

I write to urge you - strongly - to oppose these efforts to kill Net Neutrality. I am a small business person, and I will never be able to afford the kinds of fees I will be charged if this is allowed to happen. I am certainly not alone - there are far more of us, in number if not in wealth and size, than there are of the mega giant companies who stand to be the winners if Net Neutrality is killed. But we small businesses are the lifeblood of Minnesota and the rest of the country. We employ 53% of the private sector workforce, while big businesses - the ones who will profit - employ only 38%. We are also responsible for 64% of new jobs created. Yet, Net Neutrality's death will impact us big time. Indeed, it could end up killing large numbers of small businesses.

(all of these stats from: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristie-arслан/five-big-myths-about-amer_b_866118.html)

But I'm not a numbers person - I'm a people person. I work with technology companies to help them understand us "real people" so they can build their technology to fit our needs. I rely on the Internet for every part of my business. I am afraid that what I do will become impossible with a tiered system of Internet speed, at the same time that people like me are needed even more to make technology "work" for all of us.

Therefore, I urge you to do everything in your power to STOP the repeal of Net Neutrality. You will be protecting the small businesses throughout the country. You will be protecting me. And you will be protecting the Internet so it does not become yet another thing that benefits the elite but not us "real people."

Thank you very much.