

Dear FCC,

My name is Ken Blount and I live in Jackson, WY.

Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers.

The internet is an integral part of every day life, and our dependence on it will only increase in the future, unless you allow corporations the ability to control what it is I am able to do with it. I see a frightening trend where our government, too lazy to act to protect what should be an open service to all, is allowing a few large corporations to dictate what they feel should be the model for our access. These corporations see the loss of their government sanctioned monopolies from days past, and now want to exert their control over this new medium -- something they were resistant to for so many years, but now have a road-map to implement the same business model from the 80's and 90's into the future. And the FCC appears to be pleased as punch to let them do it. Do not let them. If they do not want to be in the business of providing the internet as it should be, then let them get out. Set the standards of operation as they should be for this critical service, and if these current companies are upset that these rules prevent them from continuing their government created monopolies into the future, then let them get out of the business. If they want to compete in this new environment, let them do so on the merits of their offerings, NOT because they are also the gatekeepers of the service, and are allowed to dictate the terms of who and what I have the best access to.

Sincerely,

Ken Blount