

Dear FCC,

My name is Kurt Heinselman and I live in Waltham, MA.

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 may determine what I can and can't access as well as the speeds with which I access that content.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because it creates an additional "barrier to entry" for internet startups and stifles innovation.

The whole foundation and principals of the internet center around freedom, unrestricted and equal access to sites and content, regardless of user location, income, beliefs, etc. I liken it to being somewhat similar to the principles of the First Amendment. Any restrictions placed upon net neutrality will only serve to undermine these principals. Existing neutrality has worked fine thus far for everyone, so why is there a need to change our position on net neutrality?

Additionally, you know as well as I, that what people and companies say they will do often differs drastically from the actions ultimately taken. I would therefore request the FCC not be swayed by the hypothetical scenarios put forth by telecommunications and ISP companies and lobbyists, for which they believe restrictions on net neutrality are needed; as those hypotheticals that are exactly that: hypothetical.

Existing regulations and lobbying by telecommunications companies and ISPs have resulted in the US, which was instrumental in creation of the internet and had the fastest speeds now having ****one of the slowest internets in the world**** and no incentive for that to change. Let's not compound this problem by allowing ISPs to impose restrictions on internet content and access. It seems much more likely, IMHO, any changes in net neutrality will ultimately benefit ISPs and not the end users and I would humbly request the FCC allow the existing principals of net neutrality to continue, unfettered.

Sincerely,

Kurt Heinselman