

To Whomever it May Concern -

The Internet is not a normal media source – unlike television and radio, which were made by and for broadcasters, the Internet was made to make us into broadcasters. It is one thing for Internet Service Providers to charge us entry into the Internet, but it is entirely another for them to then charge the individuals and corporations who run the sources of data access to customers. One does not pay admission to enter a mall – the people who run the shops pay a rental fee. The Internet always seemed to go the other way around, that the cost of admission was on the user or at least whoever pays for the Internet bill, and not on the companies who are already paying for servers, designers, shipping infrastructures, and more.

Many ISPs will argue that they are making the Internet into an economic engine by charging both sides, but I would argue that what they are doing is making a giant economic parking brake. They want to control what people can access, and that brings down competition. The engine that runs an economy is not the sound of a cash register opening or a check being processed, but the very competition that the Internet Service Providers are bringing down. They do not want to help make an economic engine to help fuel the country, they want to suck all the money out of the Internet that they can in a fashion less like a business and more like an economic tick, burrowing it's head in and sucking until it is full and bloated with the lifeblood of the Internet.

Please, I implore you, change the classifications on the Internet. Service providers can't be allowed to keep doing this, or one of the strongest economic engines America has will be pulled to a screeching halt.

Thank you for your time.

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