

To Whom It May Concern,

Humanity has reached a point in its communications evolution where the internet is both an absolute necessity for an educated, democratic people and a fragile ecosystem that you, the FCC, must strive to protect. That protection must include open, unfettered access to the internet by all comers. Throttling, traffic-shaping, and so-called "fast-lanes" create a system of winners and losers, and the losers are the consumer. Consumers already pay telecommunications companies for internet service. Why is the middle man between content providers and consumers entitled to a double payment? Why won't the FCC protect consumers and small businesses from predatory telecommunications companies?

It's time for the FCC to recognize the internet for what it is. The internet is not a new, get-rich mechanism for telecommunications companies to exploit. It is the most important innovation since the printing press. It is the birthright of all humans. Please protect it. Please strive to increase access to it, not increase cost to consumers and create a confusing, patchwork regulatory regime for both large and small businesses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ryan Van Loh