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Please consider this public comment as expressing strong support for keeping the internet open and NOT providing cable companies like Comcast & AT&T the right to charge more for bandwidth-intensive operations.

What is great about today's internet is that it has provided an equal opportunity for anyone to promote a fledgling business or idea. Whether I have a roofing business or grow into a sizeable manufacturer looking to expand my digital presence, the opportunity is the same.

My career relies on fast internet connectivity. I work as a news aggregator streaming news from around the world to compile reports for various organizations from Wall Street heavy weights to government agencies. This has been a burgeoning business throughout my career thanks to an internet that treats all traffic similarly. I have also worked on the technical side specifically becoming familiar with networking protocols and bandwidth-intensive troubleshooting.

I can only imagine the impossible situation created by segregating different internet speeds. If a service is slow or content did not arrive to a customer in a timely manner, people will complain to their IT administrators. Those people will go to the most likely suspect: their network & its providers. Back when there were fewer monopolies in local markets, it was very difficult to get a straight answer from a CLEC due to the bureaucracy. Under the proposed rules, those companies will be given an official reason to not address concerns. There is already a bait and switch regarding bandwidth speeds sold to consumers. Imagine the confusion when customers are told delays are to be blamed on third parties who refuse to pay a random to companies like Verizon, AT&T or Comcast.

Imagine Wall Street traders who profit on news passed along in fractions of seconds. What happens when they are unable to receive updates as quickly as possible.

Perhaps most importantly, I find it offensive that the regulator of our national broadband infrastructure - the FCC - proposes rules that seek to embrace a concept (separate but equal) that even the Supreme Court threw out after a generation. It's not for me to question the motives of FCC Chair Tom Wheeler, but witnessing the former chair of the CTIA undertaking such efforts is highly suspect. Wheeler's dealings serve to erode the few remaining roots of hope citizens have in a government that actually serves the needs of people working hard just to make a living.

I look forward to the FCC pressuring cable companies into investing in their networks instead of further consolidating their local market monopolies.

Sincerely,

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