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I am writing on behalf of the over 85% of Americans with internet access, because the future of this important tenet of the internet that is Net Neutrality is being threatened by you, Washington, and special interest groups that wish to pervert what is the single greatest innovation of our time.

The internet is where haves, and have nots, are considered equal. Your cat blog is coming down the pike at the same speed as Google. If Google were to not keep up with the times, the next Google can come from their shadow and overtake them. Look at Friendster. Look at MySpace. Look at Facebook. Constant succession. Constant innovation.

Today, if I have a really great idea that could challenge Google, I could create that. That website would organically (or via advertising) start to gain market share. Google is forced to innovate or slide into 2nd place.

With the removal of Net Neutrality, something the FCC has already allowed to get out of hand, Google holds all the chips. As a multi-billion dollar corporation, it has made special backroom deals with ISP's to make sure Google comes down the pike at the fastest speed possible, whereas ISP's specifically throttle back my speed, which takes away a level playing field and almost certainly destroys my ability to compete from the starting gate.

This costs consumers in the end. Proof?

Netflix was being heavily throttled by several ISPs including Comcast because the companies felt as though Netflix was the predominant user of their bandwidth (to my ISP's credit, Cox ranks among the highest for speeds for the service). Netflix with throttled bandwidth meant a lesser consumer experience, and posed a real threat to their business - because of purposeful, spiteful throttling.

What happened?

Netflix pays a vig to Comcast to make sure speeds increase and their subscriber base is unaffected. But the subscribers ARE affected - because only a few months later does Netflix announce their prices for new subscribers are rising \$2, about 20%.

Not only in this instance is Netflix forced to pay up, but of course when they do, we - the subscribers - do as well. So while we pay our ISPs for speeds we never truly actually see in the real world (advertised numbers are a sham), we are now forced to pay EVEN MORE on top of this.

This is the equivalent of penalizing cable television subscribers for watching too much of a certain channel.

And because of this vig that "has to" be paid or-else lose quality of service, the next Netflix will never have the capital to be a true competitor.

America's internet speeds are far below many other countries including LATVIA, and our internet costs are far ABOVE any other modern, industrialized country. Apples to apples. USD to USD. American companies are raking us over the coals. Luckily Google Fiber is shaking things up in select markets, but it is not enough.

Millions of people use the internet for commerce, education, and family connection every day. To put a toll at every exit (every website) is to destroy the internet. Plain and simple.

Arguably, the internet is more important than the telephone and television. It is truly democracy in action, and an oligarchy is trying to change this. Do not allow this to happen.

Please consider including broadband internet access into the FCC's Common Carrier/Title II jurisdiction. If paywalls hit the internet, you will throw the entire web into a tail spin, eliminate jobs (both current and yet to be created) and

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destroy the incredible streak of innovation we have seen in the past two decades. The American people are infuriated with this administration's total about-face when it comes to this topic, and I for one will not allow it to happen without a fight.