

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to you to show my support of Net Neutrality and to implore you to please uphold its current standards. Dismantling this policy would negatively affect all people in the United States that use the internet for entertainment, education and information purposes. Without Net Neutrality, internet service providers will be free to bundle websites and applications into packages that they can charge consumers additional fees to access. There are several people in this country that live from paycheck to paycheck and are on tight budgets and would not be able to afford these additional fees on top of the monthly fees for just internet service. As a result, you would be alienating these people from accessing certain parts of the internet and certain pieces of information simply because they are not rich enough to get past the paywall(s). In addition to bundling websites and applications, the internet service providers would be allowed to block certain content at their discretion or only offer specific applications through their companies. In many areas, there is only one internet service provider available because companies such as, Verizon, Comcast and Spectrum, made deals to carve out territories where they can/cannot operate. So if a consumer wants to access a specific website or app and the only service provider in their area does not offer it, they are out of luck. This will be a huge issue for libraries and colleges where students, faculty and patrons need to have unlimited access to the internet for research, job hunting and other information seeking needs. Libraries and colleges will be unable to uphold their missions to provide the people they serve access to up to date information if their internet service is under great restrictions from internet service providers. These companies do NOT have the right to dictate what types of information the people can or cannot access and to charge us additional fees for the privilege. Censoring, blocking off or denying access to certain websites or content due to an ISP simply not agreeing with it violates the content creators' 1st Amendment rights of free speech and free press and it violates the people's right to choose and access the information they wish to consume. Dismantling Net Neutrality will NOT benefit the people of the United States, but will only benefit the greediness of corporate internet service companies. I ask you to please listen to the citizens of your country and vote NO to destroying Net Neutrality. Thank you.