

The Internet should be treated like a utility because everyone needs it to do their jobs. It's very much the same as electricity, water, or gas. The same regulations that apply to utilities must apply to the Internet. The ISPs may not like it, but they are a utility company, and not a commodity. There are more consequences if you continue to pursue *Proceeding 14-28* than making businesses like Netflix pay higher prices. The consequence of stalling economic growth are very real when you inhibit new small-to-medium sized businesses from opening. The consequence of increasing the unemployment rate is very real when small-to-medium sized businesses are forced to close because they can't afford the new rates.

What's more, *Proceeding 14-28* will inhibit free speech, which you must know is protected by The Constitution. Allowing ISPs to control what consumers can see, say, or do on the Internet is giving these companies the right to control speech. They do not have the right to control speech. They merely provide the access, so they shouldn't be able to tell consumers how to use the Internet; just like utility companies can't direct usage of electricity, water, or gas. The majority of Americans—the people you are supposed to be serving—do not want this. Stop letting special interests run and ruin this country.

If your problem is money, the combined income of all Americans who do not want this is greater than those who do. [KickStart](#) a **free, neutral Internet**, and you can be sure we will support you.