

I am writing to oppose the FCC's intended repeal of net neutrality regulations. We need strong net neutrality under Title 2 oversight of ISPs. Maybe it's true that this is a regulation that needs to be passed by Congress or another agency with more teeth for enforcement, but net neutrality rules are too important for keeping the Internet accessible to everyone, regardless of income or socioeconomic power, for us to drop them in anticipation of legislation that might never come and let ISPs abuse their power in the mean time. The FCC's conservative members argue that repealing net neutrality regulations will "spur creativity" and "economic competition," but this would actually do the exact opposite: it would allow the big ISPs to manipulate Internet access in order to stifle their competition; smother bad press on their services or operations; and control what their customers can access and do online. The only "creativity" it will encourage will be when ISPs have the opportunity to get "creative" with how much money they can make by bundling or charging premiums for certain platforms, such as how ISPs in Poland will charge extra for social media bundles of Facebook and Twitter and entertainment bundles of Hulu and Youtube. The Internet is a 21st century utility--people use it get their news, get new jobs, start new jobs, find healthcare information, learn about schools, become politically active, shop, communicate, and create and enjoy art. We already have to buy Internet access from ISPs to access this key modern resource; we don't need to give those same providers a chokehold on what we use that resource for or let them wield it as a corporate weapon. Please vote to save net neutrality. I believe I submitted a comment earlier this year as well, but after reports that thousands of pro-repeal comments were filed in someone else's name when they never commented or commented with pro-net neutrality support, I thought I would submit another. I don't have a problem with form letters so long as the person sending them is sending them of her own volition, but this is something else, and it is heinous to proceed on a vote when the public's input has been hijacked to that degree and not investigate.