

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am certain that upholding the current net neutrality rules we have in place are beneficial to all consumers and producers of content online and anyone who uses internet. As a university student, the internet has been the most vital and essential tool for educating myself. And simply put, ending net neutrality and implementing these proposed “fast lanes” would destroy my capabilities and the capabilities of the entire population of people who use the internet.

When an ISP has control over what I can look at and can regulate my speed and connection (according to how much I pay for what should be a basic right to have) it severely hinders what I can do, and this will carry over to smaller content producers who cannot afford to pay for access to high-speed connection for people visiting their site/service. This is how a monopoly is created. This gives all the power and wealth to the big five ISP conglomerates and would shatter any type of competition. On all fronts, ending net neutrality would be detrimental to our society and hinder, if not completely eradicate, our creativity, economy, and connectedness as a people on the internet.

Take mine and the consideration of every other person who opposes this idea of ending net neutrality, and there are many of us, and do what the public wants. The public doesn't want a segregated and sanctioned net, but a connected, reliable, steady one. What we have now is and always has been working. Just because a lobbyist and a conglomerate want to get richer at the public's expense yet again, doesn't mean it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

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