

Dear FCC,

My name is Robert Alonso and I live in Cincinnati, OH.

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 new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed.

The concept of net neutrality is at the core of the Internet and is what has enabled its tremendous growth and innovation. For a content provider, net neutrality ensures a level playing field and democratizes the Internet, allowing new, innovative companies and technologies to develop that could otherwise be stifled in the "pay to play" environment which the proposed rule change's fast lanes would enable. For consumers, internet access is and should be seen as a commodity. When a consumer chooses an ISP ("choice" itself being almost non-existent currently, which is a separate matter), that choice should be based on cost, customer service, and quality of service. That quality should refer to overall system level of service for the entire web (i.e. uptime), not whether the consumer's particular content provider of choice (e.g. Netflix, Hulu) has signed a peering agreement to have a fast lane on the ISP's network.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject the concept of fast lanes, classify ISPs as common carriers, and ensure that true net neutrality continues to foster an Internet that is innovative and open.

Sincerely,

Robert Alonso