interference by service providers is critical to ensure that all Americans have access to the advanced telecommunications services that have become essential for daily life. The recent Order represents a dramatic and unjustified departure from this long-standing commitment," the brief states.

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