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I am writing to request that the FCC reclassify internet service providers as Title II Common Carriers. The reason I ask is because if this keeps up providers that control what goes in and out of the internet could lower data transfer rates than a user paid for because he/she expressed disappointment with one company, which violates his/her free speech, free press and free expression. These rights are all constitutional and part of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which many countries that have internet access are part of. Many internet users are not from the US, but they have their own countries and their rules of how to use the internet and they have rights of their own which the new rule the FCC plans to impose will take away.

The throttling of users by lowering the internet speeds is not only bailing out of responsibility to provide good service to a customer, it is also essentially extortion and coaxing money out of someone for reasons that can potentially be trivial and protected by law. These sorts of rules can open up discrimination by internet service providers based on the user's belief systems, race (if the data is available), group he/she works for, and various protected classes. That and the internet is so heavily used for virtually everything, a company could throttle traffic to a person working on a project (like research for homework, buying software, online communication, etc.) relying on the internet, possibly jeopardizing said project's success and doing someone who did not commit a crime a disservice for mere profit.

Reclassification of internet service providers to Title II Common Carriers will give people on the internet their rights and will also benefit the FCC's and internet providers' credibility. Millions of people will thank you and the FCC if you reclassify ISPs.

Thank you for your time,
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