

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.

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.

Furthermore, using bandwidth as an excuse for such aggressive traffic management is absurd! Forget the fact that they forge packets to impersonate end nodes to force them to disconnect their connections. With the amount of dark fiber in the United States and the relatively low cost of new networking equipment, the government allowing them to use such excuses as a reason would cripple further development and capacity of the internet.

I would also like to point out the conflict of interest in this particular case. I read someplace that 50% of all bit torrent traffic is in the form of digitized television shows. People downloading their television shows vs watching them on a comcast dvr costs them money. They use their position as a gatekeeper to the internet to stop what is already starting to be a competition to their TV business(Apple iTunes).