



Dear BCAP System and Associate Member:

Happy Holidays!

We're taking this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support and valuable input on many industry issues, during the challenges of 2018. Throughout this past year, your Association has championed broadband cable positions and promoted our message through the legislative and regulatory halls of Harrisburg. We look forward to an equally challenging and exciting 2019, as we remain focused on representing and communicating your business interests every day.

Our hope is that you are able to spend as much time with family, friends and loved ones as possible while celebrating and enjoying this wonderful season. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and staff of the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania, we wish you every happiness during this blessed and joyous holiday...and a prosperous New Year!

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Facebook's really bad, horrible 2018 can only improve next year, right?

Philly Dems in the U.S. House say they support net neutrality — just don't ask them to sign a petition for it. Funny what a Comcast-shape shadow can do to you. Philly's Bob Brady, Brendan Boyle, and Dwight Evans have all declined to sign a Democratic petition to force a vote on restoring the Obama-era net neutrality rules that **were overturned** by GOP members of the FCC. Delaware County's newly sworn-in Mary Gay Scanlon had also resisted, but flipped under pressure.

Before her change of heart last week, they were four of just 16 House Democrats **who had not signed**, according to activists pushing to restore the internet regulations. (Signatures from Scanlon and another member had reduced that to 14 as of Thursday afternoon.) "It's hard to see it as a coincidence" how many holdouts come from "Comcast's backyard," said Evan Greer of Fight for the Future, one of the advocacy groups raising the pressure.

The Philly-based Godzilla has joined other internet providers in trying to kill the Obama-era rules meant to ensure a level playing field on the internet — though the company says it believes in an open internet. What irks activists is that **Boyle, Evans**, and Scanlon had all publicly vowed to support net neutrality. Brady, who **once wrote a letter echoing** Comcast's objections, said he, too, supports the idea.

So why not sign? All four reps said they don't agree with the tactic, even though **it's led by their Pennsylvania colleague**, Mike Doyle,



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and supported by nearly every Democrat in Congress. It's likely a dead end, even if all sign: the petition is part of a process that would ultimately require support from two dozen House Republicans and President Trump's signature.

Scanlon said she hadn't signed the petition because "it wasn't going anywhere." She said she prefers legislation to make the rules permanent, not subject to presidential reversal, and hasn't talked to Comcast. (She decided to sign anyway after getting flogged by constituents and when tech-focused website [Gizmodo singled her out.](#)) Evans, Boyle, and Brady also want a bill. "The debate is over process," Evans said.

Those arguments echo those of the giant internet providers, who'd unleash their lobbyists on legislation, Greer argued. "They can't claim to support a free and open internet while spewing telecom talking points and refusing to do the one thing in their power to show they truly support real net neutrality protections," Greer wrote. Time is about up: The petition dies when Congress recesses this month. — *Philadelphia Daily News*

Pennsylvania Congressman Lou Barletta's voting record in his final days on Capitol Hill is reflecting his short-timer status.

The Hazleton Republican — who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate instead of seeking another term in the U.S. House of Representatives — had missed all but six of the 32 roll-call votes between the November election and Wednesday evening. That makes him one of the lawmakers with the most absences, but far from the only one who hasn't been showing up to work as the session winds down.

[A tally by the D.C.-based media outlet Roll Call](#) found 17 House members had missed at least half the votes between Nov. 13 and Dec. 13. Barletta ranked seventh on that bipartisan list, largely composed of lawmakers who won't be returning to their current job because of retirement or winning election to another office.

Barletta's staff said the congressman has been working in the district while assisting his family as his young grandson battles cancer. "Over the last few weeks, Congressman Barletta has met with constituents, held events back in his district, and worked to ensure a smooth transition between his office and that of the incoming representative, all while attending to his 20-month-old grandson who was recently diagnosed with cancer and supporting his family through this tough time," his spokeswoman said in a statement.

Barletta hasn't yet announced what he'll be doing after the session ends, [telling The Morning Call](#) on Capitol Hill last week that he intends to spend time with his family and see what opportunities arise. While Barletta missed the first two votes Thursday, he was present for a long series of afternoon votes as Congress struggled to complete its work for the year.

The number of House absences has grown as the session days dwindled and negotiations over whether a bill keeping the government running would include money for President Donald Trump's border wall proposal. [Some 70 members were absent from Wednesday evening's votes](#), including two other Pennsylvanians who soon will be departing their posts,

Democratic Rep. Bob Brady of Philadelphia and Republican Rep. Bill Shuster of Blair County. Democratic Reps. Susan Wild of Allentown and Brendan Boyle of Philadelphia were absent due to family commitments. – **Allentown Morning Call**

In 2015, Democratic consultants Dan Fee and Aubrey Montgomery founded a firm specializing in campaign-finance compliance, and soon counted as clients candidates for city, state, and federal office.

But while Democrats had a banner year in 2018, things haven't been going so well for the Philly-based Campaign Compliance Firm LLC, court documents show. It's losing money. It was fired by U.S. Sen. Bob Casey's reelection campaign. And the onetime business partners (and, it seemed, friends) are now embroiled in litigation, with Fee accusing Montgomery of financial mismanagement and defamatory statements.

In a lawsuit filed in October, Fee alleges that Montgomery expressed concerns about the firm's viability after the Casey flap and wanted to close it. Fee requested an accounting of the firm's finances, the suit says, and Montgomery stonewalled him for six months. Montgomery had a 65 percent stake and managed the company, the suit says. Fee owned 35 percent.

In addition, Montgomery "baselessly" told associates Fee was "beset by 'mood swings' from which she must 'protect' her staff," and that Fee was "somehow insensitive to another's religion because he included a Jewish staff member" on an email chain on Yom Kippur, the suit says. In court papers, Montgomery's lawyers say she refunded Fee's investment. They call Fee vindictive and his claim "absurd." Fee alleges that Montgomery never offered to make him whole, and that his \$25,000 investment is being held in escrow.

Montgomery says she hired an outside accounting firm to review Campaign Compliance's books. But the review is useless, Fee alleges, because Montgomery withheld key documents. On Dec. 4, Judge Nina W. Padilla ordered Montgomery to provide Fee the documents he had requested. Montgomery didn't meet the deadline, and her lawyers asked for more time. On Wednesday, Montgomery's partners at a separate consultancy didn't show for scheduled depositions, according to Fee's lawyer. Fee is now asking the judge to sanction Montgomery and Campaign Compliance by ordering each to donate \$3,000 to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. – **Philadelphia Daily News**



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