

Opposition Letter for FCC proceedings 17-108

I strongly oppose any change to existing Net Neutrality Laws. I urge the FCC to continue Net Neutrality currently protected by Title II.

In fact, I urge the FCC to take any and all steps to PERMANENTLY invoke net neutrality.

Net Neutrality allows equal access the internet without corporations being able to restrict certain content at their discession.

Almost the entire internet industry is against this push to end net neutrality. These are the experts, the internet sites and businesses that thrive under net neutrality. Dot.coms and internet companies have become what they are today through the existence of net neutrality. By limiting access to internet and by controlling internet speeds to those websites that have the financial backing to pay for it, you are stifling economic growth and small business. This Commission would not be helping the growth of the internet, rather it would be consolidating power in the hands of the few at the expense of the many. We do not know which website or company will be the next Google or Amazon, but everyone with an idea should have the ability to test that idea on the internet free of the constraints you will place on it. Corporations are only about the bottom line. History has shown again and again that corporations do not put the needs of the country over that of their shareholders short-term gains and profits. They will not stand by and allow the next "big idea" to possibly push them out of the industry. That isn't smart business. Smart business will be to stifle growth and consolidate internet access in the hands of those already in power. If you undo these regulations, you will be a pawn of big business and you will stifle the future of American ingenuity.

I urge you to defy the Chairman's wishes and to think about the future. Despite this current political climate, you need to be the guardians who ensure the United States continues to be a country of free individuals able to access any and all information they wish without the constraints big business wish to put on that access. If this law passes it is essentially ending the age of free access to all internet. While the government itself may not be censoring access, the wheels of censure are put into the hands of companies who should never have that power. This regulation change is comparable to the constraints China and North Korea put on their internet to stifle freedom of speech.

This regulation change is bad for the American people, it is bad for small businesses, and it is bad for the future ingenuity of the United States of America, an ingenuity that has made this country the great one it is today. I am against any changes to net neutrality currently protected by Title II. I urge you to do the right thing.

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