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Hi,

I am a recent US citizen so I have ample experience with how badly the US is doing in the Internet service stakes compared to other countries. I am the CEO of an IT company that has offices in the US and in India and has done business in many other countries. We frequently transfer files between offices that take days to move from the US. Then we watch those same files get swiftly transported between two other countries. This is embarrassing. You should be embarrassed.

At home I pay an embarrassingly large sum of money for Comcast cable internet AND Qwest DSL because I am IT savvy enough to know which service is weak and where. In Ireland, in India, in Belgium, in other Asian countries they are getting this right.

Giving Comcast and Qwest the right to throttle traffic, to charge companies extra for preferential treatment is going to provide them with a small amount of extra income in the short term. In the long term it will allow them to create a walled garden, squash competition and all but guarantee that the next Facebook, the next twitter, the next netflix will almost certainly originate outside the US.

I can't explain to my mother the details of what I do for a living. I expect my children to be doing jobs that have not been invented yet and that those future jobs will be equally inexplicable to me. You are making choices that will affect whether these future jobs go to the children in India or children here.

Please do not proceed with this terrible idea. Internet service providers are providing no additional value by bundling obsolete services like TV and phone lines with their internet service. ISPs should be regulated like electric companies, a common carrier.

You, the regulator, have become a captive to the companies you should be regulating.
Thank you,
John