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As an engineer in Austin, TX, I believe it is imperative that internet service providers like Time Warner and Comcast be classified as Common Carriers. Since 1998, they have benefited from protections like the DMCA based on their common-carrier status. Additionally, the US Government has invested billions in subsidies and tax relief to a small number of these companies to encourage the growth of an improved internet. To protect the investments of the United States and to ensure consistency in the rules governing telecommunications providers vs. internet service providers, providers of internet services must be classified as common carriers, just as airlines and phone companies are.

Thank you.