

The Internet's primary strength is its openness. It is the single most powerful engine of democratic reform and freedom in the modern world.

It is too important to sell to telcos, whose shortsightedness has caused America's broadband access to be laughable in comparison to other modern nations.

For this and many other reasons, I urge the FCC to stand up for the American public, for freedom and for democratic ideals and maintain Net Neutrality.

I Am a Senior Network Engineer, I run a sixty thousand node network that includes cutting edge networking research. The consensus from those who are in a position to know and who don't have a vested interest, is that there is no reason to use traffic shaping over bandwidth increases to improve any network. Traffic shaping is more expensive than increasing bandwidth, and doesn't work as well.

The Telcos love the idea however, because it allows them to line their pockets and ignore their public responsibilities. Unlike the general public, I have the knowledge to call them on it, and so I write to you.

Can't really state this any better, other than to say that the Telcos have a \*proven\* track record of abuses on this issue. They will gouge in any way they can, and their current efforts are pretty much more of this.

I've built networks. I know what they cost, and what the challenges are, but if they spent their efforts in the appropriate direction of making a better network, instead of a better cash machine, America wouldn't be finding itself currently outpaced by other countries by any sane assessment of network performance and availability.

So here's the rest of the form letter that makes the point about as well as anything I would write. I endorse this position heartily based on fact, knowledge, and my sense of American Patriotism.

The FCC can't cut private deals that would hand control over the Internet to a few massive phone and cable companies. Any compromise that allows Internet providers to build toll lanes online is not real Net Neutrality.

The agency must stand with the public and protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must regain its resolve to protect Net Neutrality on wired and wireless networks. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and

keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.

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