

To Tom Wheeler and his cronies:

I support net neutrality, and strongly encourage you to throw out your proposed two-tier “paid prioritization” rules. In Comcast CEO Brian Roberts recent commentary regarding internet infrastructure investment incentives, he attempted to justify the extortion of fees from Netflix, for unimpeded delivery of Netflix’s data to their subscribers, through comparison to the US Postal Service. He inadvertently forgot to mention that the USPS does not charge its recipients for delivery - as Comcast and other ISPs do their subscribers. If the suggestion were to bill content providers and provide service to the end user without charge, discourse on this subject would be quite different, but alas - such is not the case. Mr. Roberts’ commentary illustrates the heart of the matter: **ISPs would like net neutrality abolished so as to allow unfettered gouging of their subscribers and the content providers for the same data at both ends of the pipe.**

Such would irreparably harm the internet as we enjoy it today. Prioritizing traffic, or deprioritizing the same (a less PR-centric description), would serve the interests of no group except the ISPs. Mr. Roberts would have us believe that the internet would wither and shrivel without the investment therein provided by Comcast and their ilk. I am perfectly comfortable, and in fact eager, to call his bluff. If Comcast would like to rest on its laurels while its competitors, current or future, offer the upgrades and investment in infrastructure Comcast is unwilling to provide - they have my support to do so. This internet thing is just a fad anyway. Nothing to see here.

Internet access has become a necessity for function in today’s world. I’m not talking about minimum viable product; but instead, timely, unrestricted, neutral delivery of content to all. Similar to telephone service in the 20th century, responsive internet access has become a basic need - a utility of paramount importance in modern society. As such, I exhort you to treat it as such and guarantee that all are able to use it, access it, and benefit from its utility in an equal and unbiased manner.

I strongly encourage Chairman Tom Wheeler to resign his position immediately. He is obviously and embarrassingly mucking around with regulations that are, at best, placing him in a conflict-of-interest, and more likely, allowing him to corrupt the industry at a detriment to the American public. He seems incapable of making, or unwilling to make, impartial and objective (let alone smart) policy decisions.

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