

It is my firm belief that the current proposal is nonsensical, and that in terms of freedom of expression and the transmission of ideas, it is imperative to retain the net neutrality rules. As the Commission is well aware, for decades the Internet service providers (ISPs) that now stand to profit from deregulation have already received hundreds of billions of dollars from the American taxpayers to provide high speed, broad band internet service. Instead they have offered the same substandard products from the same unimproved infrastructure that has left America – the nation that *created* the Internet – ranked 10th globally for download speeds, and 46th for mobile data speeds (NB: 10th in the global rankings is half as good as the top 5).

Reversing net neutrality places much of Internet commerce in peril. It places the exchange of ideas in jeopardy. It is a poor considered proposition, especially when the single antidote is either to return net neutrality through the exact same process or rely on a dysfunctional Congress to implement legislation for the American consumer's benefit.