

7521104676.txt

When the Circuit Court of Appeals decided to rule in favor of Comcast in 2010's Comcast v. FCC ruling, its intended message was not to say that some providers are more equal than others. The comments from the bench clearly indicated that the FCC was wrong in its interpretation of the Telecommunications Act, particularly by classifying internet service providers as a Title I "information" service under the Telecommunications Act.

Many American citizens, myself included, agree with the court that Title I is an inappropriate classification for the companies that, in many cases, are the sole provider (or one of only a small handful of government-mandated monopoly providers) of Internet access. This early classification mistake has led us into a brave new era of payola, "bundled service fees," preferential content prioritizing, and other behavior that would not be out of place in a robber baron's company town in the 19th century.

I strongly urge you to draft new rules that would re-classify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. This would send a clear and unambiguous message that Internet traffic must not be tampered with in any way or form.