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Trump Signs Repeal of FCC's Internet Privacy Rules

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What were the rules?

- Rules which had not yet taken effect
- FCC Chairman had previously stopped first provision—would have required ISPs to keep customer data secure
- Would requires ISPs to get opt-in consent from customers before selling their sensitive data, including web browsing history and app usage data
- EFF—“internet providers will need to record and store even more sensitive data on their customers, which will become a target for hackers.”

Congress Just Gave Internet Providers the Green Light to Sell Your Browsing History Without Consent



Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), who introduced the bill in the Senate last week. Image: Getty

**50-48 vote in the Senate
215-205 vote in the In House
to stop FCC regulations from taking effect**

What can you do?

- Switch ISPs
- Now requires customers to opt-out — Contact ISP provider to opt-out of having your data sold.
- Get a VPN — “A VPN can stop internet companies from selling your data — but it’s not a magic bullet”

Things that won't help

- Deleting your browsing history doesn't work
- Using an incognito window doesn't work
- Installing an ad blocker doesn't work
- If you like privacy, you should fall in love with a VPN service and/or Tor