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Broadband internet has revolutionized the way that we as a people communicate and innovate. These are not only some of the most important aspects in the fields of art and science, but are the engines of the economy.

Protecting what has proven to be one of the most useful tools mankind has ever created is the responsibility of the government, especially when cable companies want to hold usage of that tool hostage for profit. Anything less than net neutrality would allow cable companies to slow down current internet speeds unless users pay a hefty fine, and this is a very lucrative idea for them. But for society as a whole, it would be disastrous. It would not only put us well behind the rest of the data-free world economically, but would cripple a new emerging generation's lifestyle of seemingly endless information at their fingertips. This lifestyle has led to innovations like the smartphone, social media, even the crowd sourcing of important scientific discoveries such as when the online game Foldit managed to empower users to discover the structure of an enzyme crucial to the operation of an AIDS-like virus.

The internet needs to be reclassified as a title II common carrier telecommunications service in order to keep these incredible innovations coming, and protect it from future attempts to sabotage progress for profit.