

Comcast's blatant and deceptive blocking of peer-to-peer communications is exactly the problem millions of Americans have warned would occur without Net Neutrality protections.

But I suspect the problem has gone much further. I have been a customer of Comcast for about 4 years. Since recent upgrades, certain websites such as Amazon and Google take much longer to load. Images on these sites also have become much slower. When I immediately switch to a Comcast site, the response is quick and immediate, images load without delay.

There have been times where entire internet domains have become temporarily inaccessible from the web. For example, for an entire weekend about a year ago, the .us domain was inaccessible from Comcast. When I checked with DSL using friends, they had no problem accessing the .us domain. The same problem has happened with the .bz domain and others over the past year periodically. Clearly, Comcast has been tinkering with it's domain servers setting up priorities for usage.

Worse yet, any complaint I have made to Comcast has not brought a reply, or even an acknowledgment of receipt.

The FCC must take serious and immediate action to put an abrupt end to this harmful practice and prevent other Internet service providers from following Comcast's example of discriminating against the free flow of online information.

The Internet is a vital engine for economic growth, civic participation and free speech. We simply can't allow corporate gatekeepers to smother these democratic communications by discriminating against new technologies, secretly interfering with Internet traffic and stifling innovation.