

Re: FCC Docket 17-018  
COMMENT

My name is Guillermo Vega and I am a high school teacher in Arizona. I am writing this comment in opposition of the FCC's proposal declassifying ISPs from Title II status. Declassifying ISPs from Title II status will only make it more difficult for entrepreneurs to compete in the internet market and will make it easier for the enterprises already holding most of the market share to strengthen their monopolies.

How easy would it be for a company like Comcast, an internet service provider, to make it unreasonably difficult for a person to visit a new or competing ISP's webpage to switch services? Too easy. Removing ISP's Title II classification would only give them free reign to continue stifling competition; we'd essentially be taking them at their word to act against their own self-interest! Ajit Pai and his friends at Verizon and other ISPs must think we are fools whose only real value is as marks and targets from which to grift hard-earned money. Maybe they're right, but I don't think we are.

This proposal is an extremely transparent ploy to strengthen ISP's grip on their monopolies and our information. Internet service should be treated not the way this proposal intends to treat it, but as a utility. Open and free internet is a fundamental necessity to function as a modern society and this proposal is a move towards a very grim future. I implore the FCC to make the human decision and reject this alarming proposition.

Thank you,

Guillermo Vega