

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in hopes of your kind consideration for the continued freedom to pursue sources of information of my own choosing without additional redirection from your corporate sponsors. While I understand the desire of said corporations to set their own parameters, it has become increasingly apparent that the long-term social importance of net neutrality far outweighs the short-term financial gains of eroding it in any fashion.

The digital landscape is the first landscape in history that truly embodies the American ideals of equal opportunity and the entrepreneurial spirit. Although the net neutrality discussion is a global issue, I refer here to American ideals because it is our nation that sets the cultural standards for the rest of the world. The American Dream of equal opportunity is a goal that this nation has always tried to meet and exemplifies more than any other nation. However, the Internet is the first platform on which this ideal can truly be met. The digital landscape is the first in which the poor and otherwise disadvantaged are able to access the same resources as the elite and the powerful. It is the first system in which the disenfranchised truly have the "boot straps" by which to pull themselves up by. Whether you agree with their sociopolitical views or not, grassroots movements like Anonymous, demonstrate the empowerment that the Internet has allowed for those with limited resources. Allowing corporations to set preferences for access to sources of information is not a bid to put the hands in the power of the people. It is endorsing the ability of the elite to control resources in the world's only level playing field.

I implore you to think deeply about the long-term ramifications of supporting this fascism masquerading as freedom. The Internet is a borderless world and we are blessed with the power to be leaders in it. We must consider all effects of this issue, as its reverberations will shape the future of the world.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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