

I am writing in support of net neutrality.

I agree that there should be an outright ban on "fast lanes" for internet. Or any lanes. All traffic should be treated equally.

I agree that broadband access should be classified as a Title II common carrier - it is far more important than telephone service, and thus should be regulated as such.

I agree that the Open Internet provisions should cover internet access regardless of the technology used to deliver it, and thus it should cover wireless/mobile broadband as well as wired services.

And to help achieve true net neutrality, an element of market-based competition must be introduced. This is currently impossible because the barrier to entry is very steep for potential operators. The infrastructure necessary to deliver internet service, wired or wireless, is both expensive and requires extensive navigation of local, state and federal regulations.

Accordingly, it should be enshrined in federal law that any municipality that wants to is allowed, if not encouraged, to provide its own internet connectivity to any residents or people in their region. (commonly referred to as "municipal wifi") And municipal ISP's must be given equal or better treatment than any other customer of connectivity delivered to their system.

Similarly, those municipalities must offer any commercial internet provider the same access to installing, maintaining, and upgrading infrastructure that the municipality does for its own internet delivery systems. Fair is fair; both sides must be allowed to compete on quality of services provided balanced against cost...not by one side leveraging an advantage the other cannot possibly have.

This system helps guarantee that all Americans will have the opportunity to choose a supplier of internet service, and at least one choice will be directly responsible to them as a voting citizen of that municipality. Thus providing a fundamental bedrock of American society: competition. And the American consumer will ultimately be the chief beneficiary.