

60001028223.txt

I join my voice to the millions of others on the need to keep all data equal as it passes from the originator through to the end user. It is essential for free trade, free markets, and an open society that we make barriers of entry as low as possible. The growth and breadth of commerce that we experienced thus far on the internet has only been accomplished because of the neutrality. It is an established economic principle that when barriers to entry are low, enterprise flourishes.

To allow cable companies to establish a tiered system by which they will adjust the speed of data, or the ease at which data is passed to the end user, would make them the defacto arbiters of how our economy will grow, and what it will look like. It will also give CABLE COMPANIES an unreasonable amount of power to shape our society through the control of how accessibly information is received.

It would be simplistic to think that access to information will just be limited by who can pay the most to get it through the lines. Those who control cable companies could also control data transmission based on political agenda, alternative commercial agenda, and personal agendas.

At this time with so much of our commerce and intellectual information being accessed by online means, it is essential to the American way of life that net neutrality be maintained and protected now and in our future.