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I, like most Americans, have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: my local DSL company. America deserves competition and choice.

Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality.

It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors?

My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business.

I believe that the authority that comes with reclassifying broadband must be addressed by Congress, not the FCC. That is why updating the outdated Communications Act, which passed in 1996, should be a top priority and would provide clarity to the FCC's role in the modern communications landscape. Unfortunately it appears that the most pragmatic method to achieve the principles of the 2010 FCC "Open Internet Order" is for the Commission to instead work to manage broadband providers under Title II of the Communications Act.

Classifying broadband under Title II would grant the FCC wider purview to regulate and control the industry.