

FCC Comment on Proceeding 17-108

As a citizen, a consumer of internet based content, and a librarian, it is of the utmost importance that Net Neutrality be maintained and the 2015 Open Internet Order be upheld.

Here are my concerns:

- Subtle differences in Internet speed can make a great difference in how a user receives and uses information. Even slight slowdowns will have an impact and can potentially limit public access to public schools, to public libraries, to public education.
- Paid prioritization is inherently unfair and harmful to institutions that do not have the resources to pay additional fees.
- People who come to the library because they cannot afford broadband access at home should not have their choices in accessing information shaped by who can pay the most, rather than the quality of the content offered.
- With so little broadband competition—particularly at higher speeds—and increasing mergers between broadband and content providers, we cannot afford to simply trust that ISPs will do the right thing.
- Voluntary promises by providers and the limited authority of the Federal Trade Commission to enforce these commitments are wholly inadequate to serve our public interests.

Additionally, Title II should also be protected to ensure ISPs are considered “common carriers” and regulated as such. Any argument that such restrictions would hamper ISPs and their technology investment is unfounded and ludicrous. Why would an ISP not invest in its own infrastructure when it’s critical to its mission and money making enterprise? That would be akin to Macdonald’s forgoing beef purchases for their hamburgers because the FDA imposed regulations that demand beef to be safe to consume.

Please uphold this Order to protect net neutrality. These rules work for the citizens of our democracy. They should not be circumvented or contravened on behalf of the corporate interests of expediency and greed.