

The FCC's Open Internet Rules (net neutrality rules) are extremely important and must be preserved. As an academic and researcher, it is crucial for me to have fast, open, and reliable internet access. Without it, I would not be able to do my job. It is abhorrent that the FCC would lift their net neutrality rules and allow ISPs to block certain sites, decrease internet speeds, or charge consumers exorbitant prices if they wish to access certain sites. It is the FCC's legal responsibility to control communication channels and protect Americans from invasions of privacy. By abolishing net neutrality rules, the FCC would fail to carry out its legal responsibility and would instead be allowing ISPs to bankrupt the American people for their own corporate gain. Moreover, many Americans live in an area in which there is only one major ISP and, as a result, many Americans would be deprived of internet access should ISPs add on additional internet fees. In the past five years alone, I have lived in Maryland, Colorado, and Virginia, and in each of those states I have had access to only one ISP. If the FCC abolished net neutrality and ISPs increased their internet rates, I would be unable to access the internet and thus unable to do my job. I urge the FCC to protect their Open Internet Rules, to protect our right to uncensored internet, and to protect the American people's hard-earned money. Thank you.