

Another filer said it best, so I'll cut and paste...edited for grammar and spelling.

This proposal of a Fast Lane Internet is a really bad idea. Bad for consumers, but worse yet for competition, innovation, and or the technological future of this nation.

We all know (this is no secret), that in its current state, there is little to no competition in the cable tv and Internet business in the US. This is why these companies are the most hated companies in the US. It is also why they charge the outrageous fees they do, while failing to provide even barely adequate customer service.

This new law, if put in place, would make our internet even worse. I have family members in Europe, and they enjoy 50 MB/sec internet, PLUS home phone service, PLUS basic cable, all for less than \$70. Good luck finding anything like that here (Google Fiber?). And the EU just committed itself to abiding by the principles of Net Neutrality, because they see it as not only good for competition and therefore the economy, but good for new business creation, good for education, for business transactions, for communications, for freedom of speech, for commerce...the list just goes on and on.

We should consider also that this new Fast Lane policy will, more than likely, make second or third tier citizens of those people who will NOT be able to afford the already exorbitant prices imposed by these companies, for which we get slower speeds and worse infrastructure than many other countries in the world. To those already high rates we will have to add the increased cost that companies will incur for the privilege of using this Fast Lane (no doubt passed down to consumers). Make no mistake, our cable and internet is already almost a monopoly. If you allow this Fast Lane to become a reality, you are not only making it more difficult for families to afford access to the internet, but you are also destroying competition, making it impossible for startups to afford the bandwidth and the speed they need to be competitive, and in the long run, you will make our nation less competitive in any field where fast communications are vital, such as academia, research and technology, commerce (such as video streaming or cloud computing), etc., not to mention curtailed freedom of speech, decreased access to news and to vital information, and it will make the US a less competitive country technologically speaking than it even is nowadays.

Net neutrality, without a doubt, is the issue that will determine the future of our nation in this globally connected, technology-dependent world we live in.