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Re: Opposition to *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The FCC's Open Internet Rules (net neutrality rules) are extremely important to me. I urge you to protect them by not adopting this rule, and leave in place the existing net neutrality rules based on Title II. I don't want ISPs to have the power to block websites, slow them down, give some sites an advantage over others, or split the Internet into "fast lanes" for companies that pay and "slow lanes" for the rest. *Internet sites I most often access are in the Chinese language, and I believe adopting this rule will allow American ISPs to discriminate against, slow down or block the Chinese sites I access.*

Now is not the time to let giant ISPs censor what we see and do online.

Censorship by ISPs is a serious problem. Comcast has throttled Netflix, AT&T blocked FaceTime, Time Warner Cable throttled the popular game League of Legends, and Verizon admitted it will introduce fast lanes for sites that pay—and slow lanes for everyone else—if the FCC lifts the rules. This hurts consumers and businesses large and small.

Courts have made clear that if the FCC ends Title II classification, the FCC must let ISPs offer "fast lanes" to websites for a fee.

Chairman Pai, a former Verizon lawyer, has made clear that he intends to do exactly this.

But if some companies can pay our ISPs to have their content load faster, startups and small businesses that can't pay those fees won't be able to compete. You will kill the open marketplace that has enabled millions of small businesses and created the 5 most valuable companies in America—just to further enrich a few much less valuable cable giants famous for sky-high prices and abysmal customer service.

Moreover, under Chairman Pai's plan, ISPs will be able to make it more difficult to access political speech that they don't like. They'll be able to charge fees for website delivery that would make it harder for blogs, nonprofits, artists, and others who can't pay up to have their voices heard.

I worry that Chairman Pai is simply continuing to act as an advocate for Verizon and therefore will continue to ignore me and millions of other Americans.

Thank you!

Very truly yours,

  
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