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Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) should treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers.

The internet is the greatest free speech medium in history. What makes it so special is the ease with which anyone, anywhere can speak their mind. If we allow ISPs to speed up some content to the detriment of other content, we're sending the message that a person's voice only matters in proportion to the amount of money they pay to broadcast it. As a web developer, I'm particularly invested in the future of the free and open internet. The freedom for individuals to choose where they explore, share, and create content on the web is what keeps people coming back and drives economic growth. Allowing ISPs to interfere with that by prioritizing certain traffic will limit consumer choice and increase overhead costs for the next generation of startups and web-based small businesses. Both consumers like me and web companies like Google and Netflix already pay ISPs for bandwidth with the expectation that we will get the same level of service no matter what content we are requesting or serving. Forcing content providers to pay extra for prioritized access to paying subscribers is ransom, plain and simple. Please don't let ISPs divide the internet into fast and slow lanes. Reclassify broadband providers as Title II common carriers.