

I'm a rural American. I am also a disabled American. Having access to high speed internet in my own home allows me to work on days I can't even leave my bed, build community from my bathtub, and speak up about things without leaving my house. I could dig up the links on how isolation increases depression and suicidality in people with disabilities. I could talk to you about my frustration limits. I could tell you that even high speed rural internet is not that fast- but you already know as tyou guys dictate what counts as high speed. I could tell you that there are still large swaths where there is no reliable internet, how the cable company requires 10 households on a street of 15 houses, 4 of which are hunting cabins, to sign on in order to put in even their poorest quality "high speed" lines At my mothers house, and how if it rains too much the internet there goes out. I could tell you about my business plan to, using my internet access, dig myself out of poverty and off of benefits and into the professional world without needing to find money for an office I'm often too sick to get to. Instead I'll leave you with some information some friends of mine came up with.

Rural Business

The Internet takes rural businesses, start-ups, and innovators to global customers. Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service. Lack of access to this vital tool closes routes for rural entrepreneurs to contribute to the progress of our nation. Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them leaves rural businesses stuck in the digital dirt road.

To prohibit fast lanes and guarantee that all American entrepreneurs have full access to the Internet, the FCC must classify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service.

FCC, don't leave rural entrepreneurs stuck in the digital dirt road! Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Rural entrepreneurs, innovators, and business owners working to strengthen our national economy need Title II.

Rural Artists

The Internet exposes rural art, music, stories, and culture to global audiences. Rural artists, filmmakers, journalists, musicians, and creatives are our ambassadors in this cultural exchange. Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service. Lack of access to this vital tool closes the most accessible venue for rural artists. Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them leaves rural talent locked out of the national and global stage.

To prohibit fast lanes and guarantee all American artists have full access to the Internet, the FCC must classify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service.

FCC, don't lock out rural artists! Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Rural musicians, filmmakers, journalists, and creatives showcasing the wealth and diversity of American culture need Title II.

Don't Redline Rural Communities

Broadband service has become a necessity in our society. People need Internet service to apply for jobs, sign-up for healthcare, complete homework, launch a business, and communicate with elected officials. Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service in their home.

Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them would permit the redlining of rural towns and customers who cannot pay for the fast lanes. These Internet providers would claim the low population density of rural areas is not profitable and use it as an excuse to deliberately avoid serving rural

communities.

To guarantee that every person in our country can get online and access vital services, the FCC must reclassify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service.

FCC, don't allow Internet providers to redline rural communities! Reclassify Internet as a Title II service and implement strong consumer protections that prohibit Internet providers from neglecting rural people.

Rural Advocates

The Internet is a platform where rural people can speak for themselves and on behalf of their communities to wider audiences. Net Neutrality grants equal opportunity to every idea and helps ensure that rural communities do not experience the same lack of representation they have in other media platforms where rural voices are excluded.

Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service. And allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them is like selling megaphones to the rich and leaving rural people without a voice.

To prohibit fast lanes and guarantee all American voices have full access to the Internet, the FCC must classify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service.

FCC, don't silence rural communities! Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Net neutrality makes the Internet a vital platform for rural people to create and share our own images. Rural people working to present a genuine portrayal of America need Title II.