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The internet has historically benefited from impartial treatment of data by service providers.

Preferential treatment of certain data by ISPs (so-called "fast lanes") are in clear conflict with the public interest (as well as non-ISP business interests), as such "toll-road" access will increase consumer prices for the level of service already received. Fast lane pricing schemes also present a clear potential for anti-competitive abuse by ISPs, many of which run competing services (such as streaming video, or cable television). Such fast lanes may also serve to stifle innovation and competition, since new services can be forced to pay inflated rates if their revenue model conflicts with that of the ISPs.

Internet service in the 21st century is as basic a utility as telephone, water, electricity, or roads, and should be regulated as such in the public interest. Please REJECT any proposal to allow impartial pricing schemes such as "fast lanes," and RECLASSIFY internet service providers as common carrier telecommunications services. This is already how the public perceives such services, and is the ONLY way to ensure continued technology innovation.