

Dear FCC,

Chairman Wheeler's ideas to end net neutrality and sell 'fast lanes' on the internet to the highest bidder is piggish and greedy. Whether you're selling a "pack" of electricity, water, or bandwidth, as common carriers they shouldn't be allowed to extort access to increase their profit margins.

To echo the letter sent to you by Senator Franken on April 29th, pay-to-play deals are an affront to net neutrality and have no place in an online marketplace that values competition and openness. Chairman Wheeler's new proposal would create an online 'fast lane' for the highest bidder - shutting out small businesses and increasing costs for consumers.

Furthermore, it is an affront to reason that the FCC would try to change the rules of the telecommunications industry in such a way as to give even more leverage to a select few companies that already have the American consumer in a stranglehold. Despite our wealth and technological sophistication, internet access in the United States lags far behind that of many other countries, including Latvia and the Czech Republic. Internet companies in the US are already selling substandard services at inflated prices.

To sum up, Chairman Wheeler's "Open Internet" NRMP will be about as good for internet access and competition as the Bush administration's "Clear Skies" Act of 2003 would have been for the environment. Net neutrality and common carrier status for internet service providers are issues that I care deeply about, and I hope you will do everything possible to protect a real open internet.

So stop being greedy fucking assholes!

Sincerely,
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