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The legislation addressing Internet Neutrality is of paramount interest to me because I am a Professional Engineer and head an engineering services company in Colorado.

Currently internet service providers like Comcast charge content providers like Netflix a toll for using their services. This means that Comcast spies on all of its users' traffic to discern what the traffic is comprised of and then charges providers, like Netflix, a toll for using its network.

This is an invasion of privacy in that I have no control or recourse over Comcast spying on my internet traffic. I provide services, like software repositories, for client's source code which contains intellectual property. The fact that providers like Comcast can spy on this traffic means I have difficulty assuring my clients their intellectual property is safe. It also means providers like Comcast may on a whim choose to limit other types of traffic by charging tolls. Further, the rules are vague enough that users like me have little recourse should Comcast decide to expose the content of my internet traffic or make use of my clients' intellectual property obtained via its spying or 'monitoring' activities.

As a consumer, I'm already paying providers like Comcast for bandwidth. They are in effect double dipping by charging both users and content providers for bandwidth. The content of what is transferred is NOT their business, only providing a means to transport information.

In Colorado, Comcast and CenturyLink have an oligopoly in the internet service provider business. They have driven out all competitors and the resulting cost to customers has quadrupled since companies like IndraNet have been driven out of the market. For example, IndraNet used CenturyLink's infrastructure but can no longer provide internet services because CenturyLink has made it cost ineffective to do so. Internet access used to cost under \$20/mo and both CenturyLink's and Comcast's normal prices are now \$80/mo or more for internet only prices.

This shows that both CenturyLink and Comcast have pressed their oligopoly's advantages. As they are now effectively the only means to transport internet data in town, it is clear they now have too much power and consumers have no means to argue with or compel companies this large. Internet Neutrality should mean that the Internet Service Providers just move data and should have no interest in the data being transported or assessing tolls based upon the 'type' of data being transferred.

In order to keep the internet free, open, and meet its designation as "a basic human right", companies like Comcast and CenturyLink should not be permitted to monitor and effectively censor or ransom content. I oppose legislation which grants companies like Comcast and CenturyLink rights in which they determine which content is accessible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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