

I am an independent inventor. I make my living by licensing my ideas to companies, and continually coming up with more ideas. A huge reason why I have been successful is that to find the company that is a good fit for an idea, I must study and communicate with lots of potential licensee. I spend a lot of time on the internet searching for the website and contact information of every company in the market space relevant to that idea. I often upload pictures and video of my idea to company websites. Sometimes the licensee is a well known large company, but other times the licensee is a relatively obscure and small company.

If ISPs were allowed to cherry-pick winners and losers on the internet, then my ability to cast a wide net and give my idea the best chance to benefit consumers would be hampered. If a large company were favored over the relative unknown who perhaps was the only good fit for my idea, then I might not have discovered the latter and potentially my otherwise beneficial idea would never see the light of day.

To date, I am especially proud to be an American, because only in America can the small-time independent inventor make a living. The provisional patent application has kept costs low which allows viable ideas to be sifted from the non-viable ones, and net neutrality has allowed all potential licensees, big and small, to be equally accessible for discovery and communication. Net neutrality is absolutely essential if we are to nurture the spirit of independent innovation in America. Please do not harm net neutrality.