

2017-11-22 FCC Comment Letter

To: the FCC

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Re: Net Neutrality

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced on Tuesday it would seek to end regulations that stopped internet providers from limiting access to certain websites and charging different prices for access to certain parts of the web has to be stopped. You are not restoring Internet Freedom, you are giving Corporations control over the People of America!

There is no good reason put forth by proponents of this move (Chairman Pai and others) to limit access and charge different prices for access. The benefit to the nation having an open and neutral internet cannot be understated and giving that up to feed the coffers of corporations is not worth the damage that it will cause if overturned. The proposal would allow internet providers to block or slow down certain websites or charge variable rates for different streaming quality or other internet services.

The citizens of this county spent their tax money to develop the Internet. The US Department of Defense awarded contracts as early as the 1960s, including for the development of the ARPANET project, directed by Robert Taylor and managed by Lawrence Roberts. The first message was sent over the ARPANET in 1969 from computer science Professor Leonard Kleinrock's laboratory at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to the second network node at Stanford Research Institute (SRI).

If we the citizens paid to develop the internet as it is now, giving control of access to corporations who have profit as their first motivation would be to cut the citizens from their investment in this country.

I hope you will have the courage to stand up for the People, rather than bend to satisfy a set of Corporations (Corporations are not People).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time on this matter.