

Dear FCC, It is within your responsibility and power to protect net neutrality and regulate Broadband Internet Service. The current barrier to effective regulation is because your agency classified Broadband Internet Service as an unregulated service back in 2002, if I am understanding correctly. All you need to do is reclassify it as a regulated service. Please do that.

The service the companies such as Verizon are providing is very similar to a toll road. Everyone who uses the service already pays a monthly toll of one kind or another to get on that road which is the internet. I do not want these phone companies to have the incentive to give certain travelers higher level privileges such as an ongoing parade privilege, forcing the rest of us off the road or into worsening, debilitating, and unrelenting congestion. There is no justification for giving ISP's such as Verizon the right to create those types of privileges on the internet which will harm the public. The internet is public transportation and public communications which, as a member of the public, I need.

The general public needs the internet. We pay bills on the internet. We check our bank accounts, our credit reports, our utilities accounts on the internet. We look for work and apply for jobs on the internet. We contact our family, friends, business associates, and clients on the internet. We contact the government agencies and receive communications from our government representatives through the internet! Without an internet that serves the general public the public is crippled.

I hope you are a member of the FCC because you want to serve the public interest and nothing but the public interest. I feel all members in government positions should be required to take an oath of dedicated public service. I understand why ISP's want to become like real-estate agents on the internet lanes and sell to the highest bidders, but it is not in the public interest to allow them to do that.

Please reclassify Broadband Internet Service as a regulated service.

Sincerely,  
Barbara in Lewisville, TX