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Please take your time and carefully consider the potential problems which network neutrality rules may cause.

The internet has grown from a toy of university professors to the lifeblood of our economy in a very short time, largely because it has been free to grow without government involvement. Now that the Internet is one of the most successful private ventures of all time, the FCC is looking at imposing a number of rules intended to keep it open for all.

More likely, it will close it off, or keep it to its present configuration. The Internet grew because private businesses invested billions of dollars in networks of many technologies and brought them together. More investment is needed, upwards of hundreds of billions of dollars to meet projected future demand. This investment will not come if the rules make investing less attractive.

As member of Houston's largest Asian-American business chamber of commerce, I can tell you I have never been blocked or prevented from getting to something online. I have, however, experienced dropped calls and slow connections because the networks are overloaded. These problems will only get worse as more people go online and do more things online, especially with smart phones, notebooks, netbooks, and devices we haven't even seen yet.

So, why would the FCC put all of this at risk just to protect some internet users from something that doesn't appear to happen very often? It makes more sense to encourage more investment, to expand networks to handle the demands that come.

Not adopting network neutrality rules will be seen by some as giving in to the interests of big business. In reality, it makes more sense that businesses like mine will be able to go online, to do businesses, compete and state connected.

Sincerely,



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