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Rep. Shuler Votes to Keep Access to the Internet Tax Free

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler today voted to keep Internet access free from state and local taxes for the next four years. The Internet access tax moratorium, which was first enacted in 1998 and extended in 2001 and 2004, was set to expire on November 1st.

The Four-Year Extension of the Internet Tax Moratorium, H.R. 3678, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, 405-2.

“As we work to bring broadband Internet to every community in the mountains, we must also ensure that Internet access remains tax free and affordable. I was proud to support this tax moratorium today on the House floor. I will continue working to keep taxes low and expand broadband access across Western North Carolina,” said Rep. Shuler.

The legislation passed today by the House will extend the moratorium through November 1, 2011. The previous extensions of the Internet tax moratoriums had allowed for specific and needed adjustments within the moratoriums provisions. With this four-year extension Congress will be able to determine if further adjustments are required.

The Internet Tax Moratorium was supported by the National Governors Association, the Federal Tax Administration, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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