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I must start with expressing my understanding of just how little you people really care about us, since you're all bought and paid for by people with more money than I and my family and friends will ever make in our lives. But I still believe that a group of citizens has power, even if it is through sheer threat of popular revolt. And I understand I'll get a form response, if I even get one.

Anyways. With the death of net neutrality will come the death of the American internet. Large existing businesses will simply choke out the smaller startups with the 'fastlane' proposal.

Do understand, the 'fastlane' is just what the internet is now. Just the consumer will have to pay 2-3 times as much more to get it (again, what everyone has now), with the ever expanding poor class returned to the dialup speeds of days of yore.

It's like the dying cable industry, fucking us, the citizen consumers, over, until it dies of self-inflicted wounds. This is an anti-consumer change, there is no other way to see it, it's dying companies trying to prolong their oligarchy at our expense.

It's anti-capitalist as well, it serves as a means, as I've already said, to kill competition. The next Youtube, Facebook, etc will be crushed under the jackboot of the existing one, and with their monopoly secured, their service will deteriorate. We've already seen this in Youtube, just ask any user, literally any user, just how bad it's gotten.

With the death of competition will come the exodus. Intelligent people will leave for Europe, which has recently secured strong net neutrality laws. They will get the fresh new talent, and they will out-compete the USA in one of the few remaining areas they don't already.

This move is also the latest in President Obama's long string of broken promises. While campaigning, he promised that net neutrality would stay. And during his presidency, we've lost it entirely. As a side note, corporate bribery was made fully legal a short time ago, yet another broken promise.

I hope your inbox is being flooded by this sort of message, and I hope you do your job and listen to the people that employ you. Your bosses. We the people, remember? I don't know what you can do, but do whatever you can. Kill this before it kills the American internet for good.

-Tyler Shute