

The following document lays the case for Title II reclassification of broadband to regulate it like a public utility ? broadband is an advanced telecommunications service and should be reclassified as such for the FCC to regain statutory authority to implement and enforce Network Neutrality rules of nondiscrimination to guarantee the Open Internet remains open. Exempting line sharing and price control regulations that may seem burdensome as originally proposed by Chairman Genachowski is reasonable just reclassify to be able to enforce Network Neutrality. We also need more competition in broadband as I will explain for the National Broadband Plan to succeed.

In order for the National Broadband Plan to succeed the FCC must mandate more competition in the broadband marketplace to give consumers more choice thus reducing incentives for duopoly providers with a great deal of market dominance to discriminate against competing applications and against users online. Please review the comments in the filing below and take action as needed. Do not approve anymore mergers. Set strong Network Neutrality rules to protect the Open Internet from corporate gatekeepers seeking to exploit the Web and perpetuate old dying business models -- that want to control the Web because the Open Web as it exists threatens old business models that are outdated -- they don't want to adapt and change with new technology they choose to resist -- get dragged kicking and screaming and when they do finally adopt the new technology they use draconian digital locks or DRM on digital media to thwart fair use -- that is supposedly to prevent online piracy but to prevent fair use in actuality.

I don't believe that money is speech, but I've repeatedly seen that money motivates dishonest speech, much of it uttered by paid ?experts.? This money-motivated dishonesty is a recurring problem regarding many issues, including the topic of Network Neutrality which are nondiscrimination rules to guarantee open access to the Web from corporate gatekeepers. We pay Internet service providers to move data from point to point. We don't pay them to steer us to selected sites (by speeding up access times) or to discourage us from using other sites (by slowing down or blocking access). Nor do we pay them to decide what applications we can use over the Internet. I should be free to use Skype even if it competes with the phone company's own telephone service. Giving Internet users this unimpeded choice of content and applications is the essence of ?net neutrality,? and it has inspired unceasing innovation over the Internet. I know Congress is under big pressure (and receiving big money) from companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, who want to become the gatekeepers of the Internet. They would like to carve up the Internet so that it would become like cable TV, with tiered plans and limited menus of content that they would dictate. Phone and cable companies should not be allowed to dictate how we use the Internet. I am urging Congress to hold its ground and stand up for the public interest in defending the Open Internet from these corporations. I also urge the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to enforce the Network Neutrality rules it implemented in December 2010 -- but would prefer statutory stronger rules that also apply to wireless devices and mobile broadband. I reject a two tiered Internet -- with unequal slow public and private fast lanes where the public lane may be nondiscriminatory and new fast lanes can have so called

managed services that enable discrimination. I also urge the Federal Communications Commission and U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division to investigate anti competitive business practices by the big telecom and cable companies to discriminate against competing applications online and sanction/punish them for such bad behavior. Also reject future mergers that can further endanger the Open Internet by giving more market power to the duopoly providers they will have more incentive to commit market abuses. Already some are abusing their market dominance letting them get bigger and more abusive is just wrong. That's why I oppose AT&T Mobility's mergers with T Mobil USA and Qualcomm. Moreover I support Title II reclassification of broadband after all the 1996 Telecommunications Act defined it as an advanced telecommunications service and went so far as to impose much heavier regulation on fixed broadband providers than Network Neutrality there was in fact supposed to be line sharing rules but these were thrown out in court and then the FCC decided not to even enforce Net Neutrality during the Bush Cheney Administration while letting the broadband market become a duopoly. As such I urge that broadband be regulated like a public utility as it is an advanced telecommunications service ? the same rules that apply to communications companies providing phone service should also apply