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**Statement of Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr., as prepared for delivery  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Full Committee Markup of “H.R. 805, the Domain Openness through Continued  
Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act”**

Thank you Chairman Upton. I’m pleased that the full Committee is moving quickly to advance the bipartisan agreement we reached in the Communications and Technology Subcommittee on H.R. 805, the DOTCOM Act. The bill received unanimous support in the Subcommittee and has been endorsed by numerous stakeholders, including the Internet Association, Internet Governance Coalition and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association.

Tomorrow, we’ll offer a bipartisan managers amendment that makes a simple, technical change to the bill we approved in the Subcommittee. I urge all my colleagues to support it.

The DOTCOM Act continues the long-standing Congressional support for the global, open Internet while appropriately conducting oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. I believe our bill provides the necessary safeguards for the timely transition of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority or IANA.

As I’ve said before, our approach in the DOTCOM Act is a far better alternative to blocking NTIA’s ability to implement the transition through an appropriations bill. I’m committed to working with my colleagues to see the DOTCOM Act become law and remove the funding limitation that was included in the House Commerce, Justice and Science appropriations bill. To that end, I want to thank our colleagues on the Senate Commerce Committee who have introduced a companion bill to the DOTCOM Act.

I also want to commend Chairman Walden and Representative Shimkus for working with us on this bill. You’ve heard me say before that we are most successful when our work is truly bipartisan and the DOTCOM Act is the perfect case in point. I look forward to working with you all to get this bill to the President’s desk as soon as possible.