

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to state my opposition to FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) 02-33, "Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities".

I am a software developer with over a decade and a half of experience in the industry. I have worked with the developing Internet for over a decade. I consider myself, and am considered by my associates, to be an expert on technical matters, including the technologies which make up the Internet and its applications.

The Internet is not an "information service" as proposed in NPRM 02-33. The Internet is a set of technologies which may be used for a wide range of purposes. These technologies differ fundamentally in character, makeup, behavior, and flexibility from other ostensibly similar technologies (e.g., telephone, television, telegraph, etc.). This flexibility and utility is the basis for the growth of the Internet and the diversity of its application.

This is not a matter of "regulation vs. deregulation" as it has been characterized -- this is a question of the nature of the Internet itself. The Internet is a two-way medium with flexibility beyond precedent. The Internet enables citizens and corporations to be more productive, to communicate more effectively, and to capitalize on their increased productivity and connectedness.

NPRM 02-33 will result in the mis-regulation of the Internet by fundamental mis-characterization. The Internet will stagnate under such mis-regulation and will lose its social, technological, and market potential swiftly.

Reconsider this proposal.

Thank you for your time,
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