

To whom it may concern,

I would like it to be known that I strongly object to the proposal to allow ISPs to selectively throttle throughput. Such a plan is good for corporate profit and bad for citizens and consumers. A free and open internet has become an integral, crucial part of our modern democratic society and economy. **Therefore, ISPs should be classified as Common Carriers and be required to treat all internet traffic equally.** The American taxpayers have invested heavily in infrastructure by providing cash to ISPs. Customers, end users and business alike, also pay the ISPs to access their networks. It is unreasonable to allow ISPs to artificially create another revenue source. We pay for access, we have subsidized the infrastructure, and we expect fair and equal access.

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