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I owned a regional ISP from 1998 for a decade helping people first get online to witness the Internet becoming a vital part of everyday life. I have seen how unrestricted, equal access to data has improved businesses and allowed startups to compete with existing companies.

The current rules propose that we as users trust that the broadband providers have our best interest in mind. There are many reports, including one from a past FCC advisory board member, that details all the broken promises of broadband providers (Search for 200 billion broadband scandal). There are dozens of failed rollouts of faster broadband services by many of the same companies that are asking for the current rule changes. Billions in tax breaks and subsidies aside, these existing broadband providers have a poor history of actually improving the last mile connection. The US ranks far below the rest of the modern world in connection speed. Arguments that the USA is too geographically diverse for faster speeds are disingenuous as even our major metro areas have slow speeds in comparison to our neighbor Canada.

With at best a duopoly of choices for broadband in most areas there is no real incentive for the existing broadband providers to do what is best for clients. They are not increasing broadband speeds, they have failed giving broadband updates over the years, and with these failures we as users are now asked to allow them to change the fundamental equal access the internet has always provided. Fast lane and slow lane are creative PR terms to say some companies pay more for the privilege of a user to have access to their website. The FCC should enforce real net neutrality and not allow any company to change the speeds of service. True equality, like the foundation of America, where every website is equal and all content is delivered the same regardless of where it originated from.