

Chairman Wheeler,

You must protect Net Neutrality and revise the current FCC plan that would allow Internet Service Providers to charge for preferential bandwidth access. You no longer work for these companies - you're a public servant now! It's time to act like one, and place the public's interest before the corporate needs of your former employers.

If enacted, these rules would effectively destroy Net Neutrality and create a caste system for internet access defined by how much money an ISP can charge. Under your current plan, the Internet Service Providers can make deals to provide faster service to those willing to/can pay, slow down sites that refuse to pay, and leave whatever bandwidth is left over for the rest of the internet. Do you actually believe that they are going to build out the high-end infrastructure necessary to support these priority access offerings or do you understand that they will just siphon off the needed bandwidth from their current resources.

I strongly urge you to reclassify broadband as a Telecommunications Service. We are way past the days of considering internet access to be a luxury, it's a modern day necessity. Only by keeping the online access playing field level, much like the government has done in the past with both Telephone and Federal Highway access, can innovation and growth thrive. The United States has already fallen far behind many other countries in both internet access speeds and availability of services, yet we lead all others in paying the most for these mediocre offerings and services. How can the U.S. maintain its world technological leadership with access gatekeepers like these?

Lastly, all of the major players in the ISP industry, without exception and in lockstep, are flexing all of their influence/capital with congress, the FCC, and yourself to allow them to maintain their stranglehold on this industry despite the public outcry for just the opposite. In regards to this much needed utility, the ISP's have a proven track record in the U.S. of being self-serving custodians of this most important public commodity. These Internet Service Providers are clearly Telecommunication Service Providers, and in the public's interest should be rightly classified and treated as what they most obviously are: A MONOPOLY.

Best Regards,  
- Adam Fields