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I wish to oppose the proposal to allow tiered internet services. The fundamental problem with the proposal is that it will allow companies that already control almost 100% of any given market the ability to effectively force consumers to upgrade their services at extra cost due to the lack of effective competition.

As a consumer, if I were able to choose between more than one or two providers in a market, the proposal would make more sense as I could potentially switch to a lower cost provider in my area. However, in most of the United States, there is no more than two, and usually one, provider. We already have some of the highest cost broadband service in the world and this will do nothing to reduce that.

If the United States wishes to remain at the forefront of the hi-tech, internet-based industry and foster an environment that allows innovation at low cost, this proposal is a huge step in the wrong direction.

Thank you for accepting my comment as both a private user of broadband services and a worker in the hi-tech industry.

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