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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about S.J.Res 34, a joint resolution disapproving the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule relating to privacy of customers of broadband. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue.

As you may know, S.J.Res 34 was introduced on March 7, 2017 by Senator Jeff Flake (AZ). This bill nullifies a rule by the FCC establishing a new, specific privacy framework for Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Internet privacy rules have been regulated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for the past 20 years. In 2015, the FCC expanded the definition of "common carriers" to include ISPs, therefore removing the FTC as the chief arbiter of consumer privacy in the internet ecosystem.

Preserving the privacy of my constituents is one of my top priorities. This ruling by the FCC did not help protect consumers, but instead is an example of Federal agency overreach which actually prevented the FTC from carrying out one of its core missions of protecting consumer privacy. Rest assured I will continue to fight for Internet privacy and will keep your thoughts in mind should similar legislation come before the full House of Representatives for a vote.

As we move into the 115th Congress and continue to address the challenges facing our nation, I hope you will continue to share your thoughts and concerns. To keep up with my work in Congress, you can follow me on Twitter and Facebook, or visit my website at mcsally.house.gov where you can sign up to receive my e-newsletter. Again, thank you for sharing your concerns. Please continue contacting my office regarding issues that you feel are important to you and Southern Arizona.

In Service,

Martha McSally

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Member of Congress