

The FCC must protect the open Internet by maintaining net neutrality protections under Title II.

The FCC should reject Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to give the ISP monopolies like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon the legal cover to engage in data discrimination, stripping consumers of the necessary access and privacy rules we demanded and so recently won.

American ISPs are already behind a large portion of the world. Our internet is slower even though we pay more. We aren't even in the top 10 on fastest speeds yet Pai would allow for corporations to pay to slow it down. This decision is likely to lead to prices rising by these companies to make up for the cost, essentially making the people pay for something that only brings them harm. American internet is already overpriced, so we shouldn't allow for the forced payment for something that could harm the economy, make it even harder to escape unemployment, and limit the education of our nation.

I'm afraid of a "pay-to-play" Internet where ISPs can charge more for certain websites because of the significant risk it poses to our nation's future. If job opportunities get slowed or hidden because the government allows corporations to take money to make their own things more prominent, the economy could suffer as more remain unemployed because of jobs they can't find. It could also decrease the amount of youth pursuing higher education as public colleges and universities with reasonable tuition get overshadowed and slowed because they can't pay what private universities can to better their speed for the internet. This could mean an even faster rise in tuition for students who may not be able to afford it. Thankfully, the current Open Internet rules ensure that ISPs can't block or slow users' ability to see certain web services or create Internet "fast lanes" by charging websites and online services money to reach customers faster. Pai's proposed repeal of the rules would help turn Internet providers into gatekeepers with an effective veto right on expression and innovation. That's not how the Internet was built, that's not what we want, and that's not what works.

Net Neutrality allows for furthering the economy through jobs and furthering education through college applications. The internet is not just a form of entertainment. It is a vital asset to furthering our nation, but we can only guarantee that it continues to be so if we let it be free and open. Subjecting it to the will of corporations could prevent economic and educational growth for our entire nation.

Thank you for keeping Title II net neutrality rules in place to protect Internet users like me.