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Commissioners and staff of the Federal Communications Commission:

Regarding the FCC proceeding 14-28, I implore the FCC to adopt a position which represents the best interests of the individual freedom of American citizens: classify internet service providers as common carriers.

The proposed rule which merely requires disclosure of management practices is not acceptable. It will become the "fine print" which is never read, and offers no real transparency in practice. Keep it simple: do not allow throttling, or "fast lanes," and then the aforementioned disclosure will be unnecessary.

Numerous articles in the press have assured the public that the current internet service monopolies have no intention of limiting access to content. (Note that I refer to them as monopolies). The FCC's role is to address not the current promises of current companies, but the long term interests of American consumers, and protect those consumers against all possible intrusions on their rights and best interests by enemies both present and unforeseen.

Our internet service in the United States already lags behind other countries in speed, distribution, and reliability. To allow anything less than full net neutrality further diminishes our status as a world leader, and certainly as a defender of democratic ideals.

Again, I urge the FCC to take a bold, strong stand on the side of the American people, and classify internet providers as common carriers. You work for the people, not the corporations.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Fretts