

From the official White House response to the petition entitled, 'Restore Net Neutrality By Directing the FCC to Classify Internet Providers as "Common Carriers"':

"Preserving an open Internet is vital not just to the free flow of information, but also to promoting innovation and economic productivity. ... Absent net neutrality, the Internet could turn into a high-priced private toll road that would be inaccessible to the next generation of visionaries."

I support the above excerpt in its entirety, with one exception. It is not that "Absent net neutrality, the Internet COULD turn into a high-priced private toll road..." [emphasis mine], it is that it WILL turn into one. There is no question that repealing net neutrality will severely hamper a start-up's ability to get off the ground and compete with established businesses.

Competition has long been a cornerstone of this country's free market capitalism. Placing a nigh-insurmountable barrier between entrepreneurs and equal internet access would be one of the government's most egregious errors in recent memory.