

I urge the FCC to take immediate and serious action against Comcast for their blocking of peer-to-peer communications on their internet network. Such activity on the part of Comcast poses a serious danger to the public and, if left unchecked, could inhibit the free flow of information among users of the internet while providing Comcast with a near monopolistic competitive advantage over other web based services.

I am a current user of Comcast's broadband internet services. While I am not a user of any of the peer-to-peer services at issue, I became very concerned when I learned that Comcast had made the secret and unilateral decision to block certain types of internet traffic. As a result I began exploring other alternatives I may have for broadband access to the internet. What I discovered is that Comcast is the ONLY provider available to me in my home of broadband internet service. The next option available to me is AT&T, but as a result of telephone wiring to my apartment complex, their transfer rates are significantly slower than Comcast's. I therefore feel as if I have no real option but to use Comcast's service.

The internet is a vital public resource. If Comcast and other service providers are allowed to discriminate among the content that is available to users of the internet, the value of the internet will be immeasurably diminished. Users, such as myself, will be denied the free flow of information and innovation, substituted instead with the content service providers find acceptable (and profitable). Certainly such a restricted internet, when the option of an open internet is readily available, does not comport with the ideals of either capitalism or democracy. Indeed, allowing internet service providers to restrict the internet as they so choose would sacrifice the benefits of competition as they would increasingly force their own offerings upon consumers and would put the United States in line with the less free nations of the world in terms of information sharing.

I urge the FCC to take serious and immediate action against Comcast for blocking peer-to-peer web traffic. The people of the United States of America depend on you to protect the free flow of information on the internet. Please do not rest the decisions of what information can be shared, who can share it, and how it can be shared in the hands of Comcast. They can not be trusted with such a vital role.

Thank you,

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