

To the Chairman of the FCC:

Allowing a "fast lane" and a "slow lane" will stifle innovation in the US. There is little to prevent Comcast, et al, from raising the extortionary payments they will extract from Netflix, et al, to the point where they are making up for all of the revenue lost from customers switching away from cable TV. Netflix, which has been forced to be complicit (though publicly opposing the proposal), has already raised prices, partially as a result of the payments they have to make. The only one who loses is the American consumer.

The real losers, however, will be the next Netflix or hulu, who will never be able to afford the "fast lane". As a result, the lean superior technology they might try to create will never work and never achieve the adoption rates needed to compete. Innovation will be stifled, and the entrepreneurial, egalitarian spirit of the internet will succumb to the leviathans with money. The American dream is alive on the internet, and internet evens the playing field. Unless you have to "pay to play."

I don't have money to contribute to campaigns, but Comcast does. I fear that their voice will be louder than mine.

This is one of those moments that people will look back on as a time when the FCC did something courageous to preserve the American spirit. Which side will you come down on? Will you sell us out to corporate America?

Keep the internet free and equal. Defend Net Neutrality.

Sincerely,

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