

Hello,

My name is Ariel Azria and I am a recent high school graduate. As a student, I've scoured the Internet for research and have found that well-known websites, such as Wikipedia, do not carry the most accurate information. It is often smaller websites, owned by teachers and experts, that contain this information. Repealing net neutrality laws would hinder access to these websites, hence overall lowering the United States' research potential.

Additionally, my grandmother uses Facebook to keep in touch with her friends and family. She does not know how to use any other website, including those that offer video chat services. If her sole Internet provider were to impede access to Facebook, she would not be able to switch to another provider. In other words, a seventy-nine year old's only conduit to the outside world would be a source of frustration.

When we purchase broadband, we are under the impression that we are purchasing access to the Internet, not to the websites found on it. The Internet is now an indispensable resource. Repealing net neutrality laws would obstruct nationwide access to this precious space. Despite this, people do not have many options when it comes to choosing an Internet provider. In my building in New York City, we only have two Internet providers. Now, imagine the situation in a rural area. By restricting access to certain websites, the FCC is restricting citizens' fundamental liberties.

Ultimately, there should be a specialized agency overseeing broadband companies to ensure that the prices do not become prohibitive. This agency should also guarantee the fairest access possible so that every citizen may use the Internet to flourish.

Thank you.