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Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC), one of the bill's cosponsors, made it clear that, "this bill is pro-consumer, pro-innovation and pro-technology." If that is so, then there should be no problem with making the ban permanent.

It seems that Mr. Watt's reservations revolve around the possibility of being unable to tax the internet indefinitely. He stated that, "Four years from now everything in life may be done on the Internet. We might have a virtual world out there and we might not be able to tax anything."

Four years from now we will be again fighting to keep the Internet tax free, and it is evident that Mr. Watt believes in taxing the internet, but only once we see its full potential.

I firmly believe that this ban should have been made permanent