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It is necessary to classify Internet Service Providers as Title II Common Carriers. The internet is a democratizing system of communication which not only promotes the free flow of ideas but is a necessary tool used by nearly all businesses, schools, and systems of government. It has thus become an integral part of our infrastructure, similar to utilities like electricity, phone lines, and water.

ISPs already possess monopolistic control over the regions they have chosen to occupy. I live in an area of Boston where I literally have no other choice for broadband internet except for Comcast. Their monopolistic control has caused the U.S. to lag behind other countries in internet technology, like South Korea, which boasts average speeds many times that of the United States. Now, the proposed FCC rules would give ISPs like Comcast even more power to set different "lanes" for the flow of digital content and data. This will lead to discriminatory practices based on content. Startup and mid-size business will not be able to compete with larger corporations who have the resources to pay for the faster "lanes" of internet the ISPs would create. Normal residents and citizens would have even less control over internet resources that require more bandwidth. Furthermore, even if it doesn't create discriminatory practices, we should not be giving private ISP companies such incredible control over the internet with such minimal oversight with vague standards like "commercially reasonable."

For these reasons, I urge the FCC do away with the proposed regulations and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.