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Public Filing to the FCC

The FCC, not big corporations, should make important decisions about the future of the Internet. Stop delaying, and use your powers to enact strong net neutrality provisions immediately.

The agency must stand with the public and protect its right to the most important communications medium of our time. Net Neutrality is not something to be voted on: it is part of Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of the Press. In the US, both are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution, and prohibit the government from interfering with the printing and distribution of information or opinions. **DISTRIBUTION. It is illegal to interfere with the distribution of information – and by allowing corporations to place any kind of restrictions on the free flow of information, ie. DISTRIBUTION on the internet, the FCC will be acting unlawfully and in violation of one of our basic freedoms.**

Please re-strengthen your resolve to protect Net Neutrality. Reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers. They should not have the power to determine my use of the Internet. If you allow this, and they do determine my use of the Internet, the US will find itself in exactly the same position as China, whose free speech gatekeepers we attack with alacrity.

Thank you.
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