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The internet has proven to be one of the greatest sources of innovation, one of the greatest economic drivers, and one of the greatest tools to promote societal causes in the last century. Its backbone and infrastructure was laid down by the Federal Government using tax payer dollars and in return the taxpayers were provided equal access to the content and information of their choosing.

The creation of a fast lane interjects an inequality that delivers these resources to the highest bidder and allows a select few corporations to hold information and content hostage. The market forces and competition which have driven the internet from 56K Dial up to T1 lines today would be stymied and slowed hurting our country while providing other countries like China an advantage.

With the advent of IP Phones, Technologies that allow Internet to Telephone calls across the country and globe, the web is intimately tangled in the telecommunications net and to say it is un-regulatable as such seems a self imposed restriction from enforcing telecommunications law as well as the federal governments duty to regulate interstate commerce. The internet is no less a highway of commerce than the interstate system and no less critical to our economic security than a well deployed military.

In most areas, these telecommunications companies are defacto monopolies or at a minimum oligopolies like the steel and railroad barons before them. To believe market pressures will exist that could influence pricing, to believe that corporations will not use this leverage to hold companies and consumers hostage (see Comcast v. Netflix or Amazon v. Hachette) or that they will hold our country's best interest at heart, is at best naïve.