Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: GN Docket No. 14-28, *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*
GN Docket No. 10-127, *Framework for Broadband Internet Service*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Enclosed please find the comments of thousands of Free Press activists urging the Federal Communications Commission to protect *real* Net Neutrality.

Since the FCC's proposed rules were announced we have seen a groundswell of public opposition to that proposal. We call on the FCC to abandon any unworkable rules based on compromised legal theories, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

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Craig Aaron
President and CEO
Free Press

Net neutrality being broken would just put America further behind its European counterparts. Right now we pay more money for SLOWER internet than many European countries, and that will only increase if companies continue to oligopolize this precious information resource even further. They want to make more money and be able to control the speech of others who in many areas have no choice but to use them as an internet provider. The biggest problem is that this will be bad for the economy. It will be good for cable companies, but the rest of american business infrastructure will stagnate without faster internet speeds and equal access. This law being struck down would basically be the equivalent of the supreme court's claim that money is free speech. Yes, cable companies have much more free speech than a consumer, and once net neutrality is removed they will literally be able to stifle any voice who can't pay enough money.
—Jacob Ivice, Jacksonville, FL

Please Leave net neutrality alone!
—Jeremy Buhl, Omaha, NE

I shoud not have to pay extra for the privilege of job hunting.
—Sarah, Colorado Springs, CO

Companies should not be allowed to control access to information. Net Neutrality helps keep them from doing so.
—C Strickland, Valdosta, GA

Net neutrality is important to every free citizen of the world. Allowing corporations to determine which sites or worthy and which are not gives people who do not have our best interests in mind too much power.
—David, lafayette, LA

Charging more for the same service is quite possibly the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of. The internet needs to stay open and neutral. In other counties, like Japan, it is treated as a utility. Everyone has access to high speed internet, the companies are making obscene amounts of money, and everyone wins. Why allow the big companies to make even more money while screwing over the average consumer? Shouldn't the Joe schmoe of America be the one who's protected, and not the big corporations with lots of money?
—Katie Mallner, Wilmington, NC

Net neutrality destroys other businesses while not helping others.
—Edward Jones, elkins park, PA

Don't let the big cable companies dictate what we can and cannot do online! The internet is here for EVERYONE to use equally. It is the core of my job and it is quickly becoming the core of our civilization. Almost everything we do is online, from banking to shopping, from working to keeping in touch with friends. It is the information highway and he who has knowledge has power. Why would we want to give that power over to a bunch of greedy corporations whose main objective is to make money off of we, the people?
—Alexa Medhus, Renton, WA

Net neutrality is already under siege without the threat of a legal bill being passed. Net neutrality represents the last free bastion of intellectual and leisure sharing in the world. We already have to encrypt our data to send it confidentially between two private parties, but now we have to worry about just having the ability to do that. The internet is as free as speech gets in a world that is constantly censuring people from having their own voice. This facade that these ISP companies are putting up is no more than a ploy to get their greedy, chubby fingers into yet another honey jar that is currently under protection and to charge extraneous fees to where they see fit.
—Karl V., New Orleans, LA

If small business is the heart of the economy then why would we want to hinder free internet, thereby harming small businesses? I am a small business owner who can hardly afford to pay hosting fees, let alone any additional fees that will invariably crop up once neutrality is removed just to receive the same level of service that Big Business will get (through no virtue of their own other than deep pockets). Destroying net neutrality will cripple small business owners who might as well kiss their online income goodbye. If we're still fooling ourselves into thinking that price-gouging won't be a result of eliminating net neutrality, then we're blatantly ignoring years of evidence to the contrary.
—Rachel V, Las Cruces, NM

Net Neutrality is important because it is one of the few regulations remaining that tries to protect consumer rights.
—Bryce Westheimer, Bellingham, WA

Without net neutrality I wouldn't be able to so easily tell each and every one of you twats to go fuck yourselves. And I mean really go at it. Light some candle. Maybe play some Barry Mantilo, or Beyoncé, or Slayer... Whatever your into.
—Voltron, Comcast Blows, DC

Companies like Comcast, and Verizon, have a virtual stranglehold on broadband, and the consumer. There are very few options, for a great many people. Turn the internet into a public utility, as many countries have done. The US is ranked 33rd in terms of speed, worldwide. That is a disgrace, and the cable giants put us there. Keep the net neutral!!!
—Roger A Morrow, Daly City, CA

Net Neutrality is the only thing keeping free flowing information tenable. Before the internet massive media conglomerates had the power to reshape our cognitive map and determine the way we see ourselves and the world. With the emergence of the internet, we now have the power to shape our own perspectives and lives. Losing Net Neutrality will only be the first step in indenturing us to endless ads and self-esteem destroying advertiser propaganda. If we lose Net Neutrality, America will have lost one of it's last true freedoms. Personally, I will opt out of using the internet for recreational purposes if this happens.
—Matt Watrous, Lansing, MI

The internet should be considered a utility. The internet gives people the ability to safely learn, shop, and interact with a national and international community without leaving behind the large ecological footprint of personal transportation. Young people are tired of the authoritarianism of the United States, and without net neutrality the last "free" communications method will be taken away. Young people remember the more free internet from 5 years ago, and we see that every example of infrastructure in the United States is ultimately designed to serve the rich. The youth can see that the "freedom" we've been promised is a great big lie when corporations can take away what was previously free.
—Paul Rasmussen, Blacksburg, VA

Net neutrality creates innovations in products and services as opposed to creating fees to fleece their customers.
—Dan Conley, Nolensville, TN

A free and open internet is critical to our Nation's growth. If that ends those who allowed it to happen will be remembered alongside the biggest blunderers in history.
—Patrick Loftus, leawood, KS

net neutrality protects the new incoming businesses and forces fair competition. I don't mind companies like comcast or verizon making money and succeeding due to good business and hard work; what does bother me is these companies succeeding because they are stifling others.
—John, billings, MT

It's not fair for companies to monopolize internet use.
—Erin Grainger, Casselberry, FL

We the people. For all. Four score and seven. Baby, don't take your internet away from me. I love the internet just the way you are. Which is unviolated by the shenanigans. Stupendous. Thank you and please stop Comcast et al.
—Matt, Millville, NJ

Net neutrality is important on an individual and societal level. Individually, it promotes free and fair speech by allowing the same amount of bandwith to reach the smallest blog to the biggest blog, individuals and companies, everyone is treated equal. On a societal level, the internet is in all practicality a public domain built by people for people and that should be protected. Rates are already skyhigh with cable companies having no incentive to provide better services, and this will only make matters worse.
—Colin Jamron, Brooklyn, NY

Information should be accessible for everyone. Giving telecommunication companies the power to decide who gets to say what is an abomination.
—Stephen Denny, Austin, TX

Why are we, the country who created the Internet, who created the protocols that run it, amongst the worst in the world in Internet access? Easy: we let the cable and ISP companies dictate our access without regulation. Net neutrality needs to happen if we're going to stay on par with the rest of the world.
—AJ Merrifield, Austin, TX

Net neutrality would stifle creativity of small new sites, making new businesses pay to play raises barriers to entry and lowers competition and consumer choice. Please don't side with the ampules greedy cable companies. This isn't good for anybody but them.
—Ryan Carlson, Chicago, IL

Because the cable companies shouldn't be able to decide how fast they get to stream data, and how much more profit they can make off it, while making up random rubbish excuses for the need for it.
—Richard, Hawthorne, NJ

I do not blame the corporations currently involved in attempting to end net neutrality. Their job, as capitalist organizations, is to make as much money as possible and eventually eliminate all competition from their field. However, it is the responsibility of the federal government to reign in the excesses of these groups, regardless of how much money they use to lobby on their own behalfs. Please retain Net Neutrality, as it is important for this country in that it prevents a group with the most money from controlling the creative works of others on a medium that should be considered a public utility. The internet was created with the help of the federal government. Please allow the government to protect its creation from misuse by groups with big checkbooks.
—Michael Kramer, State College, PA

Like other utilities, the internet has become a core part of the everyday life of every american and business. It is essential to our society and our future prosperity. Additionally, the internet spurs innovation and allows every day citizens to share ideas with people from all over the world. This is why we need to protect it. The companies that currently control the hardware want to turn the internet into something that is customized for their profit margins. However, though they may own the hardware that connects us, they do not own what is truly valuable on the internet, its content. Please support keeping the internet out of the control of a few companies.
—Mr. Thomas Wentworth, raleigh, NC

Trying to make even more money by limiting our freedom is despicable and wrong. In the end you are only hurting the customers as they will have to pay more for services who now have to pay more for the internet. We already pay for internet service to begin with and the cable companies are doing just fine, they don't need to throttle down on everyone because they don't pay ENOUGH. It's a detestable way to make more money and hurt everyone else.
—Travis Smith, West Chester, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because I do not want to be forced to go to websites and obtain information that someone with more Capitol and friends then me has approved, I want to have access to all of the internet, always
—Brayden Kemp, Riverton, UT

We are at an age in which higher end college classes, expansive dictionaries and encyclopedias, complete office suites (such as Google Docs), and expansive retail are all readily and affordably (if not freely) available on the internet. To allow a bunch of cable companies to throttle the average American's rights to a reasonable connection speed is to place control over all of those things in the hands of a small majority. That is the opposite of progress, and bordering on treason.
—Michael Eric Oberlin, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet is the final frontier of communications technology. Moreso that education, the Internet is the great equalizer of mankind, and has the power to connect us in ways that bridge the divides of race, nationality, and class. Taking away Net Neutrality and giving power over the Internet to megacorporations like Comcast and Verizon is no better than handing the reins to Hosni Mubarak himself, but with more disastrous consequences. I am 21 years old, I have lived my entire wonderful amazing life with uninhibited unfettered Internet access, and as a citizen of this great nation, I do not want that to change.
—Jake Zaugg, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality is important because its your only chance to prove that Comcast doesn't actually own you
—Robert will, mason, MI

As an independent emerging artist, it is important for people to be able to find my web presence. I certainly can't afford to pay the cable companies to make my site load faster, and we all know that when something doesn't load quickly enough we won't bother with it. My only chance to get my work out through my website relies on net neutrality!
—Katie Rossiter, Mercerville, NJ

How greedy can one company get? You guys want to be richer than a marvel villain while saying you're doing the best for your patrons. We know you guys are full of crap, what you are doing is disgusting and taking away more freedom. I'm not going to stand for blantent abuse of corporate power.
—Mickaila Robertson, Las Vegas, NV

I can't imagine the world being a better place if cable companies are allowed to charge exorbitant amounts for the exchange of information. The effects could be as far reaching as political influence and pushing the corporate agenda of the highest bidder. Dystopian future here we come.
—Ron Aderholdt, Smyrna, TN

Stop letting huge companies buy legislation that will allow them to create an artificial product (the fast lane) so they can squeeze more money out of consumers and ensure that only megacorporations can succeed online. Seriously, stop selling out!
—James Iler, West linn, OR

Cable internet and multimedia companies want to leverage the use of the internet against its users. By taking a commodity they know everyone is using and arbitrarily charging more for it, they seem to have nothing to lose, right? Except for the fact that the prices are already ridiculous and the internet has revolutionized human culture to the extent that the UN decided to call it a human right. I understand these companies need to make money - but to openly screw the end user like this is horrifying. Aren't their monopolies enough?
—Justin Eveland, Grand Rapids, MI

A policy of making my Netflix run slowly seems like a political loser.
—Wade Hutt, Lexington, KY

It is means everybody is entitled to free speech and nobody is denied their free speech because they can't afford to pay for the internet.
—Ruben Cerrillo, Norcross, GA

If we don't keep information from being able to flow freely, if we can't prevent ISP's from being able to charge content creators to ensure that their content can be delivered, then we are going to lose something as a country. It is downright reprehensible that the United States of America should have shittier internet service that just about anywhere else in the developed world. I believe in America, and America should stand for Net Neutrality.
—Gideon McKee, Austin, TX

Please keep the playing field fair for the rest of us. You work for the people of the united states not the cable companies.
—George Marquez, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I was under the impression my freedom of speech was more important than a company's! Or have they bought my rights away?
—Simi Landau, Potomac, MD

We are a lower income family, working our hardest to become middle class. We have suffered many setbacks due to layoffs and the economy and need to keep the internet costs low so that we can afford to use it for such things as job searching and education. Charging more for certain websites and services is putting the internet out of reach for people like us. Instead of helping the internet to become more widely available it does the complete opposite of this goal.
—Meghan DeHaas, Draper, UT

The internet should not be controlled by a handful of businesses. It is a tool for creative expression, communication and social change. We shouldn't limit that to give money to those who want to profit more on an already lucrative agreement.
—Gabriel Christie, Greeley, CO

Net neutrality is something that should not be compromised so that certain gatekeeper companies, which are very nearly monopolies already, can turn additional profit while delivering decreased customer service. I, like so many others, am outraged that cable companies, those bastions of unfeeling self serving opportunists, were so easily able to fleece the government into allowing them to decide unilaterally which websites deserve the best connections. The ability to extort and to impose their own private morals on the internet is a real shame. And sham. It's absurd.
—Joe Skuba, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is a basic human rights necessity. Consider what the founding fathers of this great nation would say about technology that has the ability to spread and share the immeasurable wealth of infinite knowledge. It should be available for all, equally, without charge.
—Alex Geoly, Iowa City, IA

I like being able to look at all sites at the same speed, no matter their popularity and without having to worry about whether or not they spent enough money to warrant a download speed that isn't infuriating. The proposed alternative sounds like it may set up a situation that is similar to the conflict between Amazon and Hachette, with the service provider able to severely cripple or delay the service provided by their client if the client doesn't pay additional money or gets into a dispute with the service provider. I don't want that, and I think very few other people who know what the end of net neutrality means would want that either. Please, do not end net neutrality, keep the internet as free and fair a place as possible.
—Samuel Howeth, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is vital to protect the free market and free speech.
—Michael, Ardmore, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it helps protect some of the basic rights guaranteed by our constitution. Also once we start allowing the ISP's to control the speed a website loads, they will start killing the little fish. AKA the people who aren't rich enough to pay them money for their bullshit "fast-lane". If I were starting a business, and since the internet is a HUGE resource/marketing/sales tool. It would basically be giving ISP's the ability to make or break my business. This is too much power. The fact that you guys have been bought, bribed, and manipulated into even discussing this as a thing and not just denying it as ludicrous right away disgusts me. Please act and stop these giant companies from having their way.
—Chad, Bend, OR

Without net neutrality I would no longer have access usefull free information. Without that information, I would be less productive. Also having access to many different points of view allows everyone to separate truth from fiction. If you allow ISP's to decide what we can and cannot see, we will only see opinions of those who have the money pay ISP's. I don't want to live in that world and the only people who would are those who could pay.
—Anthony McDermott, Holdrege, NE

thankd god for the supreme courts privacy decision
—Bob Thomas, beverly hills, CA

This issue is very near and dear to my heart because I am one of many millions/ billions of people who ise the internet to connect to blogs, free to use, and user supported sites. Having more speed diverted to higher paying or higher traffic sites is detrimental to the advancement of the internet generation. Big players will push the "yolo" mentality while people like me who are looking for scientific journals get to go back to the dark ages of internet where three minute videos take hours to load. Imgur will all but die as well as snopes and many thousands of blogs. I implore you to support net neutrality so there will be that many fewer "swag fags" I need net neutrality because i enjoy reading new and exciting advancements in the world not who wore what to the red carpet.
—Amy Yell, Newport News, VA

Please don't make life even harder on the citizens. It's getting pretty crappy already. Don't make it worse by slowing down our internet and allowing powerful and corrupt companies to get even more powerful and corrupt. If you care about the citizens of this country at all, don't allow the end of net neutrality.
—Michael Pavoni, Castro Valley, CA

Allowing cable companies to decide how fast or slow something loads would violate our rights to free speech and basically be no different than the Great Firewall of China. We are better than that, and we need to treat our citizens better than that.
—Dan Angell, Davenport, IA

Because in a world where all that matters is money, and who's got the most of it, it's refreshing to know that there is one place where a little guy can get the same attention as the mutli-billion dollar industries. In days past the government fought against monopolies. By killing net neutrality we are inviting the amazons, comcasts, and att of the world to decide what information we watch, read, and ultimately have way to much influence on what we think.
—Michael Frissore, South Bend, IN

Net neutrality is an important part of any world society, or person as it allows for the unlimited, unhindered, and unregulated access to information for the masses, most of which this information was not available to pre internet. I could go on about how cable companies supporting this are trying to gain the monopoly on the fast growing economy of the internet. But instead I'm going to focus on information as a commodity. I'll keep it short; by taking away net neutrality, information, or more specifically access to this information, is taken away as well for those who can't afford the "fast lanes" that big cable supports. And what does information create? It creates or introduces ideas, ideas that when put in appropriate hands have the ability to create, innovate, progress, among many other things. However the most important thing that information along with the ideas that it accompanies allow is the ability for a person or people to enrich their lives or the lives of others. And to take away net neutrality would be the same as taking away the bible from a Christian, the cookbook from the aspiring cook, the blueprints from the engineer, etc. When weighing the pros and cons of net neutrality I see very few cons of having it. However the reasons to support a neutral internet are limitless as I briefly summarized above. If you want to know more about this topic and to research it thoroughly, don't go to the cable companies and ask your questions, instead look for it on the internet.
—Caleb Hamilton, Sulphur, LA

For the freedom of speech of all people to be given equal treatment. To protect start ups and new companies from the unfair advantage which would be given to established internet companies due to the weight I their resources. To keep costs for online services from skyrocketing as companies try to offset the costs of increased expenses of making sure there was adequate speeds for their services.
—Parris G Pack, Richland, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because ALREADY I'm paying for a 12Mbps connection and often cannot do anything on the internet because I'm getting more like 10bps on the only device on the network. Now imagine if when I call to complain about this, my isp can demand more money before correcting the issue...
—Tiffany Back, Socorro, NM

Net Neutrality is important to me because I find that the internet offers a low-cost alternative to traditional means of communication for low-income families. Additionally I feel it would be a great disservice and failure of the government and justice system to allow cable companies to win the battle of net neutrality, which would surely stifle the growing trend of online creativity, ingenuity, and new online business models, many of which low-income families rely on as sources of secondary income, communication, entertainment etc. Schoolchildren rely on the internet and net neutrality more than ever before for homework, school projects, and current events and making our nations schools pay a higher premium so their students can access their now-online resources would once again put low-income families and areas of our great nation at a great disadvantage. Additionally seeing as how under the first amendment all U.S. citizens have the right to a free press and many U.S. citizens nowadays get the news and current events from online services I feel as though the preservation of Net Neutrality is crucial to upholding my and all of our first amendment right to a free press. I feel as though it is government's responsibility to protect the people and instill as level a playing field as possible for people of all colors, genders, sexual orientations, faiths, and INCOMES. However, seeing as how allowing cable companies to kill net neutrality actively contradicts the key responsibility of government I sincerely hope the FCC will do the RIGHT thing and rule against cable companies and for the continuation of Net Neutrality.
—Matthew, Staten Island, NY

There are many, many things I could say on behalf of net neutrality, but inthe end, what it comes down to is this is just another step in a long line of changes cable companies have enacted to screw everyone for the sake of their own bloated profits. You already know allowing this to pass is stupid, you don't need me to tell you why, thousands of others already have. What we really need is a revamping of the FCC to allow it more power to regulate the cable companies who are screwing the American people through effective monopoly. So take thiswhole stupid issue off the docket, it didn't deserve to be there in the first place. Instead, fire the dingo you lot call a chairman and reevaluate how you treat cable companies as a whole. They need to be subject to the same regulations as phone companies are, as I for one can attest to how important the internet is for daily communication and I hate the fact that my options for cable companies comes down to literally two choices, and thats a step up from some other places I have lived. Monopoly is the death of innovation, and there is far too much monopoly in America nowadays.
—Eric Chavez, Austin, TX

In a world overrun with corporations controlling nigh every element in our lives, it is nice to know that somewhere exists where every person has a voice that can be heard and isn't washed out by big businesses' constant roar. Taking away net neutrality will abolish our one way to be on equal playing ground with the minority of assholes with all the money.
—Anne Y., Bellevue, NE

Net Neutrality is important because I make my living as a math tutor through my website and the online tutoring agency through which I am employed.
—Teal Cyko, Aurora, IL

Net Neutrality ensures that numerous voices are heard, not just those who pay the most money. The internet becomes a place of expression and education, it'd be a shame that it be made into some marketing platform for an industry that whose main interest is in a bottom line. Net Neutrality, for however lame this sounds, protects the concept of the "American Dream" by ensuring everyone's voice can be heard, that's why Net Neutrality means something to me.
—Brian Bar, West Columbia, SC

This is your chance to protect the American public from those with so much power and influence that they cannot otherwise be stopped. I hope that you will use that chance wisely and maintain Net Neutrality.
—Lee Waite, Mattoon, IL

I believe in net neutrality because the internet should be open to all and not just the ones with the most money.
—Jeremy Crook, SPRING GROVE, IL

Small business is important in America. Net neutrality ensures small businesses have equal footing with large companies online, therefore supporting a free market.
—Bradley Dare, mason, OH

Net Neutrality allows anyone to contact the government and tell them what's what.
—Colin FitzGerald, Eden Prairie, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because our corporations are already too powerful. Cable and phone companies shouldn't have the power to decide who gets what and at what speed.
—Jennifer Beck, Sioux Falls, SD

Because I don't want cable companies to be able to decide what news I get. The United States of Comcast sounds like a horrible place to live in.
—Brian Fleming, Minneapolis, MN

I dont want out of touch old white men decided what the internet is.
—Seth, Knoxville, TN

Net neutrality allows for entrepreneurship that made Facebook, Google, Amazon and Netflix what they are today. Allowing a tiered system robs Americans of the opportunity to compete on an even field, in order to enhance profits for already-successful companies. Verizon, AT&T and Comcast should be regulated as utility companies are. Do not diminish the freedoms of all Americans for the benefit if the wealthiest few. Do the right thing.
—Jeff Scott, Omaha, NE

Allowing companies to control the greatest modern achievement the world has seen is downright wrong. Period. You should be ashamed if you at all feel that isnt the case.
—Robert Didato, danbury, CT

Leave things as they are
—Andre, Washington dc, CA

This is the most stereotypical case of big business attempting to crush the rights of average citizens in this day and age. Look at the millions in lobbying funds they've thrown, look at the millions of outcries included here, and it should be obvious which side the majority of Americans support. Whether by making broadband a public utility or pursuing some other form of resolution, net neutrality must be preserved.
—Jacob Wise, Westlake, OH

If you believe in capitalism, in the opportunity for anyone to improve their status and standing in the world, then you should support net neutrality. A world where Joe the millionaire can afford the fee to hawk his homemade wares online with reasonable internet speed but Laura can't, even if her goods are just as well made, is not a world that encourages the innovation that has made the internet the most valuable resource we have today.
—Skye, plano, TX

Really really? what the fuck is wrong with you people. this is why we hate the government. why the fuck would you destroy Net Neutrality. ASSHOLES
—Mordechai, lakewood, NJ

Net neutrality is hugely important to me, I have two young daughters that enjoy learning websites that don't tend to include YouTube, Netflix or any of the other sites that will be able to afford to pay whatever ridiculous fees that providers may require of them. Comcast has already lost my business for taking too much of my money, how much do they really need from websites?
—Stacey Dyda, Ypsilanti, MI

The open Internet has become the principle medium through which we express ourselves and through which we access information. The Web is our debate hall, it is our printing press — it's our paperboy. Journalists, artists, governments and innovative thinkers have relied on the open Web to collaborate and to usher our culture into the future. But broadband providers are not the Internet. They are simply the conduit and the pathway that we use to get online. To install broadband providers as gatekeepers of that open platform strips communities and individuals of their power and hands it to corporate behemoths like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast. What were once rights to access and disseminate information may become privileges of a chosen few. And this country was founded on those rights and in acknowledgment of our basic need for our speech to be delivered without discrimination. This is why I urge Chairman Wheeler and his fellow commissioners to correct course and reassert the FCC’s clear authority over our nation’s communications networks.
—Dutch Conway, Easthampton, MA

Why is this still happening? Why is this issue still considered an issue? Why are you people taking so long to see what Comcast, Cox, Verizon and others are doing? They want the ultimate control of internet speeds so they can make more money! It helps no one but themselves if they get what they want! Do you people actually believe that bandwidth is this finite, un-renewable resource?! It is absolutely ridiculous! Why are we forced into paying the amount that we are paying anyway for the piss poor speeds that we get!? Look around the world and see what other countries are paying and the speeds they are getting for that price. It almost seems like a joke when we make those comparisons. It does not take a rocket scientist or brain surgeon to see that Comcast's public approval is terrible. No one likes them. They have to spend millions and millions of dollars to give the mirage that people think they are hip and cool. Let's end this stupid back and forth. Let's put Verizon and Comcast in their place and shut them up and tell them to do their jobs. Their jobs are to offer a UTILITY to the public that should be affordable, accessible, and un filtered like all other utilities we use.
—Dillon, Nashville, TN

Do we really want to fall behind the rest of the civilized world in this category too? We are setting up a future generation to fail among their world-wide peers in order to line the pockets of large corporations. And our young people need a free and easily accessed internet. Our society is giving away too many things to monopolies. This isn't capitalism at its finest. It's a system that has been gamed, and a government that is cooperating with it. Please keep our internet equal and free.
—Amy Sage, park city, UT

The internet is the last bastion of equality between men of equal statuses. A forum where both the richest and poorest have equal opportunity to express and share globally, at the same speed, regardless of net worth. My cable company already could care less about me as a consumer, and trusting a cable company to not take advantage of me to make a buck? That is absurd (see Gigabit internet).
—Joshua Barker, Arlington, TX

We do not need any more corporate control in this country! If net neutrality goes, one of the most important mediums of communication and information sharing will be corrupted by the greed of the cable companies.
—Justine, Philadelphia, PA

The Internet belongs to all of us, not cable companies.
—Kevin, Lafayette Hill, PA

Please reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service.
—Lincoln Caulbre, Bolingbrook, IL

Control of essential resources should not be left solely in the hands of the corporations in the United States. These companies have proved themselves incapable of self-regulation, and ending net neutrality can only make this worse. This will increase costs for the consumer, while at the same time providing a less effective, lower quality product. Although I wouldn't say that I fully trust the elected officials in the United States, at least they were elected, not appointed by a company seeking only to make increased profits. Please ignore the lobbyists hired by these telecommunications companies in the interest of fairness, and do not let the inequality of the real world spread to the cyber world as well.
—Noah Petersen, Otis, OR

I support net neutrality because I don't want to pay more money for my crappy internet connection. Also, I don't want the greedy cable companies to make even bigger profits.
—Joe Caruso, Atlanta, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because big cable sucks big dick. They play with the consumer and milk us for every last penny they can get their hands on. People are too stupid to question anything and big cable knows this and takes advantage. Who's regulating their bull shit? I thought this was America? But then again the America of today is one ruled by corporations where the people have no power to change the status quo. I'd rather we lived in Nazi Germany. At least then people can realize the threat that imprisons them and can rise to fight back.
—John Jernigan, Trenton, MI

You shouldn't make people pay for something that should be considered a utility. If that's not good enough, you shouldn't artificially create a needless service like "fast lanes." You're only making up definitions so you can put a price on it. Seriously, does profit really have to define everything?
—Zack Stanczak, Henderson, NV

Net Neutrality now and forever. Or, you know... keep fellating that corporate knob. Better slow down all access to sites showing how to build guillotines though.
—Steve Martin, Chalfont, PA

Net neutrality is important because it allows fair access to all internet content, not just the sites who pay these internet monopolies for increased internet speed.
—Dan Menet, Birdsboro, PA

Corporations already strangle people and the planet to death with astonishing greed. Why is it a good idea to give them more control over what information people have access to? The greed never stops, it just keeps devouring. Keep the net neutral.
—Dennis, St petersburg, FL

The internet is allowing most people to communicate freely with each other. This historic invention should be a utility, and not one that wealthy people/corporations can hold hostage in order to become wealthier.
—Mr. Jay Sickorez, Ayer, MA

Internet access, like electricity and water service, is a public utility and service. Any claim to the contrary is, in my opinion, nothing more then further corporate greed. It is neither supported nor wanted in our household.
—Charles Lyddon, Des Moines, IA

As a university student, I use the internet more than once a day. I check my email, I do research, I watch cat videos, etc. It boggles my mind that there is even a debate over this. How can this be a free country, if we get rid Net Neutrality? The incentive that big companies have to fight this is enormous, but it's not what the youth of America want, it's not what the voting populous of America wants, it's what cable companies want. Please don't let them steamroll over the democracy we have to tell them to go to hell.
—Seth Martin, Novelty, OH

Net Neutrality is critical to the continued growth and success of the American economy. Cable companies cannot be allowed to create pay-lanes for content; too much of our economy and nearly every industry depend on the internet - that's too much power for the internet service provider industry to have
—Benny Reese, Harrisburg, NC

I think the Internet should be free to grow and expand as it has for the past 2 decades. I don't want money and Lawyers to turn the Internet into another tv... we pay for just what they want us to see. Net neutrality keeps the telecommunications companies from having a mo I poly on our culture.
—Joseph Sekavec, kansas city, MO

Net neutrality is vital to the development and continued existence of the internet. If net neutrality goes away, so too will many of the great online service that we all enjoy.
—David, phoenix, AZ

We need increased competition among ISPs and heavier oversight. Make the internet a public utility and allow for local governments to provide easements to foster competition.
—Darren Bertagnolli, Seattle, WA

It isn't just important to me. It is important to my children and grandchildren. I may not have them yet, but I do want to make sure the future is as amazing and great as it can be for them. No net neutrality means that their lives could become limited to what a few rich and greedy men want it to be. It could mean that should one of my children thinks of the next big thing for the internet that they won't be able to make that idea a reality. It could mean that someone would have the power to limit not just speeds but information and services that could make the world better. Make net neutrality a reality.
—Taylor Hubler, Pacific Grove, CA

Corporations should not get to decide whose "speech" is more important. Everyone should have the same speed of access. Access to information should be equal to all.
—Eric Phillips, Bridgeport, WV

Cable companies already richer than God, why do they need to bleed us dry for more money? How many fucking yachts does a person need before he decides he's rich enough? this has nothing to do with civil liberties or anyone's rights, all this does is allow corporations to fuck over normal people. Knock it off.
—Jess, Oakhurst, NJ

net neutrality is important and need it survive to keep the net free and open to growth
—Kurt, lincoln, NE

Its important because it is the most incredible and powerful resource created since Gasoline and Electricity. To give absolute control over this resource to corporations would cause irreparable damage to innovation. I don't even need to say this. There are few legitimate people that think losing net neutrality is a good thing in this country, especially in this political environment. The last thing anyone wants to see is more power going to the already wealthiest US citizens, what more would this actually accomplish if not that? it benefits such few people that the ones it would benefit have to use their money to raise a facade of support for their cause. and its just that, a facade. NO REASONABLE LOGICAL HUMAN LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD WANT THIS UPON UNDERSTANDING THE INTERNET ECOSYSTEM AND HOW IT WOULD EFFECT IT. (theres no way this will ever be read but if it does, thanks...whoever you are)
—Tyler, Burlington, VT

Net Neutrality is important! As we adapt this relatively new technology into our centuries old culture, what we do here and now will reverberate into the future. Imagine how important the internet will be in 100 years. Everyone and everything will use it in literately every aspect of life. We cannot allow an important public utility that is and will be tied so closely to our day to day lives, to be controlled by a hand full of private enterprises without any representation of the people involved.
—Timothy Albert Rascher, Sacramento, CA

For years Congress and the FCC have allowed cable companies to have local monopolies. So if I would like to subscribe to a cable company I have 1 choice. Now, you are going to allow those same poor, impoverished corporations to control what content is delivered to me though the throttling of any site which either does not pay them enough or simply says something the company doesn't like. How is that free enterprise?
—Sean C. McCarter, Los Angeles, CA

Please keep large corporations that do not hold the interest of the public in mind from making even more money at my expense. Leave the internet as it is because it is working perfectly fine.
—Reed, Lawrenceville, GA

The internet is now an nearly universally needed commodity in modern America. Like water and electricity it should be classified as a utility.
—Chris Weixelman, Aurora, CO

Preferential treatment for certain content will kill the internet. Grow a spine and stand up to companies whose own customers can't stand them!
—Ian MacLaren, Pensacola, FL

The basic idea of the internet was access to information without any barriers or discrimination. Ending Net Neutrality makes another barrier for people to obtain knowledge and hampers progress.
—Alex, San Jose, CA

Because all content should be equal.
—Nicole Erickson, Hillsboro, OR

Net Neutrality is important because allowing private corporations to regulate the bandwidth allowed to private citizens is equivalent to letting a private corporation determine how much speech one is allowed to have online. In other words, intolerable and in violation of the the spirit of free speech.
—Mr. Gregory Black, Durham, NC

The corporate cable and internet hegemons are insane. When is there ever enough profit for them to justify their God-awful cable and internet service? The amount of gall they have to declare the Internet as their plaything is the final insult. The Internet is a public utility, not an oligarchy's cash machine.
—Collin Zine, Roseville, MI

Internet, much like our public roads and institutions, should be available to all. There should not be a means in which certain special interests and companies have greater access to the web than the common individual.
—Charles, san diego, CA

Net Neutrality is easily the most import issue I've seen come up in my generation when it comes to protecting the public's rights. If the internet were allowed to be chopped up and sold off piece by piece, it could well mean the end of it, which is exactly what the cable companies are after. With their shrinking market and growing competition, they try to target and destroy the internet for the sole purpose of making sure everyone stays entertained by paying a $100+ a month to them as opposed to getting entertainment for free on sites like youtube, or paying a reasonable amount to sites like, Hulu, Netflix, and Crunchyroll and the like. I have no problem with corporations trying to make money, that is the entire point of corporations. I do have a problem however with corporations trying to make money by taking away citizen's rights. Unlike what some companies might have the public believe, getting rid of Net Neutrality does not support free speech, but violate it. By only giving a proper a proper amount of bandwidth to the sites that are paying them the most money, it is their way of telling us what we can learn or post on the internet, which is supposed to be the place where people have complete freedom of speech to say anything and everything they want free from persecution. Think about it this way, if certain people had the ability to control what people search for on the internet by refusing bandwidth to sites that didn't pay them, what would stop them from refusing bandwidth to sites that spoke out about them, or disagreed with their stances on political, social, or religious issues? If, for instance, an internet provider was strongly anti-gun, could they not slow down, and thus restrict access to any and all pro-gun sites, under the guise of them not paying enough? What if the CEO of a company was extremely religious and took offence to anti-religious websites? What would stop them from simply blocking user access to that site, once again under the guise of that site or company not paying enough? Without the barrier of Net Neutrality, there really isn't much to stop internet providers from controlling what people both see and do on the web.
—Calvin Anderson, Abilene, TX

Net neutrality is an important series of regulations that protect us from exploitation by telecommunicatioins companies. Consider that the federal government heavily subsidized the initial laying of telecomunications lines - i.e., those same lines that these companies use to deliver telephone, television, and internet services. Because the government subsidized them so heavily, it is only fair that the government is allowed to regulate them. These companies do not OWN the phone/cable lines, as they claim - you (refering to the federal government) do! Stand up for yourself and regulate these companies!
—Austin Holzman, Davis, CA

The Telecommunication companies want to run America. Let them kill net neutrality and the next thing they will take over is the FCC. Companies like Google,Facebook, At&t, Verizon and Comcast want all the control just so they can make more money. Green paper is the reason that these greedy corporations want control,after they have it; what will they want next? We must put a stop to this!
—Donald Walker, Highland, IN

The cable companies are already making money off of my monthly cable bill. Then they get more money selling comercials which interupt what I'm watching. Now they want more money for what I view and do on the NET. Enough please.
—Patrick J English, Lake Toxaway, NC

Cable companies are claiming net neutrality is infringing on their freedom of speech, but what happens to the freedom of speech for customers when their small website loads at 1/100th the speed it used to because they can't afford to pay verizon/comcast's fast lane fee? Does this not count as an infringement on an individual's freedom of speech?
—Jonathan Kelley, Statesboro, GA

The internet is practically my life, and I use it for almost everything I do, from entertainment, to work. Without net neutrality, the quality of my internet will almost assuredly drop to near unusable levels at the cost I'm currently paying, and make the things I already do nearly impossible to continue.
—Matthew Ryan Macken, Evansville, IN

Net-neutrality is important to everyone, except those who already have more money than they'll ever need, and those who stand to make more money than they'll ever need without it...period. Everyone else on the planet (99% of the population), is 110% for net-neutrality, as it is our right to choose which sites we visit using the internet access we already pay plenty for, and at the download speeds promised by the contracted provider. Bottom line is this: non net-neutrality is nothing more than a greed-driven violation of our constitutional rights, and it should not, and will not, be tolerated.
—Amanda Suppes, Thornton, CO

Net Neutrality matters because this is a free country. It is unfair and wrong to let corporations decide what information is shared and what information is not. Internet is a basic need, and every human deserves free and equal access to it in all its entirety. It is important that we keep it free and regulate it so that it is kept fair. The american people are tired of our rights and freedoms being sold behind our backs for giant corporations. DO YOUR JOBS. Protect us like you're supposed to. You're people too, so show it. Show the american people that the FCC is in fact made of up HUMAN BEINGS that happen to have a conscience and might have trouble sleeping at night if they ruined the entire internet in the name of corporate greed. Do the right thing and PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY.
—Sam, Bloomington, MN

The internet is for the people. The US government is already losing billions internationally because of being dishonest with the citizens of the world. Please don't allow big corporations (Comcast, AT&T, etc.) to buy better rights for themselves. It's better to live in a world where somethings can't bb bought.
—Joe Archer, South Bend, IN

I work in Litigation Support, which involves hosting databases of email for attorney's to review and analyze which documents to use in pending litigation. It is an industry which makes our judicial system run, and by its nature, exists almost entirely on broadband internet. Not having access to the best internet service available is catastrophic to companies hosting large databases of evidence online. If our clients cannot reach our data expediently, the loss will be felt as added inefficiency in our entire judicial system. Further, a multi-tiered internet system would place an insurmountable barrier to entry for new players in the litigation support industry. A new entrant may possess a previously unheard of way to locate exactly the data a case team needs, but will never be able to leverage their process if they must absorb additional costs just to have access to customers who need the service. The Stifling effect of the multi-tied internet would be catastrophic.
—William Thorn, Ridgewood, NY

This is complete bullshit, and if this goes through i will have lost all respect for the government. I understand this program will make the internet shittier, and at the same time make companies that already have too much money richer. Anybody that approves this looses my support.
—Riordan Taylor, Chestnut, IL

To give a small group of companies basically a complete monopoly on anything is a recipe for disaster. Especially when it's an important resource for the people. Like oil (hint hint). Or the Internet.
—Zack, Geneva, OH

The internet is the one place where true equality can exist, without bias or prejudice. To take away Net Neutrality is to take away the one binding rule that keeps the internet a free, equal haven in a world of division. To remove Net Neutrality would give power to the people who already have too much power, and it would only cripple the communication and globalization of people who need it most. Education would suffer, as cable companies demand more and more money to sustain school and university networks. Only the largest and most powerful corporate websites will function at full levels. My job depends on the internet, and my company is small in comparison to the giants that want Net Neutrality gone. Taking it away from us is taking away our right to do business on a fair playing field. The internet is the one tool that the world cannot afford to lose, the one global resource that gives everyone a chance to be heard or seen. Corporate greed wants to take this away and monopolize it, and basically control free speech solely because they provide the microphone. Do not allow this freedom to be packaged and sold to the highest bidder.
—Patrick B., St Charles, MO

I do not want to be told which websites I cannot go to. If I wish to go to a website that voices an opinion contrary to the multimillion dollar corporation that provides my internet I better damn well be able to. This is a violation of free speech.
—Matt, new york, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I do not want the content I am allowed to consume dictated by the arbitrary values of a corrupt and profit driven third party, which thrives on my oppression.
—J Ndoum, Cartersville, GA

Because with Internet that is not throttled I can skype my family without worries and interruptions.
—Enoch Ching, san antonio, TX

I value the ability to use the internet as I please without large corporations telling me what services I can and can't use reliably.
—Andrew Christiano, Vancouver, WA

Net Neutrality is an important aspect of life today, because the internet is a public forum where people share ideas on an equal footing. It is, in fact, the most equal footing that people have, or have ever had, in the world, allowing the poorest person to stand on an equal footing with the richest, because it is free and available to all. Removing net neutrality would mean that large companies would get to choose the speed at which some pages load, and in this fast moving world of ours, if a page doesn't load, it doesn't exist. This would remove the remarkable equity that exists here today.
—Anahit Hovhannisyan, Redmond, WA

Net neutrality means an even playing field for all consumers. Don't let privately owned corporations take over what should be used for the public good. Don't let private corporations strip the FCC of it's own authority.
—Nicholas Gilbert, Griswold, CT

Giving the cable companies the right to charge internet businesses and companies, or any website for that matter, would be the single most destructive act the FCC will have ever done. You will have effectively ruined one of the most beutiful things the internet has created, the ability for ideas to be shared equally, to be heard by everyone and anyone. Think of wikipedia, which can barely keep itself running on the donations it gets now. Imagine if cable companies decided they had to pay millions of dollars to be able to have the bandwidth required to allow the site to be accessed by the millions of people who use it all over the world. Imagine that collection of knowledge, brought together over years of painstaking work and research, the culmination of mankind's intellectual progress, suddenly no longer available, simply because some asshole is a greedy bastard. Think about it.
—Jacob Linder, Teaneck, NJ

Small businesss would get reemed smalltime blogs would suffer and startups would suffer. Its another way for the rich to fuck the poor.
—Carl, Folsom, CA

My ability to communicate in real time with friends and family in other areas is severely threatened by the loss of net neutrality.
—Jacob Gibson, centerville, OH

If we give up Net Neutrality, we are effectively saying that poor people do not deserve a voice, or at the very least that their voice should not be as loud as that of the rich. Do you think that's what "liberty and justice for all" looks like? I don't.
—Christina, Sterling, VA

Everyone should have equal access to information. It's one of the last few things that are fair!
—Janet, Chicago, IL

I really don't want some giant company fixing prices for information.
—Tracey Ayer, cookeville, TN

True net neutrailty is critical to our further economic and cultural development. ISPs are not people, but are claiming the rights of the people while trampling them at the same time. Technology has become a basic way of life. Without quality online access, the difficulty curve spikes for applying for jobs, completing education courses, finding healthcare providers, and connecting with loved ones. Please do not let the internet become a place of privilege.
—Amie Johnson, St Paul, MN

Access to consistent high speed internet in this day and age is a basic right that should not be subject to the whims of a few corporations operating as monopolies within their markets. Do your job as a government regulator and protect the public.
—Rich Betzing, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is needed to foster true competition. Allowing huge companies to decide who else can and can't do business is altogether worse than any government picking the winners. What has the company that can't get my internet to work done to deserve so exalted a position? Not one fucking thing and everyone at the FCC knows it. They should all be ashamed for even allowing this farce to proceed as far as it has. Furthermore, if the rules do get changed, this will become my #1 issue at the ballot box. I'm tired of my cable bill turning into bribes for appointed and elected officials.
—Chad Boyher, Fenton, MO

Net neutrality allows businesses small and large to flourish. If it had been taken away at the start of Netflix, there would be no Netflix, same as YouTube- prior to it being bought by google. This does not promote the first ammendment in anyway.
—Matthew, winthrop harbor, IL

Because the Internet should not go to the highest bidder
—Clay, Kailua, HI

I'm writing this comment concerning Net Neutrality. While you may get a lot of remarks on how ridding us of Net Neutrality affects people personally, I think the damage would be catastrophic for everyone. The internet has given a lot of people the chance to start their own websites and businesses. If web providers have control over the internet's speed, they can easily sabotage any dissent and competition to their own advantage. Net Neutrality has put everyone on even ground so we all have an equal voice and a chance to succeed. Please keep it this way.
—Rachel Hall, Owings Mills, MD

The millionaires and billionaires and mega corporations of America have gotten their way and ruined everything for long enough. Please don't let them have their way with net neutrality. This is another ploy that will further enrich a very few at the expense of everyone else. Thank you.
—Kyle McQueen, McKee, KY

Because I'm tired of corporations squashing all competition before it can even begin. I'm tired of corporations deciding what I can and cannot access.
—Derrick Carlson, Swampscott, MA

Net neutrality is VITAL to the dissemination of ideas and to continued free speech in the forums of the world.
—Shawn Arthur, Bourbonnais, IL

Can we please stop the argument for deregulation simply because billion-dollar industries throw money at lobby groups? Regulation makes sure every home has enough electricity, that every home is inspected for gas leaks, that humans are fairly getting a utility that they have paid for. ISPs have to play by the rules and can't omit themselves just because they have money to throw at any problems. Broadband for America is made up of executive members from the largest ISPs in the world - what the heck do you think they're going to say? Do something that is right for a change and protect the consumers.
—Christopher Burgess, San Bruno, CA

The cable companies are lairs and jerks. Keep the Net Neutral!
—Todd S, Kalamazoo, MI

It is so important that the internet remain neutral. The internet is a fundamental tool for increasing the openness of knowledge and sharing of information.
—Robert McNamara, washington, DC

Because it preserves Freedom of speech in **my** third world country. Can you imagine how much more fucked over we would become if we had to abide by paying to the highest? Our voices are drowned enough as it is. And we are affected by everything that goes on, considering the US has a couple or more of the internet nodes.
—Ely, Panama, TX

Net Neutrality protects smaller businesses and promotes healthy competition. If ISPs were allowed to charge for "fast lane" access to certain web services they could effectively force out their competition. For example: Comcast also provides television and on demand viewing services. Netflix and Amazon also provides a similar services. Comcast could effectively slow down Netflix or Amazon's web page access to a point where no one would be able to use their service. effectively keeping Comcast with the monopoly of this service. IF these companies decided to pay for Fast Lane privileges to stay alive, either their costs to consumers would go up (leading to people resorting to using comcast's service) or it would Bleed the other companies dry (once again forcing users to comcast's service) or they could effectively use the Fast Lane costs to drive up Netflix and/or Amazon's costs for streaming services which would enable them to raise their streaming service prices forcing price fixing and gouging, which is ANOTHER illegal business practice in this country.
—Seth, Chicago, IL

I am all for Net Neutrality. As a disabled citizen, I am disgusted to hear that Verizon thinks that removing Net Neutrality will help me. I cannot afford to pay more for these faster services.
—Dustin Eugene Slack, West Valley, UT

The internet Should stay neutral. The telecommunications companies have too much power as it is. The internet gives people the power of information at their fingertips. Don't take away what little power the average person has.
—Leah, Manvel, TX

Does the individual human being count for anything anymore? I want my opinion to matter and proof that we have a voice.
—Punleu Kitiyakara, Boston, MA

These companies are going to destroy the entire industry i've built my life around. Web development. Noone will be able to innovate without paying a corporate "fee" to get the fast lane. It wont be a fast lane and faster lane. It will be a slow lane, and an mostly unhindered lane. because if this goes through they wont even have to live up to their current speeds. There's nothing that says they have to. They'll all be so comfortable there will be no need to compete with eachother. Hell, TWC is already "not doing business" in large cities where their competitors are, in return for the same favor. It's greed. Lining your pockets with gold will cost our country the future of online information.
—Dan Gragert, Rocky Ford, CO

Big corporations screw main street and the common man. Get the money out of politics and do your job!
—Jacob Pehl, West Bend, WI

The fact that you can't get a la cart tv programming shows how badly net neutrality is needed. Imagine if you had to pay for gas and a phone line if you just wanted water and electricity.
—Daniel Bolton, Paige, TX

Having a level playing field when it comes to the internet is of enormous importance to me. I enjoy taking to my sisters overseas by using the internet. My homework assignments are submitted via the internet. My TV shows and movies are brought to me through my computer. I need the internet to remain a level playing field so that all my business affairs can be attended to.
—Samuel Klandrud, Brookfield, WI

Net neutrality is viral to keeping the internet as free as our country is supposed to be.
—Harold Bressler, GREENCASTLE, PA

The World Wide Web is an integrated part of basic utilities similar to the telephone service, water, and electricity. I would prefer that since net neutrality is so onerous for the ISP we move them into public utility space and regulate them accordingly.
—David Guffey, Baton Rouge, LA

I do wish for the companies to make the rules about who has the right to faster and /or a slower connection.
—Diana Ramos, San Bernardino, CA

I believe that the internet should be a place of information and growth. Its already is a handy tool for students and ultimate in entertainment. What scares me the most is these big companies trying to take control of that informational freedom. Profiteering from what exploration should be common right, not a limited, subscription service. It is my greatest fear that if we do not keep the internet neutral we, as a nation, will fall further behind other countries in our efforts to advance our students in personal independent education. So, it is my humble request; Keep the internet neutral, for America.
—Tim Condron, rochester, MN

I want to go wherever i want online and not have to worry about the cable companies not sponsoring the sites so they won't load.
—Mike, Seminole, FL

There are very little things that society has a say in. Net Neutrality is one of said things and for some reason big corporations are doing the impossible to change that. I believe that the opinion of corporations should not outweigh the public opinion, which is a complete acceptance and approval of Net Neutrality.
—Fred, San Juan, PR

Net neutrality provides an equal platform for free speech in an increasingly restrictive atmosphere. The internet is really the only place where an average Joe still has a voice.
—Nicole Zwick, Fort Wayne, IN

The internet is one of the last bastions of free speech left in the world today. Please do not let corporate interests become more important than the public's outlet for expression and communication.
—Jordan Hampton, Bowling Green, KY

Offering money to influence how the law is enforced is called bribery. Offering money to influence how the law is made is called lobbying. Your commission is run by a lobbyist for Comcast so what exactly is your purpose?
—Sean Gibson, Beverly Hills, CA

Net neutrality needs to stay! I don't know where to begin explaining why. Suffice it to say that if eliminating net neutrality makes sense to you, you probably are spending too much time in restaurants with Verizon lobbyists.
—Benjamin Kratchmer, Decorah, IA

Our country already has some of the highest costs for internet in the world. We don't need the cable companies to get richer thru no actual effort of their own just to make everyone's internet experience worse. Plus this would be one more thing in this country preventing new business. How could anyone compete with an already established website that has the money to pay for faster service without already being well funded.
—Jameson LoSavio, Hoffman Estates, IL

Net Neutrality is vital to all as it allows equal and fair access to every individual, allowing them to make their own choices on what they see and do as opposed to being forced to look at other options due to a deliberately slower connections.
—Dominique Jones, Seattle, WA

Without it, academic research will be held back by restricted access to research articles and vendor websites.
—Alvaro Amor, Somerville, MA

Freedom of Speech. By letting companies choose what we can see is censorship in the hands of corporations.
—Tyler Z, Cincinnati, OH

We absolutely cannot let lobbyists define the internet. The internet is truly of the people, by the people, and for the people and it must remain so.
—Mark Pollard, White bear lake, MN

There is no reason to give companies like Comcast and Verizon the ability to decide what internet businesses will thrive and which won't. Also, it seriously hampers the notion of a "free market" for the online community and kills competition in that arena
—William Buchala, matawan, NJ

I am firmly for net neutrality. How about we allow competitors to begin selling services in the same area as the cable companies? Information needs to travel at the same speed no matter who sent it to a user. If you give the cable companies any more monopoly we won't have a voice in so many things. It will be another step in the direction opposite of the people. You will be going against the grain of your country and toward that of tyranny. It is your job to keep the internet and our other forms of mass communication neutral so that we may all have equal freedom of speech. If my website or blog is slow because I can not pay for quicker downloads, that will affect my ranking on search engines. In turn, this will kill my profit margin and drive me from business. You are tasked with the job of keeping the airwaves open for the people. Ensure our internet stays neutral. No information should eve be treated as less important.
—Zechariah Blanchard, maitland, FL

Net neutrality is the most democratizing force on the planet today. Dismantleing it will be one small step for corporate profits and one giant leap toward autocracy and despotism.
—Aaron Anderson, Murfreesboro, TN

I'm done feeding the hungry system. Keep at least ONE thing in this country free. C'mon guys...
—Jonathan Beauregard, Glendale, AZ

FCC, if you need me to tell you why it's a horrible, terrible, screwed up idea to let the cable companies control the internet in the way that doing away with net neutrality would allow, then we're all already screwed. When has it ever been in the best interest of the people to let corporations make decisions for them? If you do away with net neutrality, you are handing unprecedented power to private corporations. The internet is how we get our news, our entertainment, how we connect with loved ones who are far away, and how we do our work. If you let the cable companies decide who gets what kind of internet, and at what speeds, you give them control over our lives, which sounds like hyperbole, but is, alarmingly, not. Put regulations in place to make sure all people are created equally, and that we all have equal, easy access to the internet. If you don't, you're choosing dollars over people.
—Amanda, Talent, OR

The mere fact that this has gotten as far as it has is unsettling. This is supposed to be a Nation where all the people have an even say in how their lives are regulated, but it's becoming more and more clear that congress refuses to listen to public opinion and, instead, only listens to the almighty dollar. WE THE PEOPLE have no more say in how our country is run unless we, somehow, find a way to make billions of dollars a year. ELECTIONS aren't even based off of the candidits ability to run a nation anymore, just by how much money he has. Money was created as a means to incentivise people into doing important things for the well being of the nation, but people have taken that ideal and have equated it to power. Somebody needs to change the way things are, before this ship sinks into a river of pennies. So just ask yourself this one question, are you really to give up your humanity for imaginary power?
—Blake Koeller, west jordan, UT

You cannot let the cable companies control who has access to what parts of the web. Make broadband internet a public utility.
—Sara lyons, Arlington, VA

Quite simply, internet access is no longer optional. So many services require internet access or always-connected internet service that the thought of leaving corporations that have a well-documented history of anti-consumer and anti-competitive behavior in charge of the future of the internet and my freedom to access information is appalling. The level of lobbying and fake consumer groups created by the telecommunications industry tells you everything you need to know about net neutrality - buying friends means that you have none. I expect the FCC and the federal government to represent the interest of the people, not the corporation that spends the most and makes the most noise.
—Todd Morton, Seattle, WA

Please protect net neutrality, and the interests of citizens, instead of a few powerful, dishonest corporations.
—M Bardallis, Allen Park, MI

The majority of the websites I use would never be able to afford to pay for speeds that Facebook and the likes would. They would most likely shut down entirely, rather than pay increased costs to keep the site alive. Net Neutrality preserves the basic conceit that anyone can go online at any time and have a voice. When you have to pay for that voice, freedom of speech dies. Might as well include the order for its gravestone when you kill Net Neutrality.
—Jacob, Midlothian, VA

This shouldn't even be an issue. Really!?!
—Beth M Roth, Idaho Falls, ID

The internet as we know it now has created innovation and brought the world closer together. How does putting that power in the hands of a few companies benefit the people? When you can answer this question is when I will buy into no net neutrality but not before. Net neutrality only benefits the people making money. No Net Neutrality Please!
—Todd Carnley, Marietta, GA

Personally, I think if you can't even get big corporations to agree to this, it speaks to the atrocity of matter. Ending net neutrality will kill the internet. I think it's odd the internet service providers don't see this. It will essentially take the voice of the little guy away, kill small business and feed monopolies. This is coming from a person who strongly disagrees with government intervention in most parts of the citizens life. If net neutrality is eliminated, it will seriously take away every bit of hope that the government is capable of any real good. Please do not let this come to pass.
—Joseph Langhammer, Fort Campbell, TN

In short, protecting Net Neutrality is the right thing to do. Leaving aside the fact that limiting people's access to the Internet is akin to a lazier, more insidious version of fascism, abolishing Net Neutrality ignores one simple fact: ISPs really don't have much leverage here. Yes, they're providing access to the Internet, but access is useless without quality content. If you slow down the access to the content, then the quality will degrade, eventually scuttling the entire entity. It'll create a wasteland populated by ads with no one left to see them. I want a useful, efficient Internet. Say no to abolishing Net Neutrality.
—Megan Tregler, Downers Grove, IL

It is important that cable companies not be allowed to pick and choose who gets access to such an important source of information based on the amount of money one has.
—Daniel, Minneapolis, MN

I think net neutrality is an important issue that I support and should not be ignored.
—Jonathon Porter, Lexington, KY

Net Neutrality is awesome, and the only reason anyone would want it gone is because they are a money hungry asshole. Are you guys money hungry assholes?
—Jason Ferris, Madison, WI

To put it simply, net neutrality benefits the people, while removing it benefits cable companies. Now, personally, I thought that the government was kind of supposed to favor the people over truckloads of corporate money, but I might be wrong on that one. But that's fine. If you feel like letting cable companies stifle the greatest invention humanity has ever developed, you're free to do that. Whatever. It's not like you guys haven't categorically screwed over the American people before.
—Mark McLean, River Pines, CA

I cant believe this is actually a discussion. Im already at the mercy of about 3 isps because there are no other options on providers. Now these same isps want the ability to charge on top of the already ridiculous charges (for speeds that cost more and slower then other countries) to use specific websites. Dont they make enough money already? This benefits consumers how? I thought the FCC was supposed to protect citizens from this type of behavior
—Ashton, houston, TX

Net neutrality is a fundamental requirement for maintaining anti-monoply measures in an online marketplace. A single-operator small business run online can currently, through diligent effort, reach just as many potential customers as international megacorporations, allowing competition to occur in whatever niche market the smaller company operates in. The scales will remain different, however the end of net neutrality would permit the utter strangulation of small online businesses, that simple difference in scale ensuring that the larger corporations can simply buy up the available bandwidth, outbidding everyone else to even be able to be seen or heard. Lawmakers have a duty of care to those they govern, to educate themselves on the realities of a situation, not just what the most expensive lobbyist has to say. The 'best interests' of megacorporate America and the rest of the population have very rarely coincided.
—Kite Winters, Huntington Beach, CA

The internet was designed in part by ARPA as a way to spread information between their disparate facilities. From its conception, the internet has always been about the freedom of sharing information. Unless you completely enforce net neutrality and protect our access to information, the companies will attempt to pull as much money out of it as they can. There is not enough competition in telecommunications to protect the consumers. Therefore, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to protect us. In the 1700s, America had one of the most effective Postal service in the world. This postal service helped distribute newspapers. It was these newspapers that told people about the injustices of the British government. Spreading information has always helped America, doing anything to limit the spread of speech is unpatriotic.
—Dustin, Caribou, ME

Net neutrality is the new frontier of free speech. With all sorts of trades, services, and careers emerging in cyberspace, the American people cannot afford to forfeit their rightful access to the web for the monopolizing whims of corporations like Verizon and AT&T, who would stifle their freedom of speech.
—Riley Buttner, Fairfield, PA

The Internet is among the greatest achievements of the modern age, allowing access to more information than mankind has ever had before. It has grown this way because of the free and unbiased nature that the data is treated. If ISPs can determine who and what will be charged more and differently, they will edge out people who have competing products they want to get out there (since most ISPs have media products themselves and would grant more access to their own services and less to competitors). Furthermore, most ISPs have a geographic monopoly or duopoly already... and that needs to stop too. Net Neutrality preserves the nature in which the Internet has grown and allows more innovation, creativity, and access for all. Thank You.
—Daniel Ian Deitsch, Lansdale, PA

Net neutrality protects small businesses. As a 4th year veterinary student, I understand the importance that a clinic website has to the success of a practice. Eliminating net neutrality would provide an unfair advantage to larger corporate clinics that can pay higher prices for faster access to their sites. This policy hurts small and start-up businesses. Please do not end net neutrality.
—Tara Herold-Eichhorn, Saint Paul, MN

Net neutrality is important to ensure internet patrons have access to all the information they need. In a society where not every news source and commentary can afford fast lane service, it's vital that their websites remain easily and quickly accessible to keep news circulating properly
—Nathan Hancock, Bryantown, MD

Net neutrality allows true freedom of speech. Everyone who has a blog or website, no matter how small, has an equal voice under net neutrality. Allowing corporations to determine how neutral or otherwise they wish to make their service benefits no one but the corporations themselves. Hey, did I mention that the corporations' executives are among the only groups protesting net neutrality?
—Katherine, Arlington, DC

Please do not give your support to the end of net neutrality. As it currently stands, the internet is still a place where we have the ability to go from a humble beginning and compete against the giants in whatever business we as citizens choose to try our hands at. This is the very essence of the American Dream. Beyond this, the internet is a vast source of information, information which has the potential to educate and enrich lives. It is a place where we can discuss matters, whether or not they be of any significant consequence, regardless of whether my ISP agrees with what I am discussing. I'm not saying this would definitively happen, but it definitely opens up the possibility. For example, if a certain political party decided to give concessions to an ISP, without Net Neutrality, the ISP could then throttle services to the other political party in an effort to damage their campaign. On another note, abolishment of net neutrality opens up a host of potential power abuse; not only against individuals, but also against businesses. Take for example what happened with Comcast and Netflix just recently in the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014, where Comcast throttled the streaming speeds it was providing Netflix as a strong arm bargaining tactic in order to reach a deal that Comcast considered favorable. The kind of power that puts into the hands of the ISP companies can only lead to decreased competition and inflated prices of services. Yet another point to note is the fact that the current head of the FCC has a major conflict of interest. Thomas Wheeler was a major lobbyist for the cable and wireless industry. This obviously represents a major conflict of interest which does not allow him to represent the interests of the American people. This is just brief synopsis of some of the reasons which I support Net Neutrality. And I hope that maybe someone will see this and take the thoughts of the citizens into account. Micah Schmal
—C4real365@hotmailcom, Spartanburg, SC

Net Neutrality keeps big business from shitting on everyone everywhere. Just remember that any single way the big companies can make money off of us they will and that includes whoever is reading this at the FCC.
—Joseph, rome, GA

Net neutrality is needed for the progress of scientific research. If scientists can not easily and quickly access information they need online to assist in research then research will come to a stop. One of our greatest exports is scientific knowledge and progress. If we lose that, we lose our competitive edge in the field worldwide.
—Seth Litvin, Ashburn, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use all arrays of websites: from Google to small indy websites.
—Edmund Wu, Chicago, IL

Let's face the facts - the cable companies are putting out bullshit about Net Neutrality, and they're paying members of Congress to do their dirty work. So the question is, FCC, are you all going to be just another shill for giant corporations, or are you going to do your JOBS and create a decent Net Neutrality regulation? We're waiting. We're listening. And we're not stupid.
—Rosemary Williams, Kansas City, MO

The internet is a beautiful marketplace of ideals. As a teacher and a lifelong student it is important to me that internet delivery remain neutral. Companies making sites pay for loading speed will shrink the offerings down to only a few companies who can afford to pay making America's children less informed and less motivated to use the internet for anything other than Facebook and games. While it may benefit the government to keep us stupid, it does not benefit our economy and we will be left behind as China takes our position as global leader.
—Olivia Basham, Arlington, TX

The internet is one of the most important things we as a species have ever done. Connecting people all across the world is a beautiful thing. If we start limiting access to certain cites because the owners have not paid enough money to a company that streams the internet to people, we are limiting everyone's access to information. It doesn't end with just one cite losing traffic, it ends with all of us losing the thing that allows all of us to connect to each other.
—Jessica Hansen, Ogden, UT

Net neutrality is important because like telephone before it, the inter net should be treated as a public utility, not one in which the economically disadvantaged are treated less fairly and denied the same access to these virtual airwaves. Please maintain adequate regulation of the internet service providers, enforce true net neutrality and don't let private companies put profits over equal access to all.
—Justin Boise, Hialeah, FL

Living outside a city, I have absolutely terrible internet speeds already compared to everybody else. In terms of the nation at large, my speed is ranked at a D+. And now with Comcast trying to buy Time Warner, and lobbying for the removal of net neutrality, it could take ages for a page to load. Well, a page that doesn't pay Comcast to let it load. Not only are we on the verge of a monopoly (the only ISPs in my area are Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T), as AT&T is too expensive, and Comcast will swallow Time Warner, we are on the verge of freedom to information becoming controlled by massive megacorporations. The nineteenth century has long since passed, we shouldn't have to deal with corporations owning (portions of) the government.
—Logan Stipe, Hales Corners, WI

A free and open internet is a must for innovation. How can the next Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, etc even get off the ground if they have to spend insane amounts of money to get their product to the consumer? What about the existing players mentioned above? If they have to pay extra for this "fast lane" where do you think that money is going to come from? The consumers are the ones who are going to pay for it. Internet Service Providers should be 'dumb pipes' and nothing more. They should not be allowed to create and distribute content if it means prioritizing their in-house services over competing services. Americans are already not getting the speeds they are paying for, and a lack of net neutrality/Title II classification just opens the door for more abuse by internet providers trying to squeeze more money out of their customers. I suppose citizens could just switch to a competing broadband provider....no, wait, they often can't because there is so little broadband competition; many people have one choice, two if they are lucky, though that usually means choosing the lesser of two evils. Please don't tell me satellite internet is a viable alternative; the latency prevents real-time applications from working properly and the data-caps, while necessary for the technology, severely limit the type/amount of content that can be consumed. If there is a "fast lane" on the internet, by definition there must be a "slow lane". What happens when everyone subscribes to "priority" internet? Have you ever been to an amusement park where the "fast pass" lines are just as long as the regular lines? Yeah. The only people who are happy with that situation are the park owners who reap the profit. We CANNOT let this happen to the internet.
—Adam Simons, Newton, WV

My business interests depend on fast, cheap internet. Also, I am tired if corporations getting more say than individuals. Why don't all the people in America just leave and let the corporations stay. Oh right. Seems weird that the government sides with legal entities and not flesh and blood.
—William C, Columbia, SC

Net neutrality is essential to making sure that I have access to essential internet sites - for example my work. I am a Medical Doctor, and I while I return home, my work may not be complete. I need to access patient information via the electronic medical record via the Internet. The majority of practices/smaller hospitals would find it a major burden to have to pay fees to have fast access to medical records. And having fast access is crucial for adequate patient care.
—Amrik, Louisville, KY

The internet is virtually unique in offering a level playing field for companies to offer services, promoting robust competition and forcing those companies to be responsive to their customers' needs. Because of this, Net Neutrality laws must be preserved. Thank you.
—Louie Brennan, Northville, MI

I am on a fixed income and have limited mobility. The internet allows me to soar in ways my body no longer. Making tiered access would be like clipping my wings, like making me crippled anew.
—Stannous Flouride, San Francisco, CA

Every company should be able to broadcast without having to pay more to get higher speed. The internet should be a level playing field.
—Tom Ward, Moorestown, NJ

The internet has become the new public forum for people all over the world, the new town square for people to meet and discuss ideas without worries of censorship or inequal rights. It's important to preserve as much of the neautrality and impartiality of the internet as possible, seeing as how intergral it is and will become to the lives of everyone.
—Eric B Kannampuzha, Cerritos, CA

Companies should not be responsible for regulating the industry that drives their profits. We should not let these companies become the next ruling body as in a Dutch East India Trading Company-style.
—Manuel Castro, Hialeah, FL

As someone who has essentially grown up with a free internet, I have to say that eliminating net neutrality would be fundamentally wrong. Since it's surge to popularity, the internet has always been the great equalizer, a place where small start-ups of all kinds could flourish alongside larger operations. Cable company wallets are what truly benefit from net neutrality restrictions. The costs far outweigh the benefits in regard to this issue, and I am strongly oppose ending net neutrality.
—Amy, Fort Worth, TX

Net neutrality is something we all deserve.
—Gillian Rosen, Pittsburgh, PA

It would be very, very dangerous for the least liked conpanies in America to have control over our primary source of information.
—Izaya Miles, Rockledge, FL

If net neutrality is taken away, websites that want good bandwidth will be forced to pay cable companies more money. The internet is about the free exchange of information. Not which websites give cable companies the most money.
—Tyler, Cedar springs, MI

Net Neutrality allows all of us to freely express our ideas. If Net Neutrality goes away, then, suddenly, cable companies get to choose how well people can hear us. The internet needs to be neutral, it isn't owned by the cable companies, it belongs to the people.
—Henry Walsh, Douglas, GA

As a consumer who uses internet on a daily basis and have had jobs linked directly to needing the internet to work. I can say that allowing companies like Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and others to do as they please with charging who has the faster internet is absurd. There is even a growing industry with esports right now that you could effectively kill because these companies have the ability to do what they want with internet speed. The american people like having their freedom, it is something that we as a nation like to boast, but under the fine lines are we really free? When you give all the power and money to the people who are already at the top of the food chain does that really give the image of freedom? Or just a totalitarian government who wants everyone else to believe that their citizens are happy. The best thing you can do is to leave the internet neutral for everyone.
—Jay Mosby, Evansville, IN

Net neutrality is important to me so websites aren't on a metered system to deliver content for me. Pay to play will limit content ultimately reducing free speech to those willing to play.
—Dan, Atlanta, GA

I am a young adult entering the workforce. I would like to become a digital entrepeneur one day; this would be simply impossible without net neutrality. Don't kill jobs just because of greedy cable companies.
—Jake Campbell, Salt Lake City, UT

Cable companies should be forced to play fair.
—Donna J Mazur, Westminster, CO

The blatant use of false statistics and general underhand lobbying techniques being used by the cable companies, ISPs and their hired gun special interest groups is part of why the American public has no faith remain in the democratic government. Keep our modes of expression free as they were meant to be by the founders of free information.
—Evan Patrick, Hot Springs, AR

The movement of information is making us as humans more peaceful and intelligent. Please do not allow anyone or corporation, to control or manipulate this freedom of movement in anyway.
—Ashal Calder, Cypress, TX

Of course net neutrality is important! Do you really want cable companies to be in charge of deciding what YOU have access to? It would completely violate the first amendment by giving private corporations the ability to completely stifle any website they deem to be undesirable while promoting only those ideas that support their ideas and/or pay them the most. I recently canceled my cable subscription because my cable company was charging me an inordinate amount of money for shitty, unreliable service that I barely used. At least I had that choice. If cable companies can then decide to charge companies to have faster loading times? The consumer no longer has a choice about what they have access to, and the free market is diminished further. I don't think cable companies should be allowed to legally extort other companies into paying whatever price they want to charge just so people can have access to services. If net neutrality goes away, all the services we take for granted will have to find a way to recover the cost. All of a sudden Netflix is going to have to increase their prices, or lower the quality of available content just to survive, paying for an Amazon subscription could no longer be optional, and Facebook will just have to find even more ways to sell our personal information to whoever is willing to pay for it. Big media companies already have too much power. Don't let their lobbyists fool you into thinking otherwise. Keep the power in the hands of the people where it belongs.
—Sabrina Ramos, Long Beach, CA

Please protect net neutrality and prevent cable companies from creating a so called "fast lane" which will simply raise their profits at the expense of the consumer.
—Alex, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is a critical protection for citizens free speech. Giving large corporations the right to control access to information is a first step to oppression.
—Brandon Craven, Winston Salem, NC

Re-classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Amy Harting, Penfield, NY

Access to the Internet, unfettered, unrestricted, and uncompromised by corporate agendas is how this method of communication needs to be handled. The notion that broadband access is not a public utility, like a phone line, is absurd. Net Neutrality is important to me, my children, and my grandchildren the way freedom is. It will allow us, as a collective, to have access to the knowledge of the world. This is something that belongs to the people, not the corporations.
—Avram Stanton, Redlands, CA

Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon have some of the worst customer service ratings and charge the highest fees of any utility. This alone should be reason to rule against them. They have a service monopoly in most of the communities that they are in. There is no other option for me and I desperately want one. I am firmly against allowing those companies to have the right to dictate any further communications transmissions in this country.
—Charles Brown, Ols Hickory, TN

The internet is the major means of social expression in the developing generations of America. Defining it is difficult because it can be so many things to so many people. When my friends moved out of the state, we were still able to keep in regular contact because of unstrangled broadband connections, which let us video chat and watch movies together. Many people have built careers on the technology as it stands, free and equal. If corporations are allowed to abuse this system, which by every right should be labeled a protected telecommunication service, they will destroy the livelihoods of independent creators and deprive the future of what could be offered. The only reason to remove Net Neutrality is to allow already rich corporations more opportunity to price gouge customers and content creators for money that isn't required to provide the service.
—Ryan Ehlert, shawano, WI

Stop being shills for the telecoms stand for the American people and the future of technology make the cable companies a public utility.
—Nicole R Dickens, Hayward, CA

I don't want my new-born son to grow up in a world that is blatantly controlled by those who have the most money. I want my son to be in a world where information and the ability to obtain it is available to everyone, not just the highest bidder. I want my son to have faith that this government, created by the people for the people, will do the right thing for the individuals that make up this country, not the corporations. This fight isn't about money, it's about the freedom to access information regardless of how much you pay a month for internet access. Do the right thing.
—Brandon Gauchay, Provo, UT

I have the right to search the internet, to create sites for my business and to utilize it without having to worry about cable companies (which are a monopoly) charging me exorbitant fees. Without this, cable companies are essentially thugs who are making money off the backs of hardworking people. We need net neutrality!
—Savreen, Staten Island, NY

In a country where our freedom of speech and rights are slowly being taken from us, Net Neutrality is just one of the freedoms this oligarchy is trying to take from us. We are slowly becoming China...
—Karla Rodriguez, los angeles, CA

Net neutrality is a vital part of our freedom. Just because someone has more money to pay big internet providers doesn't mean they deserve special treatment. Net neutrality must stay, for the rights of everyone.
—Amy Martinez, gladewater, TX

The availability of a free and open Internet is the newest and last bastion of freedom of expression. We now live in a country that has decided that the more money you have, the more access you should have to expressing your opinions (see the Citizens United ruling). The last place where wealth is not inherently tied to having your voice heard is the Internet. It is, frankly, shameful that broadband Internet has yet to be made into a public utility, as it has long passed radio and television in usage for access to information. The idea of deregulating the industry further is simply appalling.
—Kevin Cantara, Spring, TX

Telecommunication Companies should not be helping to write laws that will determine how people access the internet.
—Bill Weller, Essexville, MI

To all of our elected officials: I support net neutrality. I will vote against anyone who does not support it. I will tell relatives, colleagues, and friends to vote against said candidates and ask they spread the word as well. I will do this in person, over the phone, through email, through social media, and if necessary by hand-written letters. It will not matter if your opponent is an independent, democrat or republican. I will vote for them, and in cases where I have multiple choices I will support vote for the candidate most likely to beat you. To telecommunications companies: If your efforts to end Net Neutrality are successful I will cancel as many services as I can that you offer and still be a functioning member of society. I will purchase any such services from competitors that do not share you view. As with elected officials, I will encourage everyone I know to do the same. My cellphone provider is Verizon. I will go to another provider at the end of my contract - which is up soon - solely because of your dogged efforts to end Net Neutrality. Comcast - I will drop your services even faster if you resume your efforts to end Net Neutrality. One reason I switched back to you was because of your public support of Net Neutrality in the Wall Street Journal. I am small. I have little money and even less power. I know these comments will likely never be read by anyone who has any power to decide the fate of Net Neutrality. However, if in the unlikely event they are, I will lend my voice and my support to anyone and any company that favors and supports Net Neutrality - and will stand against those who do not as best as I am able.
—Thomas J Howard, Newton, NH

This is an issue where the interest of the vast majority of American citizens is going up against the interest of a very small, powerful minority. The FCC has a duty to the American people to support Net Neutrality through their actions, not just through hollow words. This is not just a free speech issue but an economic issue as well, as many Americans make their living using the internet in some capacity. Allowing cable companies to charge for preferential treatment will cut off the livelihoods of countless small business owners and entrepreneurs. You have a duty to serve your country, not lobbyists.
—Sarah Benkin, Mt Prospect, IL

The very idea of killing net neutrality is beyond absurd. These ISP's that are pushing for this are the modern day "Robber Barons" of this new century. They are posting profits in the hundreds of millions of dollars and now looking for a way to double that. Please do not now to their corporate greed
—Mason garner, Horn lake, MS

Getting rid of net neutrality will allow companies to extort us more than they already do for their awful, monopolistic service. We have some of the highest rates for some of the worst service, considering America is a first-world country.
—Erin McGinnis, Burlingame, CA

Without net neutrality, not only would consumers only be able to access the sites their provider deems worthy (a provider the consumer had NO CHOICE in subscribing to, as there is only one Internet provider in every region), but innovation would be all but impossible. Without net neutrality, companies like YouTube and Netflix, companies that have changed the face of media, would never have succeeded because providers like Comcast and AT&T would have never let such a potential threat to their cable services be available to their customers. Innovation is of the utmost importance to America's future, but it is also a threat to these established cable companies. They will fight innovation effectively if we let them. As the Internet becomes a more important tool for economic endeavors, allowing net neutrality to be done away with risk putting this country hopelessly behind the rest of the free world.
—Matthew Thomas Percival, Edmond, OK

Internet connectivity is more crucial to many businesses than actual physical transportation. Having a fairly (as in not by private for profit companies) regulated, accessible, reliable, and speedy internet connection is as vital to the economy as open roads. Allowing "fast lanes" (slow lanes and toll lanes) is the opposite of the direction we need to go. If anything, the government should be investing in open, public utility broadband infrastructure to allow businesses reliable, affordable internet anywhere and everywhere (not just where more people and more money are). Letting cable companies write the rules... oh wait, sorry, he works for the FCC now (because we all believe his interest is defending the public)... Letting the cable companies put their lobbyists in empowered places to write the rules for the disgustingly greedy and notoriously despicable telecom companies is a travesty, and will seriously inhibit the growth of the economy in the 21st century. Don't be asshats.
—Max Smith, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet neutral from bigwig CEO bastards.
—Joe, Middletown, OH

I support net neutrality for multiple reasons. First, the internet is a utility created by taxpayer money and thus should be regulated the same as other public utilities. Allowing ISPs to prioritize bandwidth would hamper free speech and competition by giving current market leaders an inherent advantage. This would stop innovative new companies from being able to grow due to an unfair disadvantage. It would also allow ISPs to block political speech they find objectionable. As a citizen and taxpayer I find this unacceptable and demand net neutrality be protected.
—Ryan Glowczewski, Hudson, OH

We have the slowest internet speeds of any major industrialized nation, and the internet is the gateway to economic expansion for all people. People can further their education, start businesses and build their own American Dream. Cable companies refuse to invest in the infrastructure required to upgrade our internet (and therefore, our economic opportunities here and abroad) and this is just another nail in the coffin of expanding and maintaining what is now almost a necessity for every American. Cable companies have no right to interfere with the market by setting the rules,
—Jen Collins, Silver Spring, MD

this country is about equality for all not equality for those who can pay for it. I for one will never cast a vote in favor of any politician who supports an end to net neutrality.
—Don Pirone, Marietta, GA

Net neutrality allows a greater voice for the people. It protects our freedom of speech and our right to choose. If it is ended, it will end any real choice we have, because whoever paid the most to a particular provider will be the only product we can access.
—Cristin Williams, Ocean Springs, MS

The internet is the only reason that many of us are alive right now. The internet has allowed myself, and many others I know who don't have a very large income to find friends from around the world, people who comfort us and keep us going. This may sound like an exaggeration, a bit of a leap, but killing net neutrality will kill actual people.
—Anthony, Eastpointe, MI

Because it keeps the Internet an open forum for expressing opinions and posting content. It also means that small, single-person businesses stand as much chance at success as larger ones.
—Sean Ewing, canton, OH

It's obvious. Come on everyone. Stop trying to control everything. It's not going to work. We are already too powerful as a sentient, growing, awakening human race. Our love will shine through all of the past dogmas, hated and fear. Evil will no longer have a place in this world as it has so in the past.
—Oliver Cole, Norwich, England, AL

Is it too much to ask that big business doesn't run over the ninety-nine percent in every way imaginable? Destroying net neutrality does nothing but continue to marginalize the rest of us and give big business even more power than they already have! Please, do something for the common man this one time.
—Alexander Arthur, Hebron, IL

You guys suck fat elephant cock in hell. And so do all of your cable company lobbiest fucktards. Eat my asshole, then block my bandwidth when I upload the video you fucks. My address is below, I'll be waiting with my camera.
—John Hoffman, Vancouver, WA

Why should the big, rich companies be able to make more money based off of bribery and scheming while the people that pay for their services are disrespected and suffer due to slower internet speeds on sites that refuse to pay up? Net neutrality means freedom of speech, the ability to express discontent and other feelings through the mediums of our choice, the *websites* of our choice, without someone else choosing how long it's going to take for us to be able to do that based on who will shell out the most money. Destroying net neutrality would effectively bring the internet to its knees and give the companies and bigger step up, and larger opportunity to force us, the consumers, to pay more money for services that we formerly received at no extra cost. (First, it's the companies paying for their sites to load quickly; then it's the consumers, allowed to pick and choose which websites they desire access to like a cut-rate plan from a cable company: have our basic package for a few dollars a month, but if you want more than Google and Facbeook, good luck.)
—Allista Ward, Pahrump, NV

Keeping the internet open and free from imposed speed limitations by ISP's is the most important thing to the future and development of of the internet and its culture. Please find a way to stop ISPs from restricting content and speed for the sake of profit. It hurts our economy and it hurst our society.
—Benjamin Carpenter, oakland, CA

Removing Net-Neutrality and allowing ISP's to charge website providers differing amounts based on how fast they want their site to run would be the equivalent of charging business owners extra if they don't want potholes in the road in front of their store front. It is a money grab on the part of the ISP's and will harm the economy by increasing costs to legitimate business's that will (as they always do) trickle down to the consumers. The average consumer is being hit hard enough by increased cost of food and gasoline. In today's world it is difficult if not nearly impossible to be successful and productive without quality internet service. To make us pay more would just be punishing us while rewarding corporations that continuously post larger and larger profits, while ignoring anti-trust laws.
—Doug, PALMYRA, NY

Net Neutrality's important to me because I make websites and don't want to have to pay to have my site load at a reasonable rate.
—Daryl Powell, Kinston, AL

Common Carrier status for ISPs. NO to Fast lanes
—Dan Yemiola, Lexington, NC

Net neutrality is important because it is free speech.
—Kelly, Philadelphia, PA

The Internet is one of the most incredible systems for allowing people to innovate and communicate, and on one of the most level fields humanity has come up with. Unfortunately, the companies selling the infrastructure will find it much more profitable to sell of this level field to the highest bidder. And since running this infrastructure, just like any regulated utility, tends toward natural monopoly, the invisible hand of the market can't correct it by itself.
—Kyle Dassoff, Oak Park, IL

Because the Internet is the great equalizer. It gives the average citizen the same access to the same audience as the largest corporation.
—John Cerio, Solvay, NY

Having lived in Japan for almost three years, the difference in how internet is handled is absolutely appalling. I payed just the same in Japan as I do in the US and as my friends and family do back home, but the bandwidth in Japan was at its worst 10x more than in the US. The US needs to get its act together, put in more lines and bandwidth, and not only catch up but surpass other nations in quality internet access. Cable companies should have no right to dictate what we access, and their proposed changes will forever see us left in the dust of the rest of the world when it comes to internet access.
—Mike O., Wilkes-Barre, PA

The peoples' ability to have unfettered internet access should be given higher priority than the cable companies' ability to make billions rather than millions. Oh, they make billions now? My bad.
—Mark Endress, Livoniaa, MI

The massive, universally hated cable companies aren't wealthy enough? Maybe instead of focusing on screwing with people's wallets and freedom, you could try providing decent customer service for once.
—Timothy Bradford, West Paducah, KY

Dear FCC please retain net neutrality. If net neutrality is eliminated, the FCC is allowing the formation of a natural oligarchy, controlling the media content which we are able to access, an infringement of our first amendment rights.
—Michael, Palmetto, FL

This can't be serious. The internet is open to all and should remain that way.
—Kate, Tempe, AZ

Independent content creators would be stifled due to the cost of publishing, were net neutrality to fall. It would be a massive violation of the use of a public utility and silence people for no just cause.
—Erik Anderson, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality ensures that we, the people, always have an open forum to exercise our rights and freedoms of expression without having to pay a premium for it.
—Jeremy McGarr, Highlands Ranch, CO

It is vital to my personal budget to be able to not pay a ridiculously high cable bill and instead rely on my internet access for news and entertainment. In these very hard exomonic times the cable companies have the audacity to only think of new ways to keep consumers tied to their mediocre cable packages for exorbitant fees. Please don't allow corporate greed to flourish at the expense of the general populace's free speech and access to information. Please protect net neutrality.
—J Uptegrove, Smithfield, VA

I'm a sophomore in Highschool that wants to become a web designer. However, if anti net nutrality laws were to pass, it would ruin almost any chance I have of being able to innovate and do what I love. That is of course creating web content. By slowing down websites that can not pay for "fast lane" speeds, creating the next big social media website would be an impossible dream. Anti net nutrality is nothing more than a money grab from large cable and internet providers.
—Cameron Corliss, Medford, OR

Because cable companies should not get to dictate who gets fast or slow internet. This would be increasing the income gap so prevalent in America now. Keep net neutrality.
—TEMILY Naylor, Blue springs, MO

Net neutrality is crucial in order to keep a select few massive corporations from controlling what information I have access to on the internet. There's no dollars-to-bandwidth conversion; it costs them no more to give me 100% of the possible speed I could have than it does to give me 10%. I'm tired of being lied to, and I'm tired of cable companies being money-grubbing fat cats by charging me too much for service that is typically subpar, at best. And I'm tired of them trying to tell me that I have to pay more to use the internet more when it costs them no more for me to use it all day than it costs for the little old lady down the street to use it once a week.
—Benjamin Sutton, Hattiesburg, MS

Fair play is imperative in developing a healthy new medium.
—Shane Frye, Jacksonville, NC

As volunteer at several not-for profit community health organizations I can genuinely atest to the number of people we have reached through an internet medium. However, there is no way that we could afford increased prices just to maintain decent accessibility to our website. In short, enabling internet providers to throttle access to content created by low paying providers could greatly hinder our ability to aide the community. Furthermore, the deletion of Net Newtrality as it exists would be a massive breach of first amendment rights. Large corporations are not people. We are the people; and it is the obligation our elected officials to protect our freedom of speech not enable the suppression of our voices.
—Brian Di Giacinto, Spartanburg, SC

Unimpeded internet access is the most vital and progressive form of human interaction since the creation of language. For a few big companies to co-opt this technology and mine it for all it is worth is a gross violation of basic human rights. Don't let Wall Street play God with the people's voice. The "Net" must be neutral.
—Don Cely, Greenville, SC

The internet is a collection of everybody's thoughts. Its the entirety of all human knowledge accessible to anybody who has an internet connection regardless of class. We should keep it that way.
—Carlos Valerio, Edinburg, TX

The American communications industry is already effectively a monopoly and giving them more power as they continue to consolidate is damaging to the free exchange of information. More regulation, not less. No more tax giveaways. The entire industry should be made into a public enterprise and managed as a national utility.
—Chris Boehm, Saint louis, MO

Since the federal government has all but destroyed public education as the great equalizer, the internet is the last place that true opportunity exists for all people.
—Charlotte M Morrison, Fleming Island, FL

As a small business owner and father to two kids, net neutrality means that I can grow my business as well as allow my kids access to websites they need for school without having to worry about whether the sites we use have paid their "dues" to the ISPs
—Eric Kirby, seattle, WA

I've experienced a heavily controlled internet in my travels to China and it is infuriatingly restrictive. People should be able to access any information equally and traffic should be decided by the quality of the content and not by profitability and political reasons.
—Benny Zhang, San Francisco, CA

Taking away net neutrality is not fair to the common man. It just makes the greedy cable companies happy.
—Brandon Patterson, Montgomery, AL

Net neutrality is fundamentally free speech and any act or bill against it is unconstitutional
—Marco, houston, TX

Freedom of expression, imagine if rooster teeth was invented in an age without net neutrality. It would have had zero chance of success with speed throttling, preventing it from reaching its full potential as a purveyor of humorous machinima. Same would apply with basically EVERY NET BASED BUSINESS EVER. youtube,facebook,amazon,ebay, arguably craigslist,collegehumor, the list is endless. Keep the net free and equal!
—Alexander Merritt, Claremont, CA

I currently use the Internet to support the competition cable companies are trying to squash. Their competition exists because people are tired of the "traditional" way of entertainment delivery and would rather support a cheaper and more effective alternative than the current monopolies which exist today. Yes, they are monopolies. They've been paying each other off for decades to keep their shady practices going for far too long!
—Melissa Metzger, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet should be a free market where businesses and advocacy groups can put themselves out to the public. Allowing the ISPs to charge companies for better access to the public is wrong on so many economic, ethical, and practical reasons that needing to tell you seems ridiculous. This is nothing more than a good old fashioned mafia shakedown. Pay us or your business goes up in flames. Don't support tactics that are dangerously close to organized crime strategy.
—Joseph Lamicela, Red Bank, NJ

Why is this even an issue? Stopping net neutrality is stopping freedom of speech. It's a violation to our rights. Why care what sites work or not? What the--?
—Isano Tachikawa, Boston, MA

Neutrality has allowed for the expansion of commerce and technology, improving our standards of living, access to information, and the global economy. This neutrality, coincidentally, helped drive the demand for the networks that result in profits for companies now pushing for restrictions. They wouldn't be in a position to bargain without neutrality in the first place. Neutrality keeps the field level for new economies and interests to develop, maintaining the internet as a resource for connecting us to each other in ways we haven't predicted yet. The barriers for entry must be held at bay.
—Patric Buchroeder, Chillicothe, OH

I demand that Tom Wheeler and the FCC protect the citizens of America by designating broadband as a telecommunications service in place of the inadequate Open Internet Order. Net neutrality is imperative to continue the progresses we've made in the past few decades. The internet is more than a service, more than a business. It is the legacy of our generation. Please protect the citizens of The United States of America from monopoly and unfair practices by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Please protect the free exchange of ideas the likes of which our forefathers could never have imagined. Do not offer a foothold for the abuse of the most important and powerful communication tool of our lifetime. Stand up for us, the people of this nation who were created equal and whose thoughts and ideas should be treated equally.
—Jessica Scates, Buford, GA

I see the internet as a thoroughfare for information. If we end net neutrality I think it would be akin to allowing private businesses to charge different rates to motorists for literal fast lanes on the road, they would choke traffic for everyone except those who could afford to pay their high prices. The internet is a bastion for equality, please endeavor to keep it free and fair for all.
—Elijah Brown, Clarksville, TN

Without net neutrality the next Google cannot happen and the internet will become an inefficient oligopoly with no motivation to improve or innovate.
—Scott Hargenrader, Marble, PA

The internet is the only place where people are truly equal and this is made possible in part because of net neutrality.
—Miles Jackson, Overland Park, KS

I've been legally blind since I was born. The Internet has made my life SO much easier in the past two decades, and it did so without using tiered connection speeds. In that same period Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T managed to become vastly wealthy and powerful...also without relying on tiered connection speeds. The Internet is not broken, and anyone who tries to talk you into repairing a vehicle that runs fine is trying to line their own pockets. I know that lobbyists can craft very persuasive claims, and that fact-checking is a tedious and expensive process, but I pray that legislators are clever enough to keep an eye on the legion of websites devoted to cutting through the BS. Let crowdsourcing do the heavy lifting - that's exactly how the Internet has made my life more livable and why I want it to stay tierless.
—Steve Guy, Federal Way, WA

The internet is not a depletable resource like fossil fuels. Treat the internet like it is; a vastly limitless medium that is only confined by our own imaginative will. Everyone pays for a connection to the internet. It doesn't matter where your message ends, the person receiving it has already paid for the right to receive it. Make the internet an open pipe and let open the flood gates of the information age.
—Mike Sponsler, enola, PA

I feel that removing net neutrality will only give major corporations power to eliminate competition and unfavorable views. i. e. Allowing a company to pay an ISP to throttle Internet speed for the unfavorable opinionated site if not completely block them. This is a matter of ensuring a fair market for ideas and services and I thank you for your work thus far maintaining net neutrality and I support your continued work in securing net neutrality.
—Larry J Porter III, Ridgefarm, IL

I believe that cable companies do not have the public's best interest at heart. Giving ISP's control over who can get faster service will choke innovation and does not benefit upstart internet businesses and websites that could compete on a level playing field with bigger companies who can afford "fast lane" service.
—Erik Barnes, Van Nuys, CA

As a cryptographer and computer scientist, the open source initiative is absolutely central in my life. The free flow of information is what allows my field to exist and to thrive, and my experience in the last 20 years of my existence has mostly demonstrated that the same is true of pretty much everything else. The connections we are forging as a society are catapulting us into a technological revolution, and net neutrality is a core piece of that revolution. Without it we will stagnate. Don't let that happen.
—Nicolas Schank, Washington Grove, MD

Evil corporation have enough advantages. Let the little guys have something. Our internet voices are the best and almost only way we have of combating the world. Please don't let Internet/cable companies decide what is said and how we think. That's what they're trying to do.
—Samantha Allen, Anchorage, AK

You're telling me that cable companies are so strapped for cash that they have to basically charge people for premium use? I can't imagine their profit margin is anything to close to airline companies who have to fill every seat in order to make a flight worth the expenses and wages used to haul people across the country. The internet has done fine in it's current itteration and doesn't need big companies trying to exploit it for more money. If they are so desperate maybe they can start an online company or a website where one does not sit on hold for hours only to get in touch with a customer service rep who can't help them anyway.
—Paden Cooper, Englewood, CO

All web sites should load at the same rate. Taking that away is taking away free speech.
—Debby, You don't need to know, CA

Recently there as been issues with Google and Centurylink. Apparently Google has been having a fallout with Centurylink and Google has been throttling their connections Centurylink due to this stupid issue. From what heard it has something to due with Centurylink being cheap, and also something something Google's YouTube quality checker? So yeah, every form of Google service has been moving a lot slower than usual. Everything else is moving fine. I'm pretty this is due to the affects of Net Neutriality being cut. And since Google is apparently for Net Neutriality, so Centurylink must be the one at fault. If I remember correctly, same thing happened between Comcast and Netflix, and THAT was due to Net Neutriality being cut. See all of this horrible events we customers have to go through because of stupid greedy large companies just trying to make more money even if it means causing a great inconvenience to the people of this country? It's terrible. This does not sound like something that should be constitutional. These companies are being allowed to impose on the rights of people's internet access. Restricting their internet access just because they have internet. That is something that should not be allowed. I hope the FCC takes all of these comments into consid eration. Please re-instill Net Neutriality.
—ZXNova, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is fundamentally important. Why would anyone think "fast lanes" are a good idea? Is it because the cable companies see another way to gain money? Yes. It's greed. It's unethical and horribly selfish.
—Ronald Cornelius, cartersville, GA

Net Neutrality is important because the so called "fast lane" cable companies are trying to sell will only be available to websites that have enough money to pay for it. Start ups and independent blogs never get off the ground because they will not be able to afford the bandwidth needed to grow their audience. This has nothing to do with the free speech of the corporations and everything to do with greed and corruption. Our government has already been bought and paid for. I rather the internet belong to everyone not just those with with the money and will power to push all internet traffic to their sites, while silencing creative endeavors.
—Brittany, Jackson, WY

Most of what I want to see on the internet is from smaller organizations or individual people. I like the right to freedom of expression, and the ability to seek out individual voices rather than corporate propaganda. Government is for the people, not the corporations (who won't be people until they have the anatomy to parent a child). Uphold the constitution, the first amendment and net neutrality.
—Kathryn Wilson, Astoria, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because it's one of very few things in the world left unregulated. The regulation of this form of media is nothing but a ploy to line pockets, especially since the consumer base is growing further from cable and closer towards internet. These archaic behemoths (Comcast/Verizon/etc.) Are merely trying to pry into our wallets because they realize their momentous growth will soon dwindle as more recent companies expand like Google and Facebook. By allowing these cable companies to stomp out net neutrality all you're doing is hurting the consumer in a vain effort to keep these thieves afloat
—Steve, woodbridge, NJ

It is the right of every person that net neutrality stay
—Brett Henggelerbrettheng, Overland Park, KS

Cable companies should not get to pick and choose what websites they want to give the best connection to. This gives them way too much power and the ability to hide away their adversaries
—Laura Davis, oxnard, CA

To make the internet more available to the public us very important to me. I have lived in many places and have family and friends in many more places. The things that we all complain about are the bills, the increase of the bills and the seemingly one-sided service. I used to live in an area that was seemingly controlled by Time Warner Cable. This company would increase its rates without notice to the customers. If a customer did wanted to use their own equipment the company would be reluctant to provide support. The one thing that made me displeased with Time Warner was the fact that it seemed to not allow other companies like them into the area. I no longer live in that area now, but things don't change much.
—Mary Roland, Elbert, WV

Keep Net Neutrality or human progress will be set back another hundred years!
—Andrew Martin, Nashville, TN

Then end of the of a internet will bring an end to free speech
—Christopher Edmunds, Naugatuck, CT

Net neutrality must be protected. The ability for small sites to afford fairly priced bandwidth to host text, audio, image and video media helps create jobs for content creators and advertisers. Allowing cable companies to impose pay to play prices on net speeds will neuter small net businesses and kill jobs. Don't let this happen.
—Graig Graziosi, Boardman, OH

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is the exchange of information, and slowing down any part of that information is one more hurdle to human progress.
—Sarah Langer, Tacoma, WA

As we are now in the Internet age, Net Neutrality is the main, if not only, way to protect the citizenry of the USA from having all of our communication / information / entertainment subject to the extortion of a corporate plutocracy--the very thing anti-trust legislation, and common carrier laws were designed to protect. Please do not sell us out.
—Christopher Scollard, Austin, TX

"This is how the Roman Republic destroyed itself. The rich polluted the system with corruption so that it favored them at the expense of everyone else. The commoners endured generations of corruption until a revolutionary with a reformist agenda stood up against the existing power structure and the people willingly embraced his dictatorship." "Net Neutrality is one of those issues where the will of the people is so blatantly and fundamentally obvious, that failure on behalf of Congress to protect it would be, in my opinion, a valid reason not to pay taxes." "Net neutrality's demise would change the internet from a capitalist system into a totalitarian one. Larger websites could bribe the cable companies into denying new competing websites usable speeds while ensuring that their own websites will be much faster, making websites like Amazon impossible to compete with, as new competing websites would not be able to pay the cable companies as much money as Amazon could."
—Em Rogers, huntsville, AL

Internet Service Providers are supposed to provide the means to connect subscribers (customers) to content providers (websites, Netflix, etc). Allowing ISPs to change more for certain content is akin to allowing a State DOT to charge commuters more in tolls because they are going to a particular exit. And their professed need to introduce monthly data caps underscores their executives lack of understanding in the technology they deliver or are purposefully attempting to nickel and dime people more for the same use. Why is there a hard cap per month if ISPs complain about high utilization during peak times? Why would downloading 40 GBs worth of data off peak-times be worse than 20 GBs during prime usage? Again to use a highway analogy, that's like stating that drivers only get to drive 100 miles per month before overages kick in because of rush hour gridlock. If I drive 120 miles during the night, I'll get hit with overages and that still won't do anything about the rush hour gridlock.
—Jordan Larso, Waukesha, WI

As a future educator, net neutrality is extremely valuable to me. The internet is being used increasingly for educational use. If schools need to pay to have better access to certain websites, that will only increase tax dollars. Private companies are not the only ones using the internet. If net neutrality is struck down, this will cost everyone. Small businesses will struggle to get off the ground and the economy will slow down again. I'm not an idiot. I know people are spending a ton of money to lobby net neutrality out of existence. But it's not worth the economy being held hostage by a small number of ISP's. Stringing down net neutrality will help no one in the long run, not even the companies that advocate for it's demise. Please uphold net neutrality. Our future investors depend on it.
—Robert Lozank, San Antonio, TX

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Net Neutrality ensures I.S.P.'s are regulated to playing fair and ethically with a utility that is essential in today's day to day tasks undertaken by the public. As days pass by we see more and more companies, schools and Government services requiring their customers/applicants to apply or otherwise utilize their services on the internet. We live in a world were data can be sent in the blink of an eye and it falls to you to ensure that that all citizens(not just the wealthy) are given that capability. The decision to regulate the speed of data is a decision to hold back our nations citizens, to prove we are not all created equal and not given the same opportunities when we need to use what until now has been an unbiased utility.
—Steven, Freehold, NJ

In every single way that I can comprehend, not having net neutrality is tantamount to legalizing extortion, but only for certain groups. The large telecom and cable companies are hiding behind the lines that have been laid under titles II and IV and therefore are holding the benefits of that status above and beyond what any provider trying to break into the business but not wanting to compete on all levels, with federal support. They then use this advantageous line in order to conduct the business that falls both under and outside of these rules and restrictions. This essentially grants them all of the rights and benefits that pertain to such a business whether they are using the hardware for the originally intended and covered usage or something that falls outside such use. In essence, this stifles competition as any company who wishes to compete must not only provide internet services, but phone service as well, in order to have line access which can keep them competitive. In regards to net neutrality, this stifling of competition allows companies to promote and in essence choose companies they like our support to be the automatic winners in their area, which stifles competition in other fields. Or forces companies to pay for premium bandwidth, which raises the bar of entry and kills innovation from those who have great ideas but can't afford to pay high dollar amounts to break in. Additionally, lacking net neutrality has allowed things to begin which resemble nothing more than a protection racketeering operation, in that the companies with the lines are essentially demanding payment, or else bad things will happen and your business will be hurt. The fact that direct customers have already paid, for example, Netflix to provide content, AND Verizon to deliver it, literally already covers both the product and the method of receiving it. If someone receiving a package from Ups paid for shipping on it, and then when the sender went to drop it off, UPS charged them separately for the same things that had already been paid, it would be grounds for a lawsuit. Yet somehow we are supposed to accept that the same thing is completely different because there's an added "but on a computer". Which, if I remember correctly, is something the Supreme Court took a unanimous stance against just recently.
—Matt McVay, Fenton, MI

If the internet is not neutral, then essentially, the amount and type of information that a customer can get depends on either how much money they have, or the whims of a company who decides which sites are most important to them and their profits. Keeping the internet neutral is the only fair way to do things.
—Chontelle Waters, Austin, TX

If it is not obvious at this point, in the long procession of history in which corporations and people have come up against each other, why a unilaterally beneficial move to corporations is not in the best interest of those who will not be profiting from it, then there is willful ignorance at play. The people are never corrupted, but wicked forces can convince the people that what is contrary to their interests is good for them. If the corporate entities of the communications industry succeed in tricking another regulatory agency that there is a silver lining in their deep pockets for the people, there is no hope for the legend of the honest government man.
—Fernando Varela, Glendale, NY

Net Neutrality is important to anyone who doesn't already have billions of dollars. Students need access to resources that should have the same speed as everything else, and there's no need to give company's that are wealthy MORE chances to get even richer when it comes from exploiting the public. Lobbying with lies and false information should never be more important than NOT taking advantage of taxpayers and other members of the public.
—Jenna Hampton, Searcy, AR

Net neutrality is important to me because I do not want all the most well off companies able to pay for fast lane networking while smaller sites and businesses, or many even people, get throttled. I do not want the internet to be crippled.
—Christopher Adam Lowery, Bells, TN

Net Neutrality protects the freedom of speech of citizens, as opposed to repressing it for some corporations bottom line.
—Skyelar Fratus, Crestline, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a fail-safe to ensure that service providers cannot cherry-pick service based on their whims. Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps everyone on an even footing, with the same tools available to everyone on which they can capitalize. It makes sure that EFFORT is compensated proportionately, rather than the acquisition and possession of WEALTH being rewarded. Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet is a glorious thing. It is one of the greatest achievements of humankind; the most powerful tool with which to connect cultures, share ideas, propagate innovation, and cultivate creativity. While it retains its cons, its benefits outweigh them to such an overwhelming degree that the cons seem petty by comparison. Keeping the net neutral is the preservation of justice.
—Stephen Campbell, Cedarburg, WI

I recently received a unexplained $90 charge on my comcast bill, when I asked why, they couldn't explain, when I asked for a manager, I was told they were out, when I explained I won't pay for nothing, they shut me off in the middle of my billing cycle, when I went to change my service I learned it learned it's not cost effective for other companies serve our poor distant rural community, of millionaires five minutes north of Seattle. I'm afraid we might be giving these companies a little to much control and I felt I should share my concerns before it is to late. Please don't sell our future for so little, what ever their paying I'll double it!
—Chris Emery, Lake forest park, WA

Net Neutrality keeps anti-competetive cable corporations like Verizon and AT&T in check; without it, its a slippery slope to a huge range of underhanded business policies. Upholding net neutrality protects consumers from practices that benefit only the corporation, with no value being passed on to the customer.
—Jess Caskinette, oswego, NY

The government should have nothing to do with the WORLD WIDE INTERNET
—Deborah Tobin, Leander, TX

Do not allow a small minority fundamentally change the way we use the internet. Protect it as you would any other public utility. Defend Net Neutrality
—Macaulay Ivory, Everett, WA

It's important because the internet provides a universal forum the likes of which mankind has never previously achieved, and may never achieve again if it's allowed to be shackled to economic influence and profit margins.
—Christopher Tokaz, Kerrville, TX

It's ridiculous. Here are people that are making record profits and are still trying to find ways to taking any last dollar they can get from the working class. We already pay them for Internet access and now we have to shell out for faster load times? It's a disgrace. Instead of trying to use their vast wealth to improve people's lives (like Wi-fi everywhere) these greedy, arrogant jerks want to do away with one of the last remaining freedoms we have. Just look at their arguments. Their logic is so deeply flawed they think you guys, the FCC, are a bunch of idiots. That's how they see their loyal customers. That's how they see the world. They are sociopaths.
—JA Romo, CROWS LANDING, CA

Every person and business should be allowed the same access (and speed) to the internet. The Internet is no longer a luxury and cannot be treated as such. It has long since become a staple of our society, businesses, and personal use. It would effectively create the opportunity to oppress those that cannot afford higher premiums and negatively affect any small businesses.
—Stephen Barton, Escondido, CA

We all know cable companies don't care what is fair. If Comcast has a new video streaming site why not just slow hulu down killing real free market innovation. Don't bend to the highest bidder listen to the people for once damn it
—Stephanie powell, Anchorage, AK

I think internet should be a public area with limited regulation. Net neutrality being its first step.
—James Weng, lake forest, CA

I will absolutely give up hope in our government if Net Neutrality isn't protected. The vast majority of the average people WANT Net Neutrality. It's only the major cable providers that DON'T want it. Follow the will of the people, or expect no one to ever trust the government again.
—Adam Hemphill, Forgan, OK

Because we don't live in a fascist regime. This is a clear attempt to grab a monopoly of what is now a necessary item and then ridiculously overcharging. Gas companies did/do the same exact things. Whichever way they want to pose it, the basics of violating net neutrality remain the same: destroy a free market and stress out yet another area of life.
—Robert Bryant, Huntington Beach, CA

Don't cave to big corporations throwing money at the only thing left that allows an even playing field for everyone's voices to be heard.
—Keith Moore, killeen, TX

Does anyone even have to explain this? It's common sense that information should be spread as far and wide as possible with equal opportunities for everyone. The very idea of ending net neutrality is a crime against intelligence.
—Pablo Orozco, Bakersfield, CA

The Internet is one of the few things that Big Business hasn't entirely ruined yet, one of the last frontiers of freedom. Keep the Internet free. Don't let the ISPs bully us any more than they already do. Please prevent them from giving preferential treatment and instead give us equal access to any site we want to visit, big or small, independent or commercial. Thank you.
—Wesley Reed, Kennewick, WA

With out Net Neutrality start up companies on the internet will quickly die. The internet is the one place left that allows the underdog small businessman to grow and share the market with established brands. Facebook overcoming Myspace is an easy example of this. The internet needs this kind of protection, and I hope that Net Neutrality will stay in effect.
—John Schauf, Kingwood, TX

I self publish on the Internet and I want people to be able to find my work.
—A Dakota, San Angelo, TX

Just for once, please do something in the interests of the American public and not the billion dollar corporations throwing money at you to look in the other direction while they further strip away our rights and liberties in the name of profit. The internet, in all its glory and ugliness, is the ultimate embodiment of the first amendment. To strike down net neutrality and dispense levels of access to the internet based upon wealth is an egregious blow to the fundamental bedrock of this nation. Please help retain our democracy before we slip inescapably past the point of oligarchy.
—Blair Rowan, Dallas, TX

Net neutrality is not just important to me but to everyone. Each and every person who rights a letter to you is voicing their opinion that if Net Neutrality were lost we would all be in a world of hurt. The fan site dedicated to a particular book or movie franchise? Dead. No one can get it to load because it's speeds are slow. That tech start-up that just what's to get the word out about the next greatest piece of technology? Can't do it. Comcast has completely disabled their site because they can't pay the premiums that other companies can. Yet this new tech could potentially save lives. When it comes down to it, the major cable companies who are rallying against Net Neutrality are doing it solely to line their pockets. They already make millions a day. Why not more? Don't let them do to the internet what has been done in so many other countries.
—Martin Luna II, Amory, MS

Please keep the internet free from any and all types of control foreign and domestic. The future of global and interpersonal communication depends on you defending the internet from an owner.
—John B., Urbana, IL

Net Neutrality is incredibly important to our culture and nation at large. Maintaining free speech, in our modern world, is dependent on Net Neutrality.
—Dylan Whynot, kennesaw, GA

The internet should not be tampered with. It may not be perfect the way it is, but allowing the cable companies to force websites and other online companies to pay for a "fast lane" on the internet is hypocritical and wrong.
—Brandon Brashier, Irving, TX

I don't think cable companies should be allowed to control the internet by deciding which websites get preferential treatment in regard to speed and ease of access. That allows them to exert undue influence over the market.
—Michael Starks, orem, UT

Allowing the throttling of traffic will hurt tha ability to spread information.
—Kelvin Yao, Livingston, NJ

I deserve to be able to visit whatever site I wish without my employee (the cable company I pay) telling me which are approved and which aren't.
—Phillip Schlegel, Stillwater, OK

It's merely an extension of the 1st Amendment applied to a newer technology than shouting in the town square. Everyone's message, no matter how moral or bigoted is given the same ability to be seen.
—Richard Deras, Carteret, NJ

We're american we should have the right to site equality. Also this site would have timed out..
—Sky Secrest, Iowa city, IA

The internet was made on the principals of sharing and neutrality. To go against this is to effectively begin the end of freedom from corporations with regards to daily internet usage.
—Brandon, Berea, OH

Net Neutrality is incredibly important to maintaining the inherent fairness of the internet and the free speech of those using it (i.e. practically *everyone* nowadays). It is one of the best, if not *the* best, sources of information and news that currently exists, the free accessibility of which is important to maintaining an informed and educated populace. In essence, I don't trust the cable companies to properly and fairly handle what is an *incredibly* important resource for our country, you shouldn't either, and it's ridiculous that this issue has even been around for so long and hasn't been dealt with already. I suppose that ridiculousness must only be matched by the ridiculous amount of money the cable companies have.
—Samuel Stewart Sher, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet has always been a level playing field for large and small entities alike, and it should remain a neutral territory. Companies and individuals with plenty of money can already buy their way to the forefront of our attention in so many ways; an internet fastlane should not be one of those ways. Otherwise, startups will never even get a fair chance to be viewed and judged on their own merit. Please support our core American values of equal opportunity, free speech, and free markets - by protecting net neutrality.
—Ellen Kowalski, Richmond, VA

Net Neutrality is one of the most important debates in today's society, and it is urgent that it be upheld. As corporations garner more and more special rights, the rights of the people of this country are categorically being infringed upon. Just as the great trust-busters of the twentieth century fought for the rights of private citizens, so, too, must our government fight for us now. Being required to pay for equal access for bandwidth is in direct conflict with the right to free speech in that those with the most money will be the ones whose opinion is loudest. Once the people are forced to pay to be heard on the internet, a dangerous precedent will be set that could see similar measures to curb the voice of the people in other areas. All of these arguments are fairly cerebral, so allow me to voice last the most compelling argument of all: The role of government is to defend the people from exploitation, and our current system seems to have forgotten that fact. Send a message to all public servants by scorning the influence of money and upholding the rights of the people. Preserve Net Neutrality at all costs, or none of us will ever be truly free again.
—Drew, Evansville, IN

The United States lags behind most other developed countries in terms of broadband speeds. The cable companies have too much control and too little accountability. Allowing them to further stifle connection speeds to increase their own profits is detrimental to consumers and businesses in the U.S. While I am a lifelong supporter of lassez-faire economic principles, the present situation is out of hand. It is necessary for Congress and the FCC to impose proper standards for cable companies and other ISPs. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Scott L Walker, Newton, KS

The fair and equal treatment of all traffic going through an internet connection is the backbone of a productive internet that not only gives equal access to information but equal opportunity in new businesses and intellectual properties. The abolition of Net Neutrality and creation of paid priority on traffic stands only to stifle the economic growth of all business outside broadband service providers.
—Dalton Matheson, Cedar Rapids, IA

The end of net neutrality means the beginning of massive corporate centralization of power and even more price gouging. Corporations cannot be allowed to control America any more than they already do. Their pockets are beyond sufficiently lined, and their reach past bloated. The American people don't owe a single pound of flesh more to the avaricious lobbyists in Washington. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people" -the 10th Amendment
—Judson, Richland, WA

As a parent, my children rely on a number of educational sources online. To have these sources either create fees or outright disappear would be devastating to their intellectual growth. Why does the FCC hate childrens' education?
—Kenneth Blaha, Hudson, NH

The internet is a whole new medium that has great potential in the areas of information, education, the arts, and much more. To allow corporations to impede on our access to websites for their own personal profits is not only immoral and disgusting, but it is also unamerican. It would have high potential for abuse and loophole violation of constitutional rights. There needs to be limits set for these corporations trying to lay their claim on everything and anything and ruining the quality of life for people around the globe for their own selfish interests, or soon they will legally own everything...
—Stacy, Las Vegas, NV

If people can't afford to make their websites fast enough to be useable, then fewer and fewer people will be able to exercise their freedom of speech. Oppressive totalitarian regime, anyone? Other than that, it's just kind of dickish.
—Saber McConnell, Omaha, NE

We have 3 children and are low income, media companies like Comcast and Verizon have already priced us out of a reasonable cable package. We rely upon streaming services like Netflix and Hulu to entertain our family for a reasonable fee, eliminating net neutrality would threaten our ability to afford these services and negatively impact our quality of life.
—Robert Irwin, Grapevine, TX

Is there any reason why we should get rid of Net Neutrality beyond making a lot of stupid rich people even richer? Not to mention there seems to be no way this would do anything but specifically reduce poor people's access to information. Being pretty poor, this is rather important to me. Can there be nothing in this world that does not reward the rich more than the common man? Can nothing the downtrodden have be equal to what the rich easily posses? If knowledge is power, and we are empowered with the rights granted by our constitution, then what does it mean to charge us for that information? It means that the dollar is all, the dollar is rights, the dollar is freedom. And if you build a capitalist nation that creates vast wealth disparity between the common citizen and the higher classes, then punishes us for being on the wrong side of that divide, then what do we have to gain? What worth is there in capitalism if it benefits almost no one? What point is there in this democracy, in this grand experiment, if even it makes the powerful only more so? Tell me! Why should we not revolt? Why shouldn't we adopt communism, if this is what capitalism brings? I'm having a hard time seeing the difference between the two anymore. If our information can be held back, throttled, then how are we different from a nation with a censored web? Freedom delayed is freedom denied. The question isn't if we're on the slippery slope or not. The question is how are we gonna try and stop the slide into restricted police state from some dystopian nightmare. I hope you have a good answer.
—Chase Gray, Ogden, UT

Eliminating Net Neutrality would be like handing large established companies the keys to start blocking all public streets and walkways to smaller start-up businesses and reroute traffic back to the herd. Companies want to destroy the only level playing field small businesses ever had against large corporations. The internet has and always should be a blank canvas from which people can attract customers based on talent and creativity, not just how much land is bought up. More talented websites garner more traffic and therefore can continue growing. This is how capitalism should work. Ending Net Neutrality kills the process from step one, so that companies like Youtube and Amazon will not have to face any potential future competition. Imagine if back in the 70s, IBM was allowed to bribe office buildings and contractors from ever letting Apple have a place of business. That's exactly what will happen if Net Neutrality is killed; large companies will buy all the land they can just so nobody else, better or otherwise, will be allowed to have it
—Daniel Wagner, Lake Worth, FL

As the Internet has grown, it has transformed America, sometimes for the worse but mostly for the better. The freedom to access virtually any information you want to at any time fits right in with the American ideal of freedom. Allowing a few large corporations to control access, through a variety of means, to all of the information we can now freely access goes against that ideal. That's why I support Net Neutrality.
—Charles A. Fitzer, Center City, MN

We live in a world where the Internet is life now. We use it for jobs, to solve problems, to chat with others, etc. To kill Net Neutrality is to kill modern day life.
—Quinn Padgett, McCordsville, IN

Net Neutrality is important because it allows everyone equal footing regarding speech, not just those with lots of money.
—Robyn Webb, Portland, OR

Net neutrality allows for smaller blogs to download and be accessed at the same speed as larger more popular sites. This is important for free speech!
—Emily Adkins, Austin, TX

The internet is the new hub of personal & business communication. Allowing private interests to profit from manipulating transfer rates, including the ability to cripple businesses at their whim, is the literal opposite of a free market, and is antithetical to personal and private interests on a global scale (with the exception of a tiny number of profiteering corporations set to reap huge rewards). Please preserve net neutrality in no uncertain terms.
—Eric B Olsen, Clarkston, GA, GA

It allows a level playing field for creativity, education and speech.
—Yuri Albertao, Neptune, NJ

The Internet is free and open access to data. We pay the cable companies according to how fast we want to access that data, killing net neutrality will only allow them to gouge their customers by charging more for the most accessed data, when it doesn't even cost them a cent more to deliver that data.
—Neil Thompson, North Wales, PA

I want it to remain neutral for freedom of speech. Cable companies charge too much money As it is!!!
—Jeanette Nord, Bloomington, MN

Do not let citizens who need a basic service at the mercy of cable company greed.
—Braulio Rivera, Bayamon, PR

The internet is unique in that it is primarily average citizens who upload content. Destroying net neutrality will hamper the purpose of the internet itself which is to obtain information and to share knowledge. The cable companies just desire a way to get rich even though they are already wealthy from steady paying consumers. Please do not give in. Net neutrality is more important to all of us.
—Giles, Salem, IL

Too many times the leaders and policy makers have turned over the keys to the kingdom to Big Business. The internet should be free and available to everyone. Technology is the best way for us to avoid a terrible future ruled by despotic corporate overlords/corporate nation-states like Comcastia and Verizonton. SAVE US FCC, You're our only hope!!!
—Erik Mahlberg, Rockford, IL

Net neutrality, why is it important? Freedom and exposure. It's as simple as that. Without net neutrality, Cable companies and the like are allowed to charge individual companies, And even prominent individuals for traffic, or rather The speed at which their web data loads. This is a problem because the internet is a universal tool for both monetary and social gain (Via legal means, of course) De-throttling on a website can cause these gains to decrease or even cease to exist due to loss of potential customer interest.
—David M., Stockton, CA

Because letting the cable companies get rid of net neutrality is the first step to internet censorship and the end of internet privacy. It is not à large step from forcing both customers and websites to pay for loading speed, to forcing customers to also pay for "packages" aka company approved content.
—Whittney Davis, Hyattsville, MD

Net Neutrality is exactly that: Neutrality. I'm able to do what I want when I want, without a bias cable company deciding for me what its convenient for me to do/see at any given time.
—Gregg Johnson, Duncansville, PA

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—Hamish, DALY CITY, CA

While unbridled capitalism and advancement of special interests based on spending power appear to be cornerstones of American society, the people of our country rely on congress to occasionally consider the best interest of the American people rather than bending to the will of corporations (I.e. not people, regardless of what Mitt Romney believes). Especially now, as the Internet has been incorporated into our daily lives, we implore to powers at be to exercise their power to support Net Neutrality to preserve our freedom to continue using it in ways that contribute to the greater good and inspire ingenuity and support our first amendment right of freedom of expression.
—Rhea Blasdel, Escondido, CA

By keeping the internet neutral, you allow everyone a chance to create ideas and spread profitable information to improve the economy. By limiting it to only a few, those who have the money will only continue to profit if people can afford their goods. For services like the internet, if they arent provided freely, you will see a decline. It's inevitable. I dont know a businessman that would control an asset unless it would bring him profit. That said, if you're the kid on the playground with all of the toys some people will play with you but everyone else is just going to shoot you dirty looks. Eventually the enmity growing is going to become socio-economic stress and people will begin to lash out. This unrest will most likely set us back economically about 10-20 years. Keep the internet free and tell the cable companies to play by the rules because it's our playground and we like it that way.
—James L Osborn, Fayetteville, AR

Net neutrality feeds the arts by providing it with a level playing field of reaching the masses. Removing it would hamper the expressive power of smaller artists.
—Aaron Black, Fort Wayne, IN

Internet access has become a basic cornerstone of modern life for the average american citizen. Everything from paying bills, purchasing basic goods, to checking on report cards and scheduling everyday activities and keeping up correspondence with family and friends requires internet access. Start-up and small businesses, long touted as the true strength of our economy, have no better tool for accessing national and global markets that fast, cheap, and reliable internet services. Specialist manufacturers and creative professionals alike rely on the internet as a basic building block of their enterprises. In the same way that electricity became integral to our way of life in the turn of the last century, so has internet at the turn of this one. Making internet into a public utility would ensure equality of access to a vital public resource, while allowing large trusts to control and manipulate this essential service for their own gain would suppress economic growth and freedom of expression.
—Nick Marrapode, Chicago, IL

Knowledge is love, love is knowledge.
—Marissa, houston, TX

Restricting the flow of information to the public is dangerous. Whether it is done by corporations for greed or by the government for censorship.
—Jonathan Randolph, Baton Rouge, LA

Internet access is already expensive, and the customer support of Metrocast and Comcsast is abysmal. Taking away internet neutrality will mean that ordinary people won't be able to afford what has essentially become a necessity in America.
—Jeff Atkinson, Oxford, MS

Letting cable companies charge websites extra for faster speeds is like Jesus charging people for rain after one inch a month. Net neutrality will help to kill off small businesses, and create the cable equivalent of Lex Luther.
—Redmond Bandy, Apison, TN

Net Neutrality is about showing these maleficent cooperation that people's needs, not their way over sized bank accounts, matter most. It's despicable, it's shameful, and it should be illegal to kink the proverbial hose until you are paid enough. Using vomit-worthy techniques such as lobbying, fake consumer groups, and simply moronically false (but hilarious for those of us who can see past your bullshit) claims, like the stunt with the disabled people needing faster internet. That makes absolutely no logical sense; if handicap and disabled people want the same human rights as those who are not, then why grant them special favors they do not want? The fact is that these companies have a lot of money that they can literally swim in and they are going to use a tiny fraction of it to prove they have the power. Ronald Reagan deregulated the FCC in the 1980's, I say we use that lobbying money to build back up the FCC to protect everyone, especially kids. The way the European Union has regulations on their television is a great model to follow.
—Dalton Lee Colbert, TEMPE, AZ

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—Benjamin Gonzalez, Jersey City, NJ

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With the choice of (usually) no more than two options when it comes to ISPs, one must pick which of two evils controls what internet is delivered at what speed (entirely their decision). It hinders everyone's ability to support lesser-known websites, and places ISPs atop the throne of information. It has to be stopped and their position as middleman must not be abused any longer.
—Richard Savino, Buffalo, NY

The internet should be a tool available to the masses, not just the elite. If net neutrality ends the elite will have a strong upper hand in control seeing as the masses cannot afford to fight back with the net if neutrality disappears.
—Paula Bame, Northglenn, CO

Net neutrality is not only something that is wonderful but it is also necessary for growth and freedom of expression on the Internet. The Internet is a collection of information that should be allowed to be freely shared with no limitations of any kind. When limits start, it is hard to stop setting them or to draw a line. The Internet is a magical connection that brings people together in a way that is beyond amazing. To limit access or allow companies to restrict certain websites withers away how close people can become. The Internet brings people together but if net neutrality is taken away then people will drift apart
—Kyle Lamp, Greensburg, PA

To allow my startup Web company to have a voice and let people freely view my content without being subject to unregulated cable company bullshit.
—Sean, bozeman, MT

"Fast tracking" is the same as Payola! The internet is a method of self-expression, exploration, and communication. That should not be allowed to be subjected to a corporate filter, especially when that filter expects bribes. Please support internet as public domain.
—Joshua Steen, Binghamton, NY

The internet works fine under the existing rules. Allowing large service providers to determine which sites get preferential treatment is an outrage. Do not change the rules to allow corporations control of internet traffic. This is a further attack by large corporations on the freedom of individual Americans.
—Harold Beiler, oswego, IL

No traffic should be deemed more important than any other. The idea in theory sounds good, until you realize that it's only a "good idea" when it is your traffic that gets the higher priority. There will never be a system where everyone (and not just big corporations) can agree on what is and isn't worthy of a higher priority. Net Neutrality has worked well for the past 45 years ever since the internet was a small government network called ARPANET. Please do not change what is an excellent public network, into a tiered network where only the wealthy and corporations control how fast you receive your information.
—Bob Johnson, Knoxville, TN

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Without net neutrality, internet service providers would be a threat to anyone who disagrees with them or their stances. Consumers already have to deal with monopolies that hike up the prices whenever they feel like it, so stripping us of this would be the final nail in the coffin for consumer rights on the internet.
—Kyle Kellis, Portage, MI

Cable companies have been overcharging for slow & inconsistent Internet speeds for years and now they want the right to make things even worse while making more money. Leave the net neutral!
—Jordan Butterworth, PINELLAS PARK, FL

Please do not aid the cable companies in their attempt to damage the most important technological advancement of my generation.
—Isaac Venn, Franksville, WI

Freedom is being able to get all information at an equal pace allowing the individual to make unbiased decisions on their own.
—Aren, Lansing, MI

To me the Internet is one of the last truly free places left display an opinion and the best place to get funding for a start up, I think net neutrality would destroy that. I also think that cable companies are not regulated enough as it is.
—Tristan, Palo Alto, CA

As an educator, limiting the efficiency of this tool (the internet) will severely limit my students' potential. From diminished ability to find research sources - primary, secondary, and anecdotal - to limited opportunity to share what they've learned and express themselves as individual Americans, I am terrified and enraged at the idea of dismantling net neutrality and risking the loss of such great progressive freedoms for the current and future generations. As a citizen - beyond thinking about my role as a public servant - it saddens me that this is even a debate. The worldwide web is, in my opinion, one of mankind's greatest inventions and in its support of the first amendment, one of the most American. I believe that the internet is the biggest step toward world peace we've ever taken as a species and it is entirely because it gives any human being with access the instant ability to share, on a global scale, their hopes and fears, to relay news of corruption and of justice, and to participate in the common human struggle for freedom. It provides truth, justice, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness instantaneously. And a greedy handful want to limit that just to line their already bursting pockets with more money? I vote nay, sirs and madames, and implore you to do the same.
—Karl Maw, Auburn, WA

It's in the best interest of small businesses and startups!
—Lauren, St. Peters, MO

This shouldn't actually be as contentious as it is. If corporate CEOs and the lobbyists who service them didn't have undue influence that far outweighed that of our citizens, we wouldn't even need to have this discussion-- Net Neutrality would be a given. But no, instead I have to sit here on this website and state the obvious in the small hope that you do the right thing. So... Do the right thing. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Reed Sherrill, South Boston, MA

We need neutrality!
—Alex Ellis, west Harwich, MA

I don't want to have to pay extra to already over-inflated prices to get a poor connection. If anything, these companies need to be broken up so I can look for other options instead of Comcast.
—Robert Boesz, vineland, NJ

Net neutrality is important because it prevents telecom corporate giants from gaining yet another leg up over a general population that they've already duped and exploited to begin with. It is in the best interest of the American people to support net neutrality and fight against any measure that provides deregulation for any corporation at all.
—John Howard, Baton Rouge, LA

Net Neutrality is freedom. you are once again allowing money to set the tone, while the people suffer.
—Tyron, Albuquerque, NM

How can we be talking about allowing a few influential companies to have privileged access to the internet? They did not invent the internet, yet they want to "buy" it. These companies have a captured audience! Their prices are already inflated. We need MORE competition, not less. NET NEUTRALITY!!! Thank you!
—Cindy Clint, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important because of the internets value as a medium for information transfer. Allowing an oligopoly to control how quickly that information can be recieved is harmful to society as a whole.
—Tyler Matson, Mukwonago, WI

As a Student I need to know that I can access data quickly and easily. My sources should not have to pay money to give me or anyone else information. As a human being I just want what is right: cheap, fast access to all of the advantages that the internet provides.
—Matthew, Woodland Hills, CA

Net Neutrality is vital to the continued functioning of the internet.
—David Burkett, West Chester, OH

The beauty of the internet is that everyone and everything is equal. Cable companies should not be able to regulate themselves, as they will screw over the consumers up make profits. The internet is one of mankind's greatest achievements, but only as it currently stands. By imposing limits on what can or cannot be viewed based on the provider's checkbook, America's internet could be as censored as China's. Please don't ruin the internet, I spend a lot if time there.
—Stephen Hall, Modesto, CA

I am truly worried about the future of the internet if the policy of Net Neutrality ends. This business of Comcast using a mafia style shakedown to force Netflix to pay up is at the very least unethical if not outright extortion! Please don't let Comcast and their cronies ruin the internet for future startup companies.
—Craig Kevorkian, NORFOLK, VA

The attempts to end Net Neutrality are basically ISPs wanting to run an extortion racket. "Nice web site. Be a shame if something happened to it." That really is the message they'll be sending too. Verizon has already forced Netflix to pay them large sums of cash to keep their website working. They've already shown that this is their true reason to oppose Net Neutrality. Don't let them keep getting away with extortion. Internet access is a utility and needs to be treated as such by the FCC.
—Dustin Hammett, Manhattan, KS

Net Neutrality is important because without it, the ISPs can extort whatever they want to out of a company in order to make more money (which is all they really care about). Ignore every other reason the ISPs will give you for ending Net Neutrality. Its all about the money. I work for an ISP, and I think that is criminal.
—Christopher Hawkins, Overland Park, KS

Net Neutrality is important to me and everyone I know. By forcing companies small and large to pay for access to the internet cables it will alter the freedom we have now. The industry and the intranet will become monopolized by the cable companies and ruin the intranet as we know it.
—Breanne, Sacramento, CA

In order to be a truly fair and free Internet, all people should have equal access regardless of income. Think of it like a library card: having one allows you to access everything within said library FOR FREE (and the card is free too!), including computers that allow you to surf the Web. Imagine if you went to the library, and they told you to pay extra in order to look at certain books, or even to set foot in the library. Easy access to information should not be restricted to the rich and/or well-off. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Susan Hillwig, Saint Clair Shores, MI

The Internet, in many ways, is the last great hope of our civilization. It allows ideas to be shared and knowledge to be collected from all corners of the world. In a market flooded with the products of multinational corporations, many small businesses survive - and indeed thrive - in no small part thanks to the networking and business opportunities that a neutral internet provides.
—Raymond Moore, Evansville, IN

Net nuetrality is vital to ensure ISPs are not allowed to hold customers ransom for acceptable service levels. One should not have to pay extra to simply not be penalized in one's internet performance. There is a difference in paying more for a faster service overall, instead of paying more because the ISPs will purposefully slow down sites that compete with their products.
—Jd, Kaneohe, HI

It's important to ensure that speech is not determined by how much money you have to promote it, but by the worth of what is being said.
—Rebecca West, Greenville, IN

Why is it important? Because I can't afford to pay extra to be in the "fast lanes." I am what is commonly known as "The working poor" or "The underprivileged." People like me will likely be left in the dust. I don't plan on being "the working poor" forever, but I need equal access to the internet to help me get out. I worry that having pay money I don't have to use internet will keep me down. It's bad enough that my computer is more than 10 years old.
—Jennifer Lambert, Greenville, NC

Corporate entities should not be able to control how we view the internet through a variable price tag.
—Shane Donaldson, hinesburg, VT

I write to express my support for a free and open internet. Over the past twenty years, American innovators have created countless Internet based applications, content offerings, and services that are used around the world. These innovations have created enormous value for Internet users, fueled economic growth, and made our Internet companies global leaders. The innovation we have seen to date happened in a world without discrimination. An open Internet has also been a platform for free speech and opportunity for billions of users. The Commission’s longstanding commitment and actions undertaken to protect the open Internet are a central reason why the Internet remains an engine of entrepreneurship and economic growth. According to recent news reports, the Commission intends to propose rules that would enable phone and cable Internet service providers to discriminate both technically and financially against Internet companies and to impose new tolls on them. If these reports are correct, this represents a grave threat to the Internet. Instead of permitting individualized bargaining and discrimination, the Commission’s rules should protect users and Internet companies on both fixed and mobile platforms against blocking, discrimination, and paid prioritization, and should make the market for Internet services more transparent. The rules should provide certainty to all market participants and keep the costs of regulation low. Such rules are essential for the future of the Internet. This Commission should take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for speech and commerce so that America continues to lead the world in technology markets.
—Steve Ross, Savannah, GA

Because these internet providers can only see dollar signs. Also, Comcast can eat a dick
—Anthony, Tacoma, WA

We need net neutrality for several reasons. We must protect the rights of individuals to access information online, regardless of its original source, without being extorted or placed in a 'slow-lane' while established corporations and conglomerates are able to bully their way into a fast-lane, hurting competition for all.
—Tom, miami, FL

I really believe that Net Neutrality is essential to the internet as a whole.It seems like its the only ones against it are those 1% who stand to make money from it.
—Norman Leeper, St. Louis, MO

Both America and the Internet are supposed to be all about everyone having an equal opportunity to be successful. If my ability to use the internet is hindered because some of my favorite sites can't afford to pay the fees for faster connections, it isn't really equal any more.
—Andrew Binder, Chicago, IL

The blatant grab for money by cable companies is threatening a public resource, and they simply cannot be trusted to not abuse the level of power they seek.
—Mr. Chris Dale, Hickory, NC

One of the best things about the internet is that it makes speech cheap. It dramatically lowers the cost of reaching millions (even billions) of people with a message. Internet technology has enlarged the marketplace of ideas far more than any innovation since the printing press. Allowing corporations with profit motive to impose 'pay to play' rules on speakers, for example, by charging websites for preferential speed for their content, the greatest advance in free speech is hamstrung, causing massive loss to speakers, listeners/readers, and the public square as a whole. Charities will now need to allocate funds to pay Comcast or Time Warner or AT&T so that donors and beneficiaries can see their site.
—Tim Johnston, Mundelein, IL

Net Neutrality is one of the primary things defending the free exchange of ideas over the internet, and the attempts by the ISP's to destroy it are incredibly troubling.
—Benjamin Lopatin, Savannah, GA

The ongoing corporate takeover of America is not healthy for this country. The FCC, as a GOVERNMENT agency, should support Net Neutrality for the citizens it is supposed to be working for—despite having been previously purchased by wealthy corporations with not-so-hidden agendas of their own. Do you seriously think we're all blind—and stupid? Do you seriously think we will continue to tolerate these revolving door scenarios that benefit a few at the expense of the rest? Dream on!
—Nancy McKeown, Santa Cruz, CA

Stop propping up monopolies. Comcast and Time Warner should not be doing what amounts to price fixing. Would we allow large self-interests to dictate who or how fast individuals could move goods and services along our interstate freeways? No, of course not. Why would we allow this for the internet? The internet is driving the current wave of economic growth, innovation and equality. Can we afford to allow a select few to control access?
—Michele, Seattle, WA

Internet access is a human right and should not be infringed upon by corporations purely for profit. This isn't North Korea or China were we can censor internet sites at the whim of some whiny politician or CEO. This is America goddamnit and we have the freedom to look at whatever the hell we please.
—Maxime Chamberland, Acworth, GA

Allowing communications companies to restrict internet speeds opens the door to extortionist policies that would strangle online commerce, and hamstring open and free communication.
—Scott Armstrong, Orlando, FL

Pretty obvious cable companies want nothing except to make profit. The internet is a precious commodity, it is sharing of information, breaking down of walls. Let's keep it that way.
—Kit Brice, Hove, NY

How is net neutrality not equal to open access to the highways. Both are public systems that need to be traversable equally by all in a first come first server manner.
—Chris Pfannkuch, Salem, OR

because this is outrageous
—Alexandre Jouan, New York, NY

My whole life me, my friends and my family have all mocked and laughed at the FCC, you should be disbanded. But since that isnt likely to happen i'll settle with you just keeping your dirty mitts off my internet. Stop catering to the corporate elite, and instead respect consensus of the majority of the planet earths population and repsect Net Neutrality.
—William Hignett, grants pass, OR

I currently manage a blog that reaches out to people all over the world. We have no budget but we are having thousands of people access our site on a weekly basis. An end to Net Neutrality would hinder our ability to reach our readers, because we have no budget. We can't pay for better load times. Our 20+ writers contribute not for any monetary gain, but because they believe in our vision.
—Dave Nalette, Fort Worth, TX

The internet is a gift to all who use it. It allows people who'd never have a chance in other circumstances to learn and grow. To try and tax that or decide who 'deserves' to have something is a basic human rights violation.
—Elizabeth Burr, Baltimore, MD

Net neutrality is important to me for the simple and vital reason that it is an extension of our First Amendment rights. Allowing any entity to have a means to control the flow of communication and expression of individuality that the internet is uniquely able to provide is unconstitutional. It must also be noted that the UN considers internet access to be a basic human right, akin to water and religious freedom. This is the same organization that has recently condemned Detroit for shutting off water access to tens of thousands of its residents for delinquent payments. As such, the prospect of handing over de facto control of this wonderful medium, the internet, to corporations that can restrict or deny access as well as charge astronomical fees for their services at will should be considered criminal by anyone with half a brain. But most importantly, it is un-American.
—William Demakis, South Hadley, MA

I support net neutrality because I shouldn't have to pay double to price for Netflix so Netflix can work on time warner cable (or any other use platform).
—Amy LaFleur, Waco, TX

Comcast, AT&T etc. have spent billions trying to remove net neutrality. They would not do this if they didn't know they would make billions more charging websites to get "premium" speeds while customers only get to see slower speeds from sites that don't pay protection money to these bullies.
—Ken Vojtik, Aurora, IL

Eliminate the corporate hegemony. Think what would happen if the internet disappeared tomorrow. Put the web under public utility protection or be the laughing stock of every future generation for all time...or do you enjoy being 'public servants' in title only while you are actually the cabana boys for corporate interest in hope that you can get a cushy lobbyist job when you get thrown out on you rear ends.
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Adding fast lanes, as proposed by the FCC for data, will not only artificially push up prices in a market where consumers are already paying the highest amount for internet access (for slower speeds) compared to any industrialized nation, but kill smaller startups without the resources to push their ideas and products out like the big companies that have the monetary funds required to do so. We will also see a curtailing effect on the flow of free speech and new ideas, with smaller blogs loading information much slower. It is well known that a site with slow load times will be abandoned within three to ten seconds. It goes without saying that he internet is used for everything now including research, medicine, schools, and even job searches among other things. With fast lanes, institutions that already don't have adequate funding will be left in the slow lane, further hurting our economy. By enacting the proposed changes we will see only the biggest and most established companies capable of affording a "fast lane" rule the internet. This will cause a cascading effect where we will see less new ideas and competition, and potentially drag our whole economy down as we end up pushing not only our digital industry, but every other, elsewhere. The proposed rules will also hurt me personally as a web designer for start-ups. Fewer businesses will opt to have a presence created, when they have to pay even more of their initial cost of operation to even get noticed online. Their lack of a return on investment, will hurt my business as well as many others when it is known that their profits will not be as high as the levels that we have grown accustom to in the current digital age.
—Brendon Jones, Rochester, MA

Maintaining net neutrality is an absolute necessity to protect free speech on the internet.
—Austin Jackson, los alamos, NM

Broadband internet has become the main source of communication and commerce for an entire generation of Americans. Anything that diminishes the voice individuals in favor of corporations is inherently a detriment to a free society. Net neutrality is one of the last things that allows people to speak on an equal level. Anything that reduces net neutrality reduces free speech.
—Tim St.Cyr, Tucson, AZ

As a college student, Net Neutrality is extremely important to finding information to help me learn
—Nicholas Panourgias, Birmingham, MI

The end of Net Neutrality will look a lot like the fast food industry descending upon a mom n' pop Main Street. The blogs and online art stores of the world shouldn't suffer for the benefit of higher cable bills. They already charge too much for poor service!
—P Woodruff, Bronx, NY

Letting big companies monopolize an industry that has become as important in day to day life as any utility would be a disaster, your job is to protect the consumers from these greedy tyrants.
—David westmoreland, Santa Ana, CA

Net Neutrality is important to all of us, as it allows us to remain in touch with people around the world. Not just friends and family, also scientists, doctors, world leaders, as well as those that want the world to be better. Humanity now communicates nearly at the speed of light; ideas, designs, inventions, discoveries all being shared and advanced faster than imagined 20 years ago. Allowing companies to prune that flow to what they want, or what they are being paid for will have disastrous effect on all of us.
—Jenni Styf, Stevensville, MI

Universal and affordable Internet access for all!
—Cinthya, CA, CA

Ending net neutrality is a joke.
—Ryan Stewart, Aurora, CO

Losing Net Neutrality will cause an unfair burden on new businesses and impede "the little people" from getting their voices heard through blogs, review sites, and various other forms of media. Much like some companies use artificial means of boosting their presence on search engines, wealthier companies will be able to attract more views simply by paying for a site that is easier to access. Eliminating Net Neutrality would be of benefit most of all to the cable providers, who already have a near-monopoly in most markets I've lived in, and already provide overpriced services with non-existent customer service. Losing Net Neutrality would be one of the worst things to happen to the internet, which is wonderful specifically because everyone has equal opportunity to put their information out there for any who are looking to find it.
—Jim Enderle, Champaign, IL

To whom it may concern, As a private citizen who came of age at the dawn of the internet era, I firmly believe in net neutrality, and that broadband internet access is a public utility, the same as water, electricity, and telephone service.
—Michael Donnelly, Pearland, TX

I pay extra money every month for "faster" internet. The day I was supposed to have my internet hooked up, the service technician went to apartment 1B instead of 1D. Rather than call me on my cell phone number which he no doubt had, he left. I then spent a week on the phone with multiple tech support representatives 8 calls in all before I reach someone competent enough to help me set it up. Now that it is "working" I reset my modem an average of 3 times every time I use the internet, not a day, every time I use the internet. If this were any business other than Time Warner, I would no longer be a customer. My alternative is DSL at slower speeds since Fios hasn't reach my remote and obscure Island of Manhattan. I urge you to protect Net Neutrality, not just because it's the right thing to do, but because the cable companies are quite simply Un-American. They offer no freedom of choice in options, channels, or provider and from an economic perspective they are quite frankly Anti-Capitalist. Without competition, there is no incentive for them invest in infrastructure, employment or innovation. Doing away with Net Neutrality encourages cable companies to make more money running bad business.
—Chris Dorre, New York, NY

History has proven time and time again that corporations can't be trusted to do the right thing. Net Neutrality is one way to insure information, which is the life blood of our democracy, is shared at a reasonably fair way. If you need any examples of how industry acts when unregulated I suggest a reading of The Jungle by Upton Sinclair. And a review of how consumers and workers a like were treated before we started making anti-trust legislation.
—Erica Mendez, NOTTINGHAM, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because the Internet is a vessel for open communication. There are many people out there whose voices are only able to be heard because of the ease of internet access. Cable companies and ISPs have no right to dictate how well American citizens can make their voices heard.
—Tristan Knight, Danbury, CT

Let's expose the large internet company's lies against net neutrality and show them that as their customers, we simply won't stand for monopolizing the market.
—Thoeun Moen, Saint Paul, MN

The average individual utilizes the internet to inform him/herself, communicate, and organize among other things. To create faster access for some data as opposed to others threatens the individual's ability to have equal access to this information.
—Aislinn Murphy, Milwaukee, WI

I have created a site for consumers to better evaluate restaurants before they choose to dine, based on video. This would cripple my efforts and make things of this nature impossible.
—Tony Arce, Wheeling, IL

I feel that ISP's should not have the ability to pick and choose which websites load efficiently and which don't. I think it's safe to say that you can compare the Internet of today to the post office (and the general store, and the local saloon, and a variety of other enterprises) of yesteryear and I certainly hope that Congress wouldn't let USPS decide that my mail specifically should cost more than my neighbor's. That's how I view the dissolution of net neutrality.
—Jacob Short, KANSAS CITY, MO

The market is evolving but that doesn't profit cable companies enough so they want to cripple it so it grows in the direction they want. They are the only entities I have found who would benefit from compromising net neutrality. I am concerned that their regulation of internet access rates would only be a tool to attempt to force us to purchase their televisions services. They are already an oligopoly who show blatant predatory behavior with their pricing structures aimed to do the exact same thing. I don't want 100 reality tv channels but if I want to watch a single good show on cable I have to buy all of these and sit through advertisements. They advertise low prices, lock in contracts, and then inflate them tremendously. Entertainment is one thing but they do not need another tool to control our lives for their own profit.
—Jm, greencastle, PA

It violates freedom of speech. Websites that have different beliefs from the internet providers may be unable to be accessed.
—Arlo, Louisa, VA

The internet has become a vital part of daily life in America. Changing it would cripple the average American's ability to innovate and create.
—Alex Rich, Lancaster, PA

Net Neutrality provides equal access of the internet,... the worlds largest body of information, commerce, communication, creativity, organization, community, and digital livelihood,... to all individuals regardless of what background, income level, and ideology they follow, and limits the tools that would enable the abuse of powers by companies that provide a gateway to this massive library we all share as the People of the United States, and the world. ... Our historical state of connectivity and the freedom to view any site, without manually indoctrinated limits of speed and access, has been the universally adopted norm by all that use this grand library of mankind, and to tamper with this norm is a massive disservice to the public interest.
—Matthew Allan Olson, Brooklyn Center, MN

Because it would let huge cable companies basically extort websites to run properly. It would also make sure that the "small guy" blogs wouldn't be able to be heard unless they pay more money, which is the opposite of Free Speech.
—Will Evans, Arlington, TX

Don't let private interests destroy the internet, please uphold neutrality!
—Taylor J, New Brunswick, NJ

It allows all ideas to be broadcast to the public. Net neutrality prevents people with more wealth to voice their opinion over others with less. Clearly, this violates the freedom of speech, which the federal government is sworn to protect.
—Richard, Minneapolis, MN

Comcast has been the only ISP in the past 3 places I've lived. They consistently provided poor quality service at high rate, but there are no other options available to me. I feel helpless - Comcast can basically charge me whatever they want, provide poor connection, and no customer service and I'd have pay them. Please don't give ISP's more power than they already have.
—Steven Blass, Pittsburgh, PA

Without net neutrality, media and news is more easily controlled. News should be delivering unbiased truth, or we should atleast have the option to see many news articles from many sites. Without net neutrality we could be limited on which news articles we can look at.
—Kyle McCall, Whtie House, TN

Net neutrality protects us and it protects internet companies. Not the providers who want to suck out the money of every American. Cable providers will lie and cheat about what the people want. It is only what their CEOs want. Companies don't run America it belongs to the people who live here
—Cody, boyne city, MI

The barriers to entry for any endeavor, be it creative, technical, philosophical, theoretical, etc., must remain as low as possible in order to maintain a truly free market economy. Destroying net neutrality would create insurmountable barriers for those who choose to do anything that does not include entry-level work at a major corporation. Telecom companies do not need the government to help them survive. If a multi-billion dollar company cannot keep itself afloat, it deserves to sink. Let it.
—Keith Minacci, Macon, GA

The internet allows people from around the globe to connect to each other instantly, to share ideas and thoughts. The barriers to entry for this communal gathering place, with net neutrality, are fairly low--you only need to own a device capable of connecting. Without net neutrality, we lose the guarantee that this communal gathering place will remain as open.
—Nadine Frassetto, Allston, MA

Cable companies only want to end net neutrality because it means more money and power for them. Their greed needs to stop.
—Ryan Hare, Cherry Hill, NJ

Unsurprisingly, the time it took this page to load (to submit this comment) on my Verizon service took quite a bit longer than pages usually take. My service in general has gone downhill at a time when the speeds should be better than ever and it's because like most consumers I'm trapped in that there are so few providers and they can already do just about whatever they please. Allowing them to create internet fast lanes would be allowing something we can't come back from, and it would be nothing but bad for the consumers who are stuck paying out the wazoo already for something that's only getting worse.
—Eva L Havens, garland, TX

America is gradually losing its economic influence globally, and its military strength is likewise of decreasing value in the new, multi-polar world. If our country can continue to command influence in the future, it will increasingly be by moral force. The one advantage that can not be taken away or outdone abroad is our ideal - the American Dream itself. The world still largely looks up to us as a model for freedom, admiring us in spite of our flaws. Only we have the power to take that away. We can choose to side with our oldest values and the most dynamic and progressive part of our economy. Or we can reject the freedom of the individual at the heart of our nation in favor of freedom for dated corporations to extort money. The Net must be neutral.
—Matthew Edward Perry, Mountville, PA

The internet is the way of the future, not the way of the past. Giving control of it over to a bunch of big wigs who only want money defeats the purpose of the most powerful and wonderful tool in the entire nation. It would ruin the freedom of speech and creativity so many people have, and that is a huge tragedy. Do not take away Net Neutrality.
—Kevin Young, Glendale, AZ

Net neutrality is extremely important to me as well as the rest of the sane world, millions of small businesses around, as well as the world economy because without it, those millions of small businesses would not be able to afford to pay to use the "fast" internet (which today, businesses use for everything such as marketing, conferences, customer service and many other things that are ESSENTIAL to their businesses) and without that internet speed and efficiency, they would not be able to properly run their business or would lose hundreds of thousands (maybe even millions?) of dollars to get "faster" internet. Net neutrality shouldn't even be a concept as there really is no other option for the internet in a FREE country.
—Erinn Carey, Thunder Bay, Ontario, NE

The internet has become a fantastic tool, allowing us to share ideas, access information, and find like minds to connect with in a way that would have been impossible before the communication revolution. It's like the forum of ancient times, a place where all ideas can be voiced and heard, and it is the purest expression of free speech. The end of net neutrality threatens the freedom of speech the internet offers. By giving power to these companies over which sites receive priority and which are denied it, we are giving them power over what people see, think about, and - in turn - believe. Huge amounts of money stand to be made from the end of net neutrality, and huge amounts of money are being staked to make sure it happens, but I hope that our political system isn't so broken that freedom of speech can be bought.
—Timothy Salazar, Greeley, CO

Having a neutral internet is crucial to keeping its integrity intact. And keeping the internet's integrity intact is extremely important because it is the greatest database of information in the world. And that information is what gains us new knowledge and human understanding.
—Alexander Collins Pulliam, Lexington, KY

Without Net Neutrality, the economic powerhouse of investment that is The Internet would cease to exist. If the tech sector didn't exist, or at the very least, was not growing, then not only would the US instantly go into a recession, we would no longer be on the forefront of technological development worldwide, causing a further downward spiral. Long story short, Net Neutrality creates jobs and keeps America employed.
—Tom Anson, St. Louis, MO

Many of us low income families do not have the money to pay for each website, and by shooting down net neutrality you are allowing the cable companies to dictate prices on every website we go on. No company should allow or disallow someone right to go on ANY website. keep the internet free
—Cory, Seminole, FL

Net neutrality or rather the absence of it, encourages consumer gouging monopolies. This is not good for the economy of the U.S. and as the global economy follows that if the U.S. they are bad for the global economy. I don't know why I bother with this though, I'm sure the individual in charge of the FCC will simply find a new, high paying position with with some corporation shortly after siding with them. I have a four month old son and I dispair at the world he will be raised in. I guess I should teach I'm to be a selfish, greedy, shortsighted, heartless ass if I want him to be happy and successful.
—Steven, Draper, UT

Net neutrality protects not only free speech but free information.
—Christopher Pirrello, Grayslake, IL

Preserve net neutrality and do not allow ISPs to hold the internet hostage.
—Adam Harvey, Pueblo, CO

A free internet for a free people in a free country.
—Steven lee Lonie, Plymouth, IN

I, the consumer, would suffer from a loss of net neutrality. If not immediately, somewhere down the line I would be paying more for sites I once got free. I pay to receive a fast internet service. I pay for sites like Netflix. I, the consumer, should reasonably expect the sites I visit to be fast. Some have suggested that a loss of net neutrality would inhibit entrepreneurs from getting ahead. Still some say that companies would have the power to slow down certain websites because they disagree with the content, which completely overrides everything wonderful about the world wide web, where information is available for everyone.
—Andrew, Newberg, OR

All you're doing by striking deal with cable companies is proving that you lot are bought and paid for. Grow a pair and stay out of it. You don't own the internet. Quit acting like it.
—Joshua Akins, Lanett, AL

The internet is far too important to end up in the hands of your douchebag friends. Your making money can not take priority over the entire human race. Not out of any altruism you may have, (we harbor no illusions of you not being a band of mercenary pigfuckers working entirely as professional anal cleaners for the ISPs) but out of the fact that we are watching and guess what. We won't let you. You depend on your sinecure positions as boot-licks to the ISPs for your delisious bribe money. And those ISPs, much to their eternal chagrin, depend on us as customers. If you force the issue, we will take the internet from you, take the internet from the ISPs and make it free and public to all. So if your greedy little friends at comcast/timewarner/satan'stain t want to remain in business I highly suggest you tell them to back the fuck off before we take it out on their bottom line. You goddamned Dingo. sincerely, go fuck yourself -Stewart Dawson
—Stewart Dawson, pueblo, CO

I would like to browse all of my sites with the same speed without them having to shell out millions that will surely be passed to me in costs or overbearing ads.
—Joshua Daniels, Greenwood, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I, as an American, don't think its right that any company/companies should be able to limit or eliminate my, or any other American's, access to information.
—Dominic Hoffard, Sac City, IA

I believe in equality on the net because the internet provider's idea of 'fair' is despicable and greedy.
—Amy Myrick, Eureka, CA

to prevent cable company fuckery!!!
—Nathaniel, Redford, MI

Please keep Net Neutrality intact.
—Ben Frazier, Lyndeborough, NH

We are on a tight budget and my husband and I don't have cable TV and rely on the internet and Netflix and Hulu for our entertainment. If cable companies can increase costs to these companies, then that cost will most likely be passed to us, thereby tightening our budget even more. Please don't side with the cable companies!
—Nicole Filoso, Grove City, OH

I support net neutrality because the market of the future must be free, fair, and with equal opportunity for all!
—Ahri Almeida, San Diego, CA

Whether I'm watching netflix , shopping on amazon, or reading a friend's blog , their traffic should all be treated the same. The openness of the internet is what made is such a ubiquitous aspect of daily life in the first place. Removing net neutrality and allowing a select few companies free rein on determining what I can readily view is rediculous and will stifle new ideas and innovations.
—Kevin smith, warren, MI

This is the Communication Age. Large corporations controlling our communication will make people very unhappy and ungovernable. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Kristen Dakota, Louisa, VA

The internet has become vital to the operation of daily life, and to have companies block access to competitors will cause a loss of services such as web banking and education.
—Greg Neyman, NEWTOWN, PA

We, as a society, have a standard that one does not have to pay extra to be treated equally. Net Neutrality is equality in distribution and access to information. This inequality is artificial - the hardware of the internet does not distinguish between the kinds of bits that flow through its' pipes. By instituting artificial barriers to information cable companies grant control of information to media companies that they are affiliated with or that are willing to pay for access. It will leave behind anyone who is not affiliated with the cable companies or unable to pay the fees. By removing Net Neutrality we limit equality to those who can pay for it and artificially restrain those who can't.
—Pieter Spealman, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet should be a free open source! The companies that provide people with it should not be charging other companies! It is wrong to let them do so! It is not in their right and they are destroying competition! Because they just want to be greed and make two profits! Why!? Why isn't just having costumers pay enough? Why do they need to be greedy? Ridiculous, these companies like Netflix should not be treated like this. They are doing nothing wrong. This behavior isn't and should never be okay. The FCC should put a stop to this and reclassify the internet under telecommunications services. Having the internet under tv and radio as of right now does not make any sense! The internet provides so much more than tv shows and music!! It allows you to connect to people on a whole different level. Please put a stop to this and don't let it develop further!
—Jennifer Guzman, Bronx, NY

I work as a programmer and telecommute 100% of the time, if bandwidth is to be controlled by companies that pay for more, then many of the resources I use on a daily basis will cease to exist due to not being useful anymore because they cannot afford to compete financially for it.
—Mark A. Malo, Brevard, NC

I do not trust broadband companies to act in a manner protecting free speech and equal access to the internet. Please respect Net Neutrality.
—Aaron Chase, Brooklyn, NY

Cable companies should not have the "right" to discriminate against citizens for the profit of large corporations. The United States should not be focused on giving power, money, and prestige to the already powerful. Our nation deserves, and demands that the people; actual human people be protected and these companies be stopped.
—Heather Williams, Denton, TX

The only people that benefit from making the internet not as it is, would be to benefit ONLY the companies that already make billions of dollars off of us through their monopoly on the internet and lack of care for their customers.
—Carlo Martin, Fayetteville, NC

Net Neutrality is the only thing keeping the internet safe and unmolested by corporations. When has empowering corporations ever benefited the average citizen? This is a case of doing what is the best for the minority, and harming the majority. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Nick Long, Jacksonville, IL

Please preserve network neutrality on the internet. It's fundamental to America.
—Bob, Avondale Estates, GA

Net Neutrality protect freedom of speech and freedom of expression.
—John Whitney, Louisville, KY

Net Neutrality is all THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES and possibly the world have left. Screw it up. slow it down.Tack control of everything. And You'll force people out of their homes to communicate.Their ideas and concerns That will slowly but steadily create a mob. Then there will be people with picket signs out side of their local internet providers office. But you inconsiderate, Selfish, soulless,corporations don't care. Improve the world STOP fucking up EVERYTHING!
—Charlie, Quincy, IL

Net Neutrality will protect and will only thing from big companies like Verizon, Time Warner Cable and other internet provider from corrupting this whole system of providing internet and other service equally. I am sick and tired of my internet being disgustingly slow and if any other things come to intervene in freedom of speech, press and slowing my internet service, I will always fight and advocate to make sure that those big companies do not get privileges from the government to bring more corruption into internet providing service. NO ONE should be paying those big-monopoly companies to ensure that their websites can run or connect to people/ ordinary citizen at a fast speed/ normal speed of internet. Please, keep the net neutrality and stop getting allured by money that those big companies bring to the government.
—Esther Nam, whitestone, NY

It protects the right of equal access for all users
—Dan Millick, Monaca, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't trust the cable companies to make decisions that are financially the best for my family. We live in an area where Charter is the only broadband option and we are at their mercy when it comes to pricing and content. Therefore, they have no incentive to offer competitive prices or services.
—Ken Golden, Greenville, MI

Because the cable companies have quite enough money and control while I on the other hand have very little of either. This is a country for the people NOT for the 1%. And yes I do know that's a ridiculous thing to say in this day and age but a man can dream.
—David McCown, Battlefield, MO

Net neutrality is of paramount importance. Allowing businesses to profit from price gouging websites for access to a so called "fast lane" would be destructive to the free speech and freedom of information that the internet has been built on.
—Alexandria Savage, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is essential to the personal and socio-economic freedoms of every internet user in this country. If major corporations are allowed to commodify and limit access to sites and products outside of their direct ownership, then the every internet user will suffer. If companies like Comcast are able to decide which sites are "more worthy" of reasonable speeds, then independent and less commercial sites will suffer. Remember that the internet provides access no only to entertainment, but educational content, international idea exchange, e-commerce, and so on. It enhances cultural growth and development in every area, and access should be public and egalitarian in terms of speed, while content costs should be regulated and independently decided just like any other industry in our economy. Further, compromising net neutrality will only encourage piracy and file sharing, as people will be priced out or discouraged from legally purchasing web-based content. Do not buy into the delusion that piracy can be regulated and fined out of existence. Remember that our population is more tech-literate and internet dependent than ever before. Also remember that we're slowly coming out a recession and employment crisis that has economically crippled our young adult populace (i.e. the populace with the most versatile discretionary income from here well into the future.) and will continue to affect the next few generations. Strong-arming consumers, as well as content streaming companies like Hulu, Netflix for example into paying higher prices just to keep their sites functioning will be detrimental to everyone in the long term as more people will turn away these services altogether, for the simple fact that piracy and bootlegging will become the easier and more affordable alternative.
—Milan, Washington, DC

Seriously, haven't we had enough of the Cable company monopolies? This whole charge more for people who can pay and make the internet slower for those who can't is BULLSHIT! The FCC is suppose to protect us from Monopolies and look out for the people. How about doing your job and telling the cable companies to go F themselves?!
—Mark Rose, Arlington, TX

Tom Wheeler is about to destroy the largest source of free information in the world and hand it over to corporations so they can legally screw the people out of more money. We already pay them a fortune for some of the worst service in the developed world. And now we want to pay them more for the same crap service? How is this even being considered? Tom Wheeler's legacy will be the halting of technological progress. No one will spend the money to invest in better services for the people when they have free range to charge whatever the shit they want for the same crappy service. Tom Wheeler should be ashamed of himself. But in case you aren't- the entire country is ashamed for you.
—Ben Beard, Austin, TX

I have a small website and do not have the money to compete with the large corporations for equal internet speed.
—Jason McKenna, astoria, NY

All i have to say is what was the internet made for. It was made so that the people may find easier ways to get directions, take classes, learn how to cook, take tests and etc. And most important it was made not to charge people for useing it witch people alredy get charged by big name telecommunicators but it was made to be a free usable world at the click of a button or the touch of a finger and for some it is a get away from all the troubles of their every day life and now you plan to take that from us, well i say how dare you if it wernt for the people you and all of your telecommunicator companies would be nothing.
—Jacob Molina, los angeles, CA

We pay ridiculous amounts of our hard-earned money every month and expect a service consistent with what we pay for. If Net Neutrality is shot down, IP and Cable companies will have free reign to charge the average person whatever they please for what should be normal speed access to sites and services. How long is the FCC going to continue listening to the garbage spewed by these companies before the board says 'Enough is enough, we've had the wool pulled over our eyes fr far too long!' The cable companies and Internet service providers are trying to rape the public for a quick buck, and we need to call them out on their lies and self-serving interests in the Net Neutrality issue.
—Georgos Ogourousis, Lawrenceville, GA

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues of our time. This isn't about profits for cable and internet companies. This isn't about high-speed access for certain services (and low-speed for others). No, it's much bigger than that. The Internet is an essential part of everyday life. Decades ago, the internet was something that many people knew about, but rarely used. However, nowadays it's used by nearly everyone for nearly everything, even if they don't even realize they're using it. With something so important, it would just be absolutely ridiculous to allow a single corporation to control what data can go through and at what speed. I resent all attempts to disrupt Net Neutrality. It's bad enough that telecommunication companies are allowed to have monopolies in areas, but to allow them to go on and abuse those monopolies even further, in ways that can only harm consumers and progress alike? No. Do not allow ISPs to create different data lanes. Do not allow ISPs to restrict content based on origin or purpose. Do not allow ISPs to restrict content based on content. Do not allow ISPs to restrict ANYTHING. That's not their job. That's not anyone's job. The Internet needs to be free and open. The Internet is not a product for cable companies to make money off of, it is an essential part of life, and should not be restricted by anything but the upper limit of what installed hardware can provide.
—Lucas Fivas, Taylorsville, UT

Internet rates are already rising fast enough with little to no competition in nearly every city in the USA. The only people that want this passed is the major cable/internet companies. If we (the citizens) are going to be paying heavy subscriptions to access the internet I would like to have uniform access to each site. In my job I work for US Gov Contracting. If I am looking for a business to contract with online and their site loads slow or not at all I will move onto the next one. This could potentially limit competition for Government contracts. Net Neutrality doesn't really harm big businesses or the cable companies, but getting rid of Net Neutrality will harm small businesses.
—Joseph Holt, St Paul, MN

IF YOU DISMANTLE NET NEUTRALITY YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN HISTORY AS GREEDY OPPORTUNISTS.
—James Williams, COTTONWOOD, TX

Please continue treating the Internet as a public utility, not another corporate mistake.
—Robin Plan, Austin, TX

I think it is absurd to charge more for equal access. The giants, Google, facebook, twitter, et al, will pay the fees for "fast lane" charge, passed on to the consumer, via networking/cable access just for the "right" to get information at a reasonable speed. This will kill upstart companies who will get lost in the shuffle--while a consumer may benefit from "Bobsgaragerepair.com" he/she won't bother loading such a page if it costs extra to have it run at normal speed. Net neutrality MUST remain--the Web is a populist medium, and needs to stay that way, meaning if I do a search for "Bob's Garage Repair" it better load up in the same list as anything by Lowe's or Home Depot at the same goddam bps rate. After all, Bob may know something about garage repair that maybe Lowe's or Home Depot don't--the opportunity should be there for me to find out without frustration and extra expense. This would also kill those of us making money out here as content writers on sites that ARE NOT Wikipedia, for example (which I'm sure some cable dipwad company would charge extra to make it run faster while requiring Wiki to get in the "fast lane"). Screw that, and screw yet another attempt by cable company's to ream us even more.
—Vic Dillinger, La Grange, KY

Net Neutrality means an internet where money doesn't matter. A Neutral Net is one where ideas are allowed to stand on their merit, and no amount of money or power can dictate which ideas are accessible to people. A Neutral Net means no fast-lanes, no throttling, and protections for consumers from the increasingly monopolistic ISPs which have for too long muddied the waters of this discussion. A Neutral Net, where all traffic and ideas are treated equally, is the most idealistically egalitarian part of our society. Allowing the rich and powerful to take away that frontier is perverse.
—Shane Clune, Pine City, MN

I pay comcast to give me access to the internet. The idea that they should be allowed to take my money and then also charge content providers to transmit their data to me, the data I already payed for, is absurd. It would be one thing if I could just switch to a company that doesn't do this, but the only company that offers speeds over 20mb/s in my area is comcast. Don't let cable companies kill net neutrality. Don't let cable companies blackmail content providers. Don't let the companies who already essentially have monopolies in their areas slow the sharing of information.
—Travis Tornquist, Indianapolis, IN

What is the point of giving more power to the cable companies?
—Brian, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I watch most, if not all, of my shows online. I like that I can pay for only the programming I want, and I would hate to see those prices go up. Furthermore, services like Netflix have great original programming, a service they can provide thanks in part to net neutrality.
—Reyes Maraboto, Brownsville, TX

One of my favorite movies as a kid, "Aladdin", features the following quote: "Haven't you heard of the Golden Rule? Whoever has the gold, makes the rules." That line has stuck with me into adulthood, and it is ringing truer and truer in the world of politics. Please don't allow corporations and their billions stamp out freedom of expression and the right for everyone to be heard. Don't allow better-quality access to those who have the money to spend on it. Don't allow corporations to deny a service that is becoming par with electricity and water to those who aren't the right "market". Stand up to the monopolies!
—Joseph Eveler, Fredericksburg, VA

Please keep Net Neutrality. It is more important than you can ever imagine.
—Luis Loza, Lincoln, NE

Net neutrality to me means being able to access any information available on the internet without companies being able to steer me to certain sites that are willing to pay for access to me. As a rural customer I am already limited to only one broadband ISP. If that ISP decides the priority that sites get to me what is to keep them from feeding me content they want me to have, ie content they own and profit from. I'm pretty sure that's the definition of monopoly. I have no other options, do you want to help big telecom deprive the public even more than they already do. Yes there are multiple ISP's but if they have a gentle men's agreement not to compete for customers, regulation is the rural citizens only hope.
—Ryan Given, Waterford, MS

How can we live in a free society if big cable companies can control every little thing we do, and now they are deciding how fast internet can be for us?
—Marco, Chaska, MN

Hello to whom it may concern this is former SPC Hathaway honorably dicharged paratrooper of the 82ND and now full time college student. I feel the protection of Net Nuetrality is crucial for the future of the internet. As my understanding without it the major ISPs would then be able to charge websites more money for a "fast lane" version of the internet. While at first this may seem great who doesn't want faster internet? Think of those who wouldnt be able to afford it. Small family run businesses all around America would see speeds cut drastically. I frequently go to less traveled websites while researching assignments. While I'm sure wikipedia would pay the fee for the "fast lane". The websites linked to in the sources section would be less fortunate. Please anyone in a position to protect Net Nuetrality do all you can.
—Terry Hathaway, Mount Dora, FL

My ISP should not have the power to dictate how I use the bandwidth I pay for.
—Sean Sexton, Georgetown, MA

Net neutrality keeps corporations, which are not people despite what the Supreme Court says, from buying unequal access and shutting out those who do not have billions of dollars. Wealth should not determine what gets heard, what gets respected, or smply what gets through to the public.
—Elwood Sturtevant, Louisville, KY

SUMMARY: Net Neutrality benefits the economy. It should be supported however possible. without Net Neutrality, many people would face more difficulty finding or offering jobs, selling or buying possessions, finding or reviewing businesses, and even creating and funding their own start-ups and innovations. If the Internet must be maintained with public money, it is worth more than perhaps any current government expenditure.
—Isaac Murphy, Mckinleyville, CA

The internet was originally founded as a way to share information freely, quickly, and openly. Taking away the ability for all individuals to have their thoughts and ideas shared equally for the betterment of corporations or those better off does not constitute an equal protection of rights among all participants. Save Net Neutrality, and let the users decide what is important.
—Cameron, N/A, MN

"If companies can decide that your blog should load at 1/100 the speed of whoever's paying them for "fast lane" access, what does that mean for your freedom of speech?" That pretty much sums it up. Thanks, Cracked.com!
—Kate, Ann Arbor, MI

I just don't like the idea of companies having the ability to make websites forced to be slowed because they're not rich corporations. Down the line, this could allow companies to block sites with information they don't or business partners don't like while hiding behind "oh, prices went up... but just for that site". It's a dangerous precedent if any corporation controls the internet.
—Mr. Jonathan Buchanan, West Seneca, NY

net neutrality to me is similar to freedom of speech. and allowing corporations to de-regulate themselves so they can have more control and profit without any competition is unjustifiable. ul
—Kevin Laucella, spokane, WA

Corporations shouldn't get priority over people. PERIOD. Slowing down the internet so companies can charge more money for it and have faster access themselves seems to be a pretty clear case of, yet again, the majority getting screwed over for the sake of the few.
—Charles Ryan, East Greenwich, RI

A lot of us depend on the free internet for work. If Net neutrality is struck down, it's assured that ISP companies will take advantage of "fast tracking" and a lot of people will lose money because they cant afford to pay a bribe for their websites to load faster than a snail's pace.
—William Derosa, Ewa Beach, HI

In fringing upon a groups ability to communicate seamlessly and limiting their connection to what makes us the bastion of human achievement has not gone over well in countries of the middle east (Egypt) and Asia (china/russia). Instead of openly tongue fucking the regulations on something ninety percent of the country doesn't want why not attempt to be a better company and better invest your money or improve your products.
—Anthony Breimon, Vancouver, WA

The internet's purpose is to provide an unbiased and free speech world that connects us all. No corporation has the right with their billions of dollars to restrict that right. We the people will speak out to this injustice!!
—Jacob, Eastham, MA

We need neutrality as much as the government needs it. The era of cable is over. If we hand them the control to basically stop the websites not deemed worthy, we hand them our ability to say no. We should all say no. We can't let ourselves be governed by big business. We shouldn't let ourselves be governed by the rich. They are not powerful without us. The Internet is free knowledge and very, very powerful. It should stay free for all.
—Kelly Henrickson, McMinnville, OR

I will vote for an independent before I vote for anyone who has been against net neutrality.
—JB Spencer, Baton Rouge, LA

The world is becoming smaller and the borders between countries are eroding as communication becomes easier across social barriers and language difficulties. This has the potential to be a huge advancement towards peace for our species. This trend seems likely to continue as long as the internet remains a neutral ground for all people. Attempting to stall this stage of human evolution seems, frankly, evil.
—Cleve Langdale, blythewood, SC

When I was younger, computers and, later, the Internet were only for the rich. As I became an adult, the Internet became less of a luxury and more of a necessity. My children are mandated to use it in their school district, it's essential to my own work and now it seems things are about to change. Big telecommunications companies want to change the way you access the Internet and want to be able to charge you with little to no oversight. My family and many others can't suffer this change lightly. You're the organization that is supposed to regulate this utility. Don't let the money make your decisions.
—Roy Schmidt, Omaha, NE

This probably won't ever be read but that doesn't mean I shouldn't voice somewhere that what you, the FCC, the commission who is supposed to protect open channels of free speech and give everyone an equal right to a voice, are doing is despicable. I hope the united voices of your country and your people stop you from doing permanent damage to our open system of free speech via internet.
—Kate, athens, GA

The internet must remain neutral. It is the greatest resource for information, innovation and in the case of many income ever to exist in the history of mankind, it's value to the world can literally not be overstated. This decision will change the course of human history and ending Net Neutrality would stifle human progress not just in the United States but the whole world by way of influence. The ensuing damage may be irreversible.
—Marty Obermiller, Layton, UT

Because I don't work for a cable company, and I can easily see why killing millions of start-up groups before they ever happen can be bad. We've experienced a wonderful revolution in entertainment, media, and communication that I think will be all but wiped out with the loss of NN. Without it, the internet becomes just another fucking TV, and all the things great about it will disappear. Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, and anyone else lying their asses off to kill NN should be called out, publicly, and have every lie they've spewed in their efforts rebutted to their faces. What's wrong with America today? Groups like these having all the power simply because they have the money to throw.
—Eric, Americatown, PA

There is not enough competition in the telecommunications industry to ensure fair pricing practices. Neutrality by law is thus required to protect consumers and the many businesses dependent on telecom.
—Brian Collins, Stratford, CT

Net Neutrality will preserve the internet and allow it to grow as the medium for new ideas and provider of services it has become. Restricting that and allowing a select few to determine something such as the speed of loading based on how much the person running the website can afford to pay them will severely limit that progress. Please protect net neutrality!
—Jackie, N Riverside, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it keeps the internet a place of equality, not a place where the only way to get ahead is to already be ahead. The ridding of net neutrality is the very definition of "unfair." If those unable to afford faster sites are stuck with slower sites, that means people will be much less likely to visit them. For businesses, this ruins any attempt of expanding onto the net. Making it easier for those who can afford it to make money and making it harder for those who need every little bit they can to get buy, it's not equal and all it does is promote monopolies and hinder small business. Not only that, but it ruins what so many have come to see as what makes the internet such a great place: your amateurish blog, your online album of your family, that forum where you talk about your hobbies -- everything is equally accessible and equally important.
—Christian Davidson, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is essential to the freedom of speech enjoyed by all Americans. Giving in to lobbyists who are throwing their money to change this is giving in to monopolies who do not have the interest of the average American in mind,something the fcc should take into consideration when deciding on how cable companies should be regulated.
—Marion, Layton, UT

Net neutrality is important as an independent business person, I cannot afford to pay more for the best Internet speed (outbound).
—Kevin McLogan, Royal Oak, MI

Net neutrality is the protection of the little guy against the huge corporations. Without it we'll start to find that any website that criticizes one of the big providers will run more slowly. Or not at all. Given the current state of media, being restricted to speech on radio, TV or print (none of which are free) is tantamount to being silenced and losing entirely one's first amendment rights. Do not let us get into a situation where those with the most money, and ONLY those with money, are the only ones who can be heard. Plus, I don't want to pay more for internet. Those dastards haven't invested in infrastructure anyway. "that's enough FIOS for you!"
—Lynn Allen, Long Beach, CA

We are Anonymous We are legion We do not forgive We do not forget United as one Divided by zero Expect us
—Anonymous Anonymous, Anonymous, DC

et Neutrality is the cornerstone of innovation, free speech and democracy on the Internet. More than 2 million Americans have expressed support for Net Neutrality at Congress and the FCC. They want control over the Internet to remain in the hands of the people who use it every day. Please stand with the public by protecting Net Neutrality once and for a.ll
—Michael Rodriguez, houston, TX

Net neutrality protects the right to free speech of the American people while fostering creativity and sharing. If cable companies got to choose what got high bandwidth, they could effectively shut down any site with opinions that their CEOs or board of directors don't agree with. That's censorship to an extreme.
—Matthew, Bristol, RI

When giant billion dollar companies spend millions of those dollars to stop something, that coincidentily will make them billions of more dollars you should know that they do not have the public's best interests in mind. Just their own greed. We need Net Neutrality.
—Rogelio Cavazos, North Charleston, SC

Anyone who has even a single brain cell knows that none of the big internet conglomerates, such as Verizon, Comcast, Cox, etc., want net neutrality. It's quite evident by Comcast's stint with Netflix. How can anyone of you FCC employees seriously think that these corporations are in it for anything except for money? Do you think that these clubs that are assembled for, supposedly, supporting net neutrality have lower employees in it? How is it that each of those of those members are CEOs? STOP getting blindsided by the depth of their pockets. It's not CEO of Verizon that's keeping the company profitable. It's the consumers, and if we really wanted to, we would stop patronizing them. Do the right thing and support net neutrality!
—Kristina Alexander, Windham, NH

Net neutrality allowed me to supplement my college education with online resources without having to add in more cost to my college education. Net neutrality provides an equal opportunity avenue to empowering oneself. As a country, we should not allow economic barriers that would inhibit a person's drive to improve themselves or their world.
—Garrett Hehn, Houston, TX

The ISP's aren't blind. They realize that the internet is quickly becoming a 'necessity' of most households. Right alongside food and electricity. Not to sound like a conspiracy theorist, but charging for fast lanes isn't exactly the worst thing the ISP's can do. Looking forward, though, it sets a terrible precedent for these companies to begin to change policy to better suit their quarterly figures. Governmental policy SHOULD NOT be changed to benefit a company over the people both the government and the company supposedly serve.
—Dillon Smith, Martinsville, IN

The Internet has become so deeply enmeshed in just about every aspect of daily life that disrupting access to it would damage just about everything. In order to make sure everything runs smoothly, the Internet has to remain neutral; if Net Neutrality goes away, it puts nearly every aspect of a person's life (how they communicate with friends, how they work, where they shop, and so on) at the mercy of a few big corporations who will be fully willing and able to hold us hostage in order to ensure that we pay more.
—Andrew Christianson, Conyers, GA

Because the lobbyists saying that net neutrality should die are all funded by the telecoms, I'd much rather use the sites I have now than the giants that fling money around without a hassle, the companies trying to kill it are the same who have done things like spend the billions they received to upgrade infrastructure on advertising and company pay raises, and because it's a joke that one has to play a dollar per megabit with Comcast and the like when smaller companies are offering 1000 megabits for the same price range.
—Dan Enig, Chicago, IL

It protects my ability to express myself, connect with others, and make a living, effectively and effortlessly. Net neutrality might not be the end of a free internet, but I believe it would be the beginning of the end. To me, this is like giving auto manufacturers an anytime anyplace kill switch for every vehicle they make, that the dealers can pay to have disabled. It only makes sense in that it can be used to extort money. Removing net neutrality is a way of generating fraudulent profit out of thin air.
—Adam, Piqua, OH

Hi! We're Comcast and Verizon. We've been informed that the internet is totally not broken, and we're here to fix that. You see, when people say they want free and unrestricted internet usage, what they're REALLY saying is that they want us to completely DESTROY one of the greatest and most important inventions in the history of mankind, so we can buy ourselves a couple of gold-plated Yachts. What's that? It sounds like we're spewing utter bullshit? Well, to that we say, "here's $40 million, just for you." Still sound like bullshit? Yeah, didn't think so.
—David Clark, North Chesterfield, VA

Defending things like net neutrality is the very reason the FCC exists. If you aren't able to make the right call in something as cut and dry as this then I question why even have an FCC.
—Kody Digre, Hayden, ID

The internet is something we've all contributed to in one way or another. I'm contributing to it right now, actually. To take away neutrality and leave the largest database of human information in the hands of profit-driven ISPs would be to rip all of the humanity from the internet. Even the weird parts. And seriously, do you want to pay more for premium access to the internet? Ask yourself that, person who's reading this.
—Shane Thiede, Clinton Twp, MI

The internet should remain neutral and fair. Please maintain the fundamental nature of the industry. Thank you.
—Zach Reed, Milford, ME

Are you guys serious? Just use some damn common sense. Evil shit like this need to be stopped.
—Colton Worley, Spokane, WA

I don't believe in the companies that are my local internet service providers; but I have no alternatives. I want competition, not a monopoly. The internet is an important part of my life, as it is for other Americans. If internet service providers are allowed to charge a premium for speed to companies who operate at any level over the internet, they have a an advantage that goes against any semblance of freedom. The free market destroys itself, and becomes a monopoly. In my opinion, they shouldn't even be allowed to charge a premium for consumers to have faster speeds than their neighbors. Comcast and Verizon shouldn't get to throw money at their problems and get what they want. I'm blown away that are trying to charge both the consumers AND the producers for the internet, something they didn't invent, and something they don't rights to. The Internet has the greatest potential to better the lives of people, than of any technology since modern medicine. But don't get me started on the "Health Care" industry...
—Christopher Eicher, Woodridge, IL

Because the internet has been neutral for 25 years, and removing net-neutrality will change the way the internet works, permanently.
—Matt Crowther, Sun Valley, CA

Net neutrality is important for free education. For widespread dissemination of knowledge. And for funny animal pictures. Seriously, you shouldn't have to think hard about this unless there's money in your pockets from the corporations. Besides, if you go through with it, America will suck more than other countries, do you really want to say you made America worse? The companies have already made the US among the worst bang for your buck internet markets. Seriously, spend some time on the internet googling these things.
—Adrian Ivan, niskayuna, NY

As a member of the disabled community, I rely on the Internet to be my link to the world I cannot touch. I strongly feel that maintaining net neutrality maintains my ability to interact with the world in a way I never will be able to without the total influence of corporations paying for the priceless of faster internet. Only someone who is completely money hungry would think the current debate on net neutrality is anything other than corporations trying to get richer and have more power over the already powerless.
—Kimberly Mathieu, Fort Worth, TX

It is critically important that the internet remain a level playing field for large and small entities alike. It should not be a requirement to be a large corporation so you buy your way on to the internet. Caleb providers are already holding the internet captive by refusing to provide adequate bandwidth. Allowing them to further strangle the internet would be unconscionable.
—Michael West, Frisco, TX

When did elected officials quit working for the good of the common citizen? When these oppressive lobbyists started lining their pockets. Protect our freedoms please. Do not be purchased.
—Jason Sizemore, kings mountain, NC

It seems like Net Neutrality is the only to allow small businesses to compete with larger ones. Also new innovations will be throttled without neutrality
—Sabu Simon, Hicksville, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I surf the web looking for webcomics. Most of those webcomics aren't making enough money to pay for themselves let alone for a faster connection.
—Jared, Berrien Springs, MI

I've always seen the internet as the last bastion of truly free speech and information in the world. Allowing anyone, private or public, to pick and choose which information has priority access is a violation of everything the internet is supposed to be.
—Adam Penny, Columbia, SC

I believe that neither corporations or the government should be able to censor rightful free speech, and if you think that a website dedicated to bashing Verizon/Comcast/et al will have anywhere near a comfortable speed under a non-Net Neutrality internet, I have a bridge to sell you. Furthermore, allowing internet providers the ability to "charge a fee to get into the fast lane" (i.e. pay to not suck) is essentially a tax levied on newcomers by the internet providers that will do nothing but stifle newcomers. Again, they have to either pay or suck, and last time I checked, new companies didn't have much cash.
—David Ogan, Unionville, CT

WE NEED EQUALITY! WE NEED FREEDOM!
—Joe Greenswood, ATMAA, GA

Net Neutrality is important for several reasons, but these are the two that I think are the most pertinent to this case. It would hobble any possibility for competition between tech start-ups and established entities like Netflix. The other reason has to do with service and efficiency. U.S. citizens already pay far more for far worse service than anywhere else in the developed world. Ending Net Neutrality would make things even worse for the consumer having to deal with companies noted for having the worst customer service in the country.
—John Harwell, Huntsville, AL

Because the first amendment guarantees freedom of speech and by limiting who gets what information and making access to certain lines of thinking easier companies could manipulate what information the public has access to. Limiting access to any information is inherently immoral and illegal.
—John Boire, Yorktown Heights, NY

The entity that controls the flow of information controls the world. Equal access is the only way to maintain power with the people rather than governments and corporations.
—Maria Stahl, Montpelier, OH

The internet is the last open forum. The Cable companies just want to manipulate speeds so they can choose which websites people can get to and charge more money for that privelage. Please don't let them finegle even more money out of people!
—Emily Hildreth, Arvada, CO

Net Neutrality keeps the Internet as a place where anyone can have an audience; a non-neutral Internet would result in corporations restricting people's access to content that the corporations don't want anyone to see. The Internet is one of the last vestiges of free speech.
—Chad Nathaniel Schimmel, State College, PA

The internet is a forum where even the smallest voice can be heard; it should remain that way. Also, forcing people/companies to pay for faster service would be detrimental to the millions of small owners already operating on razor thin margins.
—Ashley Hutson, Florida, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because as a student, I must use hundreds of sites everyday for papers, reports, and homework assignments, and without net neutrality, I could lose all of that, thus making me gain less knowledge in college. You guys are awesome by the way!
—Nicholas Toth, Mobile, AL

Ending Net Neutrality is the worst idea since leaded gasoline. We need net neutrality, its a huge component of the economy and has paved the way for many large corporations - all of which started out small. The net is one of the few places a self-made-man can strike at rich anymore, and that is ONLY because of net neutrality.
—Rick Austinson, Camarillo, CA

The Internet is supposed to be a service for the free exchange of ideas. It is supposed to connect humanity. Allowing ISPs to charge for so-called "fast lanes" for no other reason than to pile on more profits for the benefit of no one but the companies goes against everything the Internet even exists for. Customers already pay for the traffic they're using. It is not fair to anyone to charge a customer and a website twice for the same traffic. If they are allowed to do this, what's to stop them from creating artificial bottlenecks to sites they are in competition with or don't agree with ideologically? Save the internet, not the broadband companies.
—Robert Hudson, Pooler, GA

Please, please, please keep the Internet free for innovation!
—Anthony Anderson, Minot, ND

Net Neutrality fosters competition and allows for healthy growth and turnover in the online-industry. Removing it would entrench the current technology, and slow down innovation.
—Pauline Breeden, Chatsworth, CA

Being owned by big money companies should not determine whether or not a site is allowed to prosper!!
—Abby, Columbus, OH

In a day and age where more and more information is becoming digital, the right to access that information must be protected. This protection has to come in the form of Net Neutrality - as the companies themselves cannot be trusted with the burden of protecting the masses when the temptation of padding the bottom line poses a direct conflict.
—Nick Varga, pewaukee, WI

The ability to access any site should not be restricted/throttled because large corporations are more interested in increased profits instead of improving customer relations and service.
—Michael Greer, Lawrence, KS

I'm paying for high speed internet, not just high speed access to wealthy sites.
—Sean, Indianapolis, IN

This feels like a violation of my constitutional rights. When and if I make a statement of free speech online there should be no provider slowing down the venue I used because they feel it's of little importance.
—Christopher Drain, Portland, OR

It's fucking important to me
—Ian Elliott, Bloomfield, NJ

The entire reason that senators get elected, rather than chosen by state governments, is to prevent a "Millionaire's Club" from happening again, where only the individuals with money are the ones that have their voices heard. Net Neutrality ensures that this happens for the internet because, let's be honest, cable companies are going to charge websites for decent connection to their patrons. Cable companies already charge ridiculous prices for internet (as evidenced by Google being able to provide the same internet speeds for free, after an installation cost), and do their best to strong-arm consumers into spending extra money, practices that could generally be seen as greedy. Because they are. Because cable companies are greedy and will do their best to make sure that they profit off of the removal of Net Neutrality.
—Nicholas Smith, Brecksville, OH

Never has there been something the American people have so clearly opposed as the elimination of Net Neutrality. Creating legislature that would end the argument over Net Neutrality would be an historic achievement for the FCC and the United States as a whole. The internet has come to be recognized as a public forum and restricting anyone's ability to speak on it is in direct violation of the First Amendment.
—Nick Saucedo, Orange, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it would be refreshing to see rich assholes and the politicians they own NOT screw everyone else over for a change.
—Harris McCabe, Los Angeles, CA

At this point in time the internet is an integral part of free speech and removing this would allow corporations to choose which sites can and can't work properly. This stacks the deck in favor of anyone who doesn't have millions of dollars to buy these guys off.
—Abraham, Forest Grove, OR

If you get rid of net neutrality, only people with money will be able to compete because if you don't have money, your web site will run slowly and who enjoys slow internet? Do the RIGHT thing and keep net neutrality going! Thanks
—Jeff, Westport, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a poor college student, I need to save money where ever I can.
—Gunner Taylor, Georgetown, TX

It is not a free internet in the modern digital society when several corporations have the control to run it for their best interests. The internet has modernized as should our laws.
—Eddie Miller, Duarte, CA

Without net neutrality, the even playing field that makes the internet such a beautiful and powerful tool for everything from self-expression to small business development would be destroyed. Allowing these ISPs to create "fast-lanes" is an endorsement of fundamental inequality.
—Ryan M, Auburn, AL

Because Freedom of Speech should not be bought and sold! I have the right to wade through the swamps of unintelligent webpages and YouTube comments! Don't take that away from me!
—Bernadette Marchett, Palm Coast, FL

The internet is among the most important inventions mankind has ever arrived at, and it has become essential to the lives of individuals and business across America. If net neutrality were neutralized, it would mean nothing short of relentless power abuse from large companies to the detriment of the common man and smaller businesses. The internet will play an instrumental part in humanity's future. Don't be remembered as the the ones who failed to defend it.
—Ian Travis, Plainville, MA

Cable companies have recently been doing a fantastic job of giving us, the people, terrible service at much higher rates. They have been slow to respond to complaints, and now they're trying to, essentially, regulate the internet. It's bad enough that cable companies virtually have a monopoly on said service. Now the same people, the presidents of comcast, AT&T, and verizon are lobbying to do away with net neutrality all to make a quick buck. And why? The cable company is in a golden age right now. On top of that, they've used almost every dirty trick in the book from lobbiests to creating groups, of which they're all apart of, to say that net neutrality is basically the devil. I don't support this. I can't support this. This is just greed, plain and simple. Please don't let them get away with it. Please stop them.
—Matt, Lexington, KY

Net neutrality needs to stay neutral. the big businesses like At&T and Verizon and Comcast don't need anymore power especially concerning the internet. if they want to play in cyberspace, then they need to man up and realize that they aren't and shouldn't be allowed to take everyone's toys and then hand them out to whom they deem 'worthy'. The Internet is not Game of Thrones, and they sure as hell aren't sitting on the Iron Throne. Deal with it.
—Jason, Valrico, FL

The internet has changed the free-world for the better and restricting access to content and providers based on a "pay-to-win" business model does nothing to benefit the greater good of all mankind.
—Robert Norrick, Hammond, IN

We need more regulation and enforcement, not less. The big providers have consistently proven they care only for their own profit, and nothing for the public interest. They need a regulatory smack-up-side-the-head, not to be given precedent to choose whose information is more worthy. Internet architecture is now infrastructure absolutely vital to our economy, and should never have been privatized in the first place - but as it has been, its "owners" must acknowledge that they are meant to manage it in the public trust, and it in not clear cut private property with which they can do as they please.
—Michael, Upton, MA, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it creates a even playing field where the guys with all the money don't have the power to make all the decisions. Keep things as they are. Don't change them. Hail Hydra.
—Jeffrey Jones, Calumet Park, IL

Net neutrality is important because it's what makes the internet to be a weirdly even place. If the internet want even for everyone, than startups would fail, as they were crushed by unfair startup costs. Internet service providers would turn, if they aren't already, into mafia style organizations, where you pay "protection money" to stay in business as long as you follow their requirements. If you start a business, but can't pay the mafia, good luck staying in business. ISP's might say they'll never do that. But their track record shows they are liars. They've held Netflix out to ransom, a company which they also compete with, so once you get rid of net neutrality, they will crush them. The only thing they care about is profits, as shown by their falling investment in infrastructure and complete disregard for customer service. But why care about that when most cable companies dint compete with each other. Where I live you can get comcast, and maybe AT&T, if they think it profitable to have you. But the costs and quality of service for both are insane. How is it that I have a slower and more expensive service than someone in Romania? Because ISP's are monopolies, which care little about net neutrality, because it doesn't let them maximize their profits.
—Razvan Burghiu, Ypsilanti, MI

Net neutrality is imortant as it is needed to be a truly free society in the 21st century
—Tom, big sky, MT

Net neutrality ensures that those who are well off can't buy more "free speech" than the rest of us. I don't want a cable company deciding what is easy to access on the internet (via paying for faster download speeds). This is a way of controlling the message with money, plain and simple.
—Shawn Roderick, Poulsbo, WA

Net Neutrality allows users, like myself, to select the content that we want to watch. Ending Net Neutrality will take right away and give it to the people who are pushing particular internet sites on to us.
—Jesse Mahn, Central, SC

Internet service is essential to productive life. I would challenge the US Congress to cancel all internet use for 30 days to prove that point. As it is so essential, it forces the consumer to pay out the nose to use it. Internet connectivity is as important as electricity and gas and allowing ISPs to have unregulated control will pick the pocket of the average American.
—Justin Roberts, Anywhere, CA

Because I already pay not one, but two cable companies exorbitant amounts for services that I more than half the time don't recieve and the last thing they need is a chance to charge us all more money to get a supposedly functional version of what they already can't guarantee.
—Michael Whelan, Marshall, TX

there is already no competition between cable and internet providers do not make it worse.
—Chris swan, Redford, MI

Net Neutrality is an absolute necessity to the American public and cable companies need to be regulated in order to ensure that the citizens of this country are provided with service that has become a standard part of the American lifestyle. Broadband internet service has unequivocally become a a public utility and the citizens of this nation deserve to have the same protections and guarantees they get from other standard, public utilities. Please do everything in your power to defend and promote net neutrality!
—Stan Zitek, Oshkosh, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in fair play for all who use the internet.I believe that COMCAST, AT&T, Time Warner, Verizon among other intend to tighten their grip on this monopoly of theirs even more for the sole purpose of increasing their revenues. They have NO INTEREST in "protecting" the 1st and 5th Amendments through the internet, people with disabilities needs. They have free reign enough as it is, barely being regulated with how they conduct themselves business wise. Let this not be one more aspect of everyone's lives they seek to control for the sake of lining their greedy pockets further.
—Jose Ramirez Jr., San Marcos, TX

It is not right for us to officially grant the wealthy and well-connected a bigger voice than those without said resources. It would allow powerful and well-funded organizations to mute their detractors, because the detractors' websites are probably unrealistically slow to access. Also, often I visit websites not run by wealthy organizations.
—Kevin Peng, ,

It's simple - the abolition of net neutrality would essentially mean that cable companies get to decide exactly how important my first amendment rights are, or to be more precise, they let the almighty dollar decide that for me. In a world ruled by money, in a world where Internet access has been declared a BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, wouldn't an abolition of net neutrality be considered counter productive? Protect OUR freedom of speech. This is a slippery slope. Are people really willing to let this happen just so a few greedy suits and ties can have a few more million dollars added to their net worth? Humans that support this motion are scum.
—Michael, San Diego, CA

Please do not give in to the cable company lobbyists. It is scary how much they are spending to eliminate net neutrality. The current Internet is an amazing source of innovation with level playing fields for all businesses. Please keep it that way by preserving net neutrality principles of equal Internet for all.
—Chris Horton, Portsmouth, VA

The public is not served by allowing ISPs to charge content providers for faster delivery. Knocking down Net Neutrality is an anti-democratic corporate money-grab. Keep the net neutral.
—Sandford Parker, Gainesville, FL

The internet has become the primary way that the public connects and communicates. Allowing internet/telecom providers to tier traffic, favor certain content, or accept payment for preferential treatment of traffic is a bad idea. Any change in this regard, away from the intentions of the Open Internet Order, will lead to stagnation in the development of internet technologies and ensure that those company's that can pay the most maintain their current marketplace standing. This will be incredibly harmful to the consumer and the public good. ISPs should be classified as common carriers to ensure that this can not happen. There is already a scarce number of ISP provider options for consumers in local markets. Enhancing the providers' abilities to edit speed and content will further reduce competition and innovation.
—Greg Lysko, Downingtown, PA

A free and open internet will keep innovation flowing. It will allow startups to continue to flourish. Monopolies like Comcast and Time Warner will only get bigger and more powerful if we let Tom Wheeler have his way. Tom Wheeler is a dishonest lying sack of garbage, who is only looking to get richer after he leaves he post as FCC Chairman.He is NOT acting in the best interest of the American people.If Net Neutrality is reversed, internet access will get more expensive.
—Scott Siddall, Fenton, MI

In the 21st century, the internet has become one of our primary communications mediums, for some even more so than the telephone, or in conjunction with it (through smartphones). My family in the United States uses Skype to communicate with our family overseas (primarily in Haiti), as do many families, especially those with family members deployed with the military. Now, most internet service providers, including my own, also offer pricey home phone service and long-distance calling packages, and they push customers heavily to "bundle" with those services, offering deep discounts because most people don't use them anymore. If net neutrality is eliminated, what is to stop these companies from slowing down the Skype service to levels that are unusable for international communication, especially in developing countries, to push customers into buying the long-distance packages (even cell companies like Verizon charge for international calling)? Or charging customers more for a "premium" package that included access to services like Skype? Or making Skype pay exorbitant charges to have the service run normally, passing those costs onto the users, or even driving it out of business altogether? Imagine if this had happened to the telephone in its early days; we might still be paying AT&T or Western Union by the word because it would cost too much to make a phone call. I know that's a bit of hyperbole, but I don't think it is as much of a stretch as it might seem. This is just one small example of why, as a primary communication medium, the internet should be classified and regulated as a public utility. I don't know why corporations still insist that they have the public's best interests at heart, because time has proven again and again that they don't, which is why we rely on oversight groups such as the FCC to look out for us instead. Please save Net Neutrality and keep the internet open for all.
—Catherine White, Mesa, AZ

Well i like the internet to not be the mishandled pile of garbage that is evey other mostly unregulated thing. Also i will give up on america and move to canada.
—Daniel Levin, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality allows us to choose what websites we want to frequent, and doesn't penalize us for those choices. If companies can regulate which websites load faster, and which move slower, an obvious issue in power would be intentionally making the websites of companies that compete with those who regulate the internet speed load much slower. This penalizes the users for their decision to look at competitive companies.
—Logan, Lake Worth, FL

I want my freedom from the government that they are trying to take away
—Travis Phillips, camas, WA

Net neutrality is critical for Americans to support and defend as we are the model for freedom of speech, open and fair markets and just access to education, voting booths and other collective assets.
—Julie Noble, Bethesda, MD

Great, thanks for sharing this article. Really Cool. kdakgbdebafa
—Johng230, Oakland, VA

Hello! Do you use Twitter? I'd like to follow you if that would be okay. I'm undoubtedly enjoying your blog and look forward to new posts. ecabddbecgfd
—Johnc142, Oakland, VA

The internet provides a place where every person has equal voice. The spread of high speed connections and 3G networks have only increased access. It would be counterproductive and potentially dangerous for gates and gatekeepers based on profit to suddenly spring up. Usability studies have shown that a site's load times and performance are vital to visitors remaining and using the site. A website forced to load artificially slowly could be robbed of all of its traffic as a result.
—Sarah Letham, WOODLAND HILLS, CA

The most basic point for making broadband a public utility and keeping the internet neutral is this: imagine if the phone companies decided who you can and cannot talk to. Because your friend Steve doesn't use your same carrier, you can't talk to him. Simple as that. There are really no solid, nuanced arguments against net neutrality that can't be refuted by this simple analogy. Keep it neutral and the internet companies will survive and make money still. Why limit the freedoms of billions just to please a few?
—Jason Bavinck, Green Bay, WI

If we lose net neutrality we'll most likely enter a dark age of the internet, so to speak, and progress in many ways will have slowed.. Don't let indoctrination delude you, we need an indiscriminate internet as much as we need freedom.. Someday we may find our answer to many of life's problems in a website that doesn't yet exist and the only thing stopping it would be there lack of money to compete with already established websites..
—Stanford Wylie, New York, NY

Because the woman that runs the cooking recipe blog I like to read shouldn't have to pay big bucks to service providers just so her page loads in a timely fashion.
—Matthew Bowden, conneaut, OH

Dear FCC, Why do you allow the continued consolidation of power in the hands of just a few companies without giving them significant additional regulatory responsibilities? Why are we allowing the Ma Bell monopoly to be reconstructed here? This is not a bright future. It does not promote innovation or freedom of speech. Seriously Concerned, Tim
—Tim Wendland, Damascus, MD

I want the internet to remain, free and open as it is and as it has been for all of these years. Regulating the internet so that certain companies can create higher priced "fast lanes" for user access is definitely not a good idea. The internet is not broken. Do not regulate it so that only the big players enjoy full benefits. Thank you. MEL
—Melvin Ah Ching, Honolulu, HI

I feel that allowing the service providers to charge for usage will stifle inovation. The next Google or Yahoo will not be able to get off the ground because they will not be able to afford the bandwidth for their business.
—Norman Connard, Elkview, WV

Net Neutrality is essential to a level playing field on the internet. Allowing large businesses, like Comcast, to buy a "fast lane" on the internet while small, start-up or mom-and-pop businesses must use a "slow lane" for lack of funds is unAmerican and against the general tenets of a free, open market. Don't let big business in America buy the internet!
—Becky Easley, Sundance, WY

With such corporate influence taking over our lives, it is important to find web sites that promote free thinking. Believe it or not, MONEY is not society's biggest value!
—Barry Weisband, brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me to prevent unfair pricing practices by large corporations. Big corporations should not have influence over the content to which we have access.
—Mary Beth Johnson, Fort Collins, CO

Let's let the rich get richer by charging the common people more money yet again. That sounds like a fantastic idea. They own the infrastructure , yes, but are simply looking for a way to ring every last penny out of whoever they can. That kind of corporate greed needs to be cut down at the knees.
—Lyndon Coutts, Minot, ND

The internet is built on open standards. If we don't protect that way of innovation the internet will become a corporate bureaucracy that will smother any innovative idea's. I support net Neutrality and the hands off approach that the government has had on the growth of the internet. The internet is built for the people and needs to be protected by the people.
—Timothy James Reed, Nunica, MI

We should be able to get ANY information at ANY speed. In any other instance, we would switch carriers, but ISPs have a MONOPOLY in America.
—Valencia Dawson, irving, TX

It is essential that all content is allowed to move across the internet at the same speed and that everyone has access no matter what their financial status. Also, the internet is a public good and should be regulated to ensure equal access. Without such regulation we could end up with a society of internet haves and have nots.
—Lorraine Branham, Fayetteville, NY

Without net neutrality, startups will be choked out by lager companies. We will have no more YouTubes, no more Facebooks, no more Twitters, and no competitors... Ever, since they existing companies will pay to have a faster connection.
—Luke Miller, New Carlisle, OH

The internet is revolutionary because it enables everyone with access to be on equal footing. Money shouldn't have the ability to strangle the internet like it strangles the real world. Fight the power!
—Becket, Columbus, OH

Ending net neutrality allows huge corporations to decide which websites are more important than others. No one but the end user should be able to make that decision.
—Chris Miller, North Port, FL

Please don't ruin my (and many others) American dream of having an internet-based startup business.
—Mary Wojcik, Plymouth, IN

The Internet is a voice and an ear for many; and if you allow voices to be muted and ears to be stopped up you have just trod on the 1st amendment. I cannot fully express how important this is; above is only a simple legal argument; the moral arguments are much stronger and more important.
—Monique, Boise, ID

It allows equal access to vast archives of information on the internet.
—Drew, Pittsburgh, PA

Please protect net neutrality! We need to bring the public's utilities and means of production into the public's control, and ending net neutrality would certainly be a step in the wrong direction. Please don't let the cable company 1 percenters tell you otherwise.
—Joseph Natter, Lexington, KY

I read that if Verizon and Comcast get their way and throw out net neutrality then people in rural areas will suffer from slower internet speed. How is that fair?
—Justin Stokes, Butler, OH

Net Neutrality was the base for free speech in the modern age, especially since a few dozen corporations have newspapers, television, and film all to themselves, which crowds all the other voices out. If cable companies are given the power to regulate the internet as proposed, they'll just use them to become obscenely rich, and starve out any views that they don't like. It should go without saying how dangerous that power is for a free country. If, for example, Comcast didn't like what a blogger was saying, all they would have to do would be to set up roadblocks to cut them off from everybody, effectively censoring him. "If you give any one man the power to control speech, the power to abuse it becomes overwhelming, and free speech isn't free anymore." (Sid Meier)
—Joey Redlin, Round Lake Beach, IL

So that no matter the source, everything load at a reasonable speed. So that grimy mega corps don't make even more money off of terrible practices
—Aaron, Tuscaloosa, AL

I'm the little guy in this. I know what net neutrality is and I know what Verizon and gang plan to do to kill it. They may argue that it's their lines and their internet and their service but it's not like we have a choice now do we? I have a choice of Cox, AT&T, and...AT&T. That's cable, UVerse (it's not really fiber. I work in the field and I know the difference), and DSL. So if I don't like Cox I have to go with AT&T. And who are we kidding? AT&T is awful. Just truly awful. While I'm being rather PG in this (trust me, that's not me) in the end it doesn't really matter. Because no one will read this and besides Tom Wheeler, your Chairman, used to be-oh who are we kidding he still is- a lobbyist for the big telecom companies. I'm just going to get a thank you for taking it up the ass citizen email for this and the big corporations will win. But I hope someone will read this and maybe Tom himself can answer a few questions for me. When Verizon has it's dick in your mouth, do they at least put their hand on your head to make you feel special? Does their dick taste like santorum (look it up) from all of the ass fucking Verizon and Comcast have single handedly done to all of their customers? I live in a paper mill town growing up and on rainy days you could smell it for miles. When my grandfather work there he used to say it was the smell of eggs and bacon. So does that santorum covered Telecom dick taste like eggs and bacon to you Mr. Wheeler? Thank you and have a nice day.
—Brian Parker, Baker, LA

I want the internet providers to treat all sites equal. I do not want a monopoly on my internet.
—Katherine Carlson, kent, WA

We do NOT trust billionaire greedy men in suits to boss us around and make us pay for 21st century technology. End of story.
—Samson Tamijani, Houston, TX

net neutrality is important because it is the only real way to have a chance at making giant cable companies responsible for their actions, the best way to impose regulations on these companies, and the way the internet has been and should always be enjoyed.
—Matt Kamholz, Randolph, NJ

The internet was created with the intention of being a free source to exchange thoughts and information. These cable companies make enough money by providing not just internet, but phone and television service as well. They do not need any more money, they are simply greedy corporate gluttons who treat the average man like a personal piggy bank. Do not let them destroy the internet just so they can make a few more dollars.
—Steven Niciforo, East Islip, NY

Please don't allow corporate greed to interfere with the greatest human innovation of all time. We possess, right now, a free flow of information and communication unprecedented in history. Keeping net neutrality will pay off more in the long run than bowing to these corporations who do not have the best interest of the American public at heart.
—Antoine Coetzee, Sherman Oaks, CA

Please keep the net neutral for generations to come. The internet was meant for sharing ideas. I don't want to see it manipulated from the pig pockets.
—Athalie Sosa, Imperial, CA

I think it is important for me to be able to access, not just the big name sites, but also the new upstart sites online, unhindered.
—Jeremy L Winn, Salem, OR

So everyone can have an equal chance to educate ourselves
—William, salem, OR

It's not all about money! Adapt or fall behind, guys.. You're doing more harm than good.
—Terrance McDonald, Eagan, MN

The internet is an abundant source of impartial and unbiased information (all sides of an argument is represented). If net neutrality is taken away, private companies will have the power to manipulate the transfer and quality of knowledge and information to what benefits them.
—Pauline e., kihei, HI

Giving big companies free reign to make people pay for their website speed is ludicrous.
—Adrienne Tetla, Redmond, WA

Lobbying is one of the biggest problems in the government. No one should be able to buy their way. I don't know how much any amount of public outcry will help however, since the new head of the FCC is an ex-lobbyist and basically a corporate stooge.
—Brylan Ranscht, San Diego, CA

Corporations and big businesses purely want to control this market for the sake of their own profits, and this technology is the foundation of the future of humanity. Time and time again Capitalism is irresponsible and externalizes the consequences of their actions onto citizens. Net Neutrality is one of the last forms of free expression that people have and be giving this up, we enable large businesses to strip us of our ability to think freely. Net Neutrality is the foundation of this, because limiting access to information eventually will erode away basic rights to ALL information or will direct people to information that has been predetermined instead of allowing us the Choice.
—Aaron Butler, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Net Neutrality should remain for us in America, please don't let us down.
—Thomas Scovens, Lauderhill, FL

Net neutrality is important because we use it to access new information for learning, research, science, literature. Too much of the modernised market relies on the internet for it to be taken away. Those who cannot afford school can at least learn on the internet.
—Swankery@gmailcom Swank, Templeton, CA

It wouldn't be fair to people to have to pay for different services. If I had to pay separately to access my websites for school and as well as pay for fun websites I wouldn't pay at all and just do something else with my time.
—Tiffany, Avoca, MI

Net neutrality keeps it so that small businesses and amateur websites can be looked at, so those who use the "world wide web" can still do so.. Without having to pay fees that many of us cannot afford.
—Amanda C., Clover, SC

Because this makes it harder for everyone to be able to access the resources they need on the internet - particularly the people who don't have $50 to spare and would rather spend it on feeding their family or paying the heat bills.
—Carmen, Hampton, VA

Our founding fathers would support this.
—Oladele Moore, Inglewood, CA

Net Neutrality is important. You may see this as an opinion, but I see it as more. I see it as a statement of bearing; a statement that means something, because it does. Net neutrality means freedom. Net neutrality means that I can go on to YouTube and search for videos that help me to learn when my teacher doesn't explain something in a way I can understand it. It means that I can search for people that have the same issues as I do, and find opinions and strategies of how to get through said problems. It means that I can watch something that makes me feel at home when I just flew half way across the world alone. Net neutrality means that I can feel like a part of a community, and not worry about that community being shut down or restricted. Net neutrality means that creative minds don't have to worry about the band with that their site takes up. Net neutrality means that the universe is the limit, because the universe has no limit.
—Kaitlynn Hintz, Russellville, AL

A country that used to be for the people by the people can now be summed up as being by corporations for corporations. Please lets save this one last vestige of freedom we have left.
—Caleb Carriere, Lafayette, IN

I do not understand why the government is considering allowing several people complete control over what people are able to access. No one except for the people who would make money off this is in support of allowing cable companies to build their own little empire. So let's see, something that a handful of people with a lot of money want vs something that a vast majority of the people want... I don't understand why this is a tough call. But if the cable companies are really hurting for money, they could... perhaps stop throwing money at this campaign to end net neutrality. But since they have all the money to spend on lobbyists and the like, I really can't find any sympathy for their plea: "But we're not making enough money" I thought that we didn't like dictatorships. Isn't that why we keep getting involved in military action in other countries? Net Neutrality is so inherently a great example of the american dream - that anyone can achieve anything if they work hard at it - that I'm shocked that you'd even consider abolishing it. It's very unpatriotic.
—Jill, Milwaukee, WI

If you (the FCC) ever think that listening to the people (cable companies) that have all the money, power and interest in keeping it that way, is a good idea, then you have none of the objectivity required for your job.
—Andrew Lenentine, plymouth, NH

Because cable companies can, and will (as demonstrated by their pricing plans and obtusity to consumers demands throughout the years) continue to raise prices and screw everyone over. I should NOT have to pay more for the frickin internet because CEOs want to lobby for more money.
—Katherine, Detroit, MI

I should not be forces to pay extra for specific content. I pay for a service, not for someone else to filter and choose what I want/get to see and do. This is unconstitutional.
—Brian Allen, Salt Lake City, UT

Our culture today is moving in a direction of greater communication and connection. To end net neutrality would be an act that harms everyone. Please do not give in to the cable companies who are largely doing this to line their own pocketbooks.
—Quintin Cundiff, Reedsport, OR

Corporations will not do what's best for humanity or our economy. They only do whatever is best for them. In the case of net neutrality, demanding a higher fee for the same Internet services will become the norm, those unwilling to pay the fee will suffer horrible Internet access. Access to the Internet needs to remain low cost and attainable for the future of global commerce
—Quinton, Collegeville, PA

Net Neutrality should pave the way towards the future - a future that continues with positive technological movement that's centered around information and making it easier to access. Doing away with said process is a gigantic and asinine step in the wrong direction. As an avid technologist I find the anti net neutrality sentiment one of the more dinosauric and shamelessly corporatist actions in recent history, and that's saying something.
—Kevin LaVelle, Levittown, NY

I operate a small local ISP in Ashland, Oregon. I compete against multibillion dollar companies because I can. Because of Net Neutrality. If you change it and only the large carriers are given the ability to split up the internet for the best experience, you will be eliminating the local option. It's not just about the highway, it's about the ownership. When the private conglomerates are the only providers of TV and Internet content, you will have allowed the creation of the largest monopoly in history. We should stop thinking about broadband, internet and wireless as separate entities with separate rules. It's all the same. Infrastructure is like electricity and water. Requirements for any community to survive in todays modern world. I hope you pay attention to those of us that your ruling effect. Please keep the internet neutral.
—Jim Teece, Ashland, OR

I am absolutely infuriated by this campaign to end Net Neutrality. Bandwidth is not a limited resource and giving control of it to greedy cable companies that are essentially acting like mafia - extorting money from private citizens and businesses while promoting only their own interests - would be a huge mistake.
—Kristina Crossley, Milner, GA

Net Neutrality is necessary for the advancement of society. The free exchange of ideas should never be curtailed in the name of profit.
—David Whisnant, Irving, TX

Once the internet goes...the first & fourth amendments are history. We will no long have the free speech or privacy which has made this country great.
—Carolyn Feldman, Burbank, CA

I work a minimum wage job, I don't have money to pay for this.
—Jaimes Rogers, las cruces, NM

no... just.. no. This is ridiculous.
—Katie, Huntley, IL

net neutrality is very important to me and a lot of other people. do you realize that some people can't afford things like this? that they have the most basic internet that they can afford? some people really do not have the money to pay 50 dollars to go on every website. that is ridiculous and overpriced to say the least.
—Joanne, plaquemine, LA

Giving a company the ability to arbitrarily adjust the speed at which a page loads gives them too much power and makes it so that free websites would be almost impossible to see. It could give these companies the ability to kill other companies if they don't pay up. This is like allowing these cable companies yo act like mobsters and to demand protection money...or else.
—Ellieana Southard, Del rio, TX

I need net neutrality because it is one of the few ways I can be differentiated from a value in a cable company's records on how much profit I've netted them, and instead have the freedom to be an individual.
—Luke Hanrahan, South Elgin, IL

The internet was created to help educate the world,and make enterprise easier. If they want to go through with this,than they can be responsible for the economy going into a depression. They can be held accountable for the loss of easy help. They are trying to rule the internet empire, which in turn rules the people in this generation, but instead they are going to just ruin themselves.
—Samantha Spliethof, pheonix, OR

It's important because the internet is supposed to be a neutral zone. Where people from everywhere can meet. It is information at the edges of our fingertips. Love behind a keyboard. Creativity shared with everyone. Those who think they're alone will always be able to find /someone/ on the internet. We chat, we socialize, we connect. It is a powerful place and to try and control it will only serve to isolate people and countries even further.
—Jennifer Patterson, Hiram, GA

because i'm a kid with no money and i need the internet to keep up with my friends i can't meet
—Sanna, Helsinki, AL

Building Internet fast lanes and slow lanes will completely block off any and all new-coming websites and web designers from being able to flourish. A great thing about the internet? Why so many people use it? Is because it's free and equal. Capitalism, believe it or not, isn't actually a good policy and it only helps to keep the poor, poor and the rich, rich. Destroying net neutrality is taking away the rights of those who use it or find a need for it, like small businesses to advertise themselves.
—Shannon, Bloomfield Hills, MI

because i dont want to have to spend more money that i dont have
—Nicole MacIas, elizabeth, NJ

Leave the Internet alone please.
—Abby Laporte, Monkton, MD

Why this FCC? Why? I want my freedom.
—Jennifer Alpiste, Miami, FL

please no why thats
—Clou, Wellington, CA

We must maintain access to the websites we use everyday in order to communicate, express our interests, and collect necessary information easily and efficiently without a monetary obligation that many may not be able to, or want to, pay for.
—Alex Castillo, Long Beach, CA

If we are paid to use certain parts of the internet, it will become difficult for those who can barely afford it to keep their internet service.
—Faith Blandin, Chicago, IL

I use the internet for a lot of things and not just for "goofing off" as ignorant people might put it.
—Cas, Ventura, CA

i dont want to have to pay to send a work email in a job i wish i didnt have
—Erin Jagyah, rancho cuccamonga, CA

The idea of making people pay to get on websites is like trying to control the internet. Thus,removing freedoms. Which is not what America does,or should stand for
—Lauren, Columbia, TN

It's called the World-Wide-Web for a reason.
—Britta, Old Forge, NY

The internet is a necessity that should not be treated like this.
—Jacob, Bellevue, MI

The World Wide Web won't be so world wide anymore if we have to pay for certain sites. I already pay for Internet, why should I need to pay even more for individual website access?
—Scott Lory, Hollywood, CA

Breaking our backs just to get by and this is what we're faced with? Paying for internet means it's harder for small business to begin and continue running online. You're only pending your own fall.
—Amanda, Bethpage, NY

THe internet is for everyone to use. We the people of the wide world should not have to pay (or pay EXTRA) to access what we ALL have a right to.
—Rebecca Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

My family and I can't afford more than we are already paying to keep in contact with friends and family or for my siblings and myself to research important topics for schoolwork. Keep the net neutral.
—Grace Kelley, Swanzey, NH

Since I speak multiple languages, I want to be able to get on different countries websites. The thing that bothers me is paying a fee to enter websites certain areas. The area in which I want acess to were all founded in different continents.
—Gisele, Port hueneme, CA

Net Neutrality makes everyone equal on the internet, and charging extra would create a divide between those who could afford it and those who couldn't.
—James, Wellington, OR

The world wide web won’t be so world wide anymore.
—Wenjie Li, Henderson, NV

I believe that net neutrality is the one thing that corporations should not tamper with. The internet should be accessible to anyone, regardless of status.
—Alex Truman, Charlotte, NC

The internet is one of the few ways I can access and educate myself about world issues and events that, quite frankly, often go ignored by America's news networks. Also, ending net neutrality would only further stratifying our educational system and oppress the financially lacking people in our nation. The internet helps many people who can't afford traditional college education to access information and learn skills, and many people who are in college need to be able to have unrestricted access to the internet because of the absurd financial burden of student loans.
—Maria Rosado, Edgewood, KY

Internet is a human right. Some people who can't pay for certain sites will fall behind in most social situations since a lot of things relies on having access to internet.
—Karen Anderson, new york city, NY

I can't conduct business on an internet that I have to pay ridiculous prices just for the use of all the sites on it.
—Evert Anglin, Chesapeake, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because otherwise new competitors will be slowed down or blocked out of existence.
—Cecil Kreider, Lancaster, PA

what is this garbage? this can't seriously be happening
—Katherine M, yaoi hills, VA

If they make it so you have to pay access some websites a lot of people won't be able to use the internet because of financial struggles or small buisnesses will be hurt by having to pay service providers
—Allison, Bakersfield, CA

come on man, we already pay enough for our heating bills. why add more money on.
—John, barstow, MD

We need internet to be free for all.
—Arausi, Juneau,

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—Amanda Hill, Falls Church, VA

The Internet has always been a place of equal ground and freedom. Net Neutrality is the best method to keep it that way, and it NEEDS to be kept that way.
—Brett Ferree, Salt Lake City, UT

This is nauseating. The fact that the nation wishes to turn the freedom of speech into a commodity is disgusting. Rights are called rights for a reason, and the open internet operates on such principles.
—Stephanie Young, Ewing, NJ

Net Neutrality is SUPER important to me because I don't even know what it means. I guess this website is made just for making some extra money, and that's what I like about it. I'd also like to mention that the 'DONATE' button doesn't work, and instead of fixing it, you'd be better off if you removed it, since it won't be used at all. Also good to know: This message isn't worth reading at all. It's total bullshit since I don't have anything better to do. Maybe.. I shoul've told that before. Well, too late! :-)
—Sc0p3_, New York, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to be able to access the sites of small businesses. Please consider the harm a lack of net neutrality would do to capitalism.
—Jimmy Patterson, Northfield, MN

why would i want to pay money i dont have for something i used for free my entire life. Why would i want to do that. literally nobody wants to do that except big name companies who only care about how much cash they can bring in.
—Gabriel, sparks, NV

"...if the federal government stops enforcing rules to keep the pipelines free and open, then certain companies will be able to get greater access to Internet users. That, they say, creates a system of haves and have-nots — the richest companies could get access to a wider swath of Internet users, for example, and that could prevent the next Google from getting off the ground. Judge David Tatel, who was part of the three-judge panel, said that striking down net neutrality could have negative effects on consumers. 'The commission has adequately supported and explained its conclusion that absent rules such as those set forth in the Open Internet Order, broadband providers represent a threat to Internet openness and could act in ways that would ultimately inhibit the speed and extent of future broadband deployment,' he said, adding that broadband companies have 'powerful incentives' to charge for prioritized access or to exclude services that competed with their own offerings." Hu, Elise. "Feds Can't Enforce Net Neutrality: What This Means For You." NPR. NPR, n.d. Web. 30 June 2014.
—Angel, Burleson, TX

Small business is going to be the saviour of our economy. Making it difficult for the public to access these businesses and modes of advertisement is only going to hurt us in our economic struggle.
—Lesly Pollock, north providence, RI

Accessing websites easily, whether social media or for school-work, is an extremely important part of my life. It allows me to find important information quickly, and to stay in contact with good friends that I no longer live near.
—Emma Butterworth, Montpelier, VA

I DO NOT WANT TO PAY
—Kate, hopatcong, NJ

This is totally not chill
—Vincent Stark, Overland Park, KS

People should not have to pay extra in the future for being able to go on certain sites. If people already have to pay for home internet (i.e. wifi), then we definitely should not have to pay separately for what we want to go on. This would also be highly unfair for people who could not afford this ridiculous plan which discriminates against the lower wage class and highly favors the rich
—Victoria, Monrovia, CA

I want internet freedom and justice
—Madison Palone, Waynesburg, PA

For those of us that do not have much money, it would completely shut us off from meeting new people online, reading important sources that broaden our world view, and help us become better people.
—Maeleen Arce, RUSSELLVILLE, AR

The internet is where I have most of my important relationships occur. It's how I keep in touch with my family when I am away, and it's how I keep in touch with my friends now that we're all in college. Don't take away my ties to my family.
—Andrea Wickstrom, Prairie Village, KS

Selective price gouging of websites/users allows cable companies to censor them. If you are 'off-message' or even just critical of their service, they could use a rate hike as a punitive measure. This is unethical and a violation of rights protected by the First Amendment. And why this has to constantly be explained to grown adults and Congress-people in a nation so vocal about it's amazing freedoms is beyond me.
—Mike Higgins, pullman, WA

The internet is free and open, and should stay free and open. To put a price on the availability of information is ridiculous. This needs to stop.
—Rose Santiago, Marietta, GA

Net neutrality is important because with the way the internet has integrated itself into the lives of nearly everyone, forcing people to fork up extra cash to already greedy ISP's would ruin the climate of the Internet, both from a informational and accessibility standpoint.
—Chris, Clifton, NJ

Not only does it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. So this WORKS BOTH WAYS when it comes to hurting online freedom and communication.
—Ricky Hill, Falls Church, VA

The internet is the only way I can contact and communicate with my friends and distant family, and I value those connections, but I am a young adult going through college, and I can't afford to pay extra for sites to speak to them. Please don't.
—Sam Farnum, Eddyville, IA

Internet Neutrality is one of the most important parts of humankind. Without a truly world-wide internet, there is no hope of equality or development among nations, especially developing ones. There is no hope for humanity with this utter and complete idiocy.
—Emma J, Blue Bell, PA

With net neutrality we are able to easily keep in touch with the world and stay placed in what is happening.
—Jasmine Munoz, Tirnity, TX

I don't have the money to waste on something that should be free.
—Isaac Men, Long Beach, CA

I have no desire to live under the always watching eyes of Big Brother, and by eliminating net neutrality we are all one step closer to living in George Orwell's imagined world, which was written as a warning of how not to live, not a guideline for how we should live.
—Samantha DiNicola, Somerset, NJ

How much of our freedom of speech are you going to take before Big Brother himself becomes our Lord?
—Celesté, Marion, IL

There is too much content on the internet that should be available to everyone. There are too many businesses that rely on the internet for job applications.
—Nikole Rene Gates, Sacramento, CA

Cable companies and other such entities want to control the internet in order to make huge profits, by deciding who gets what services at whatever speed and cost they deem fit, (Fit for themselves of course) Keep the internet as it is-open for all to chose and use.
—Kathleen R Peiffer, Fairfield, IA

Going through with this won't do any good at all. People don't want to pay excess money for the world wide web. It wouldn't be so much world wide any more if you limit it to people who can afford to spend an extra $5-50 every time, or even at a steady rate. You think you'd obtain more profit from this tactic, but instead, people would simply get rid of the Internet since no one can afford it, and plus, there would be hardly anything to do on there anymore. Using the Internet would be useless now if you put a price on every website. People use some websites to contact friends or families globally, share useful and valuable information, and much more! Not only would you be taking the opportunity of learning from many people, but you'd be taxing their knowledge as well. Pay for knowledge? It should be free, as it always was. Knowledge is priceless. I speak for the majority when I say this; Do not require money to access websites, ESPECIALLY, if your only goal is to gain money. Consider my request, at the very least. Leave the Internet be. Thank you for your time.
—Princess, Beaumont, CA

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—Chastity McGuire, Pikeville, KY

Net neutrality means equal access for EVERYONE. This keeps the Internet from becoming privilege for those who can afford it.
—Lizz Springer, waterloo, WI

We would all like the internet to be ours. We are small, but have power in numbers. We would not like for you to take our freedom of web. Thank you.
—Glenda, chicago, IL

a neutral Internet is the last great bastion for independent ideas, self-promotion, economics, creativity, etc, on which this country was founded upon.. it needs to be kept in the hands of the people and not "reigned over" by some corporation's kingship... it is the one true place where all are equal, the common man has the same playing field basically as the corporations (tho they still retain their amassed resources to still have an advantage). this "free" space allows for true INNOVATION to happen, and that is crucial for us moving forward together as a species as corporations are, by nature, only concerned with maintaining the "status-quo" to keep their profits rolling in and only are interested in innovation in regards to how they can profit from them, rather than how they will benefit mankind. I am not anti-corporate but there does need to be a space where corporations do not dictate content, either by speed or availability, to allow for us to communicate, educate, create, distribute information and innovate freely without their oversight. the net is not broken, it does not need to be "fixed" by corporations becoming monopolistic fiefdoms.. thank you, Brian Parker
—Brian Parker, Philadelphia, PA

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—Yuri, Baltimore, MD

It's important to prevent large increases to services that are now needed. My work is now directly tied to my internet access and if forced to pay more will make it less feasible to actually do my work
—Kerry Cortez, San Marcos, TX

Please keep net neutrality for all!
—Fred Fegley, Gulfport, MS

There shouldn't be a price on the entirety of human knowledge.
—Ambrosia Eiler-Cichosz, Colorado Springs, CO

I need the internet because it keeps me calm and all my friends are there and it helps me avoid panic attacks and keep calm
—Ramie, Stamford, CT

Net neutrality is important to me because it's basic freedom. Accessing the internet has already been dubbed a right, so why on earth would taking it away from us be sensible? Paying extra to acces certain websites, or to keep a website you've made, that's not what freedom looks like. Everyone should be free to use the internet, at it's full capacity, with no restrictions set by people who only want to make money off of us. They swallow enough of our money as it is. It's appalling to see that net neutrality is even an issue.
—Genesis, orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because its a way to be heard without standing out
—Lauren Paige Zehnder, Magnolia, OH

The internet is suppose to be world wide and was ment so the general public had a easier time accessing information if I'm wrong this still doesn't help those who are not as wealthy with school and other activities.
—Ezra Wilson, Long Beach, CA

Free exchange of information, bitch.
—Curran, Westfield, MA

The internet is not broken. Net Neutrality is why.
—Drew Michael Losure, Minneapolis, MN

I need a variety of sites in my line of work and will not be able to maintain my livelihood if net neutrality is corrupted in such a manner.
—Neeka Tan, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to be because it just makes sense. The Internet is the internet because everything is neutral. So many people have jobs based solely on the internet and so many other people's lives are the way they are because of Internet access. To take that away would be ludicrous.
—Lili Weinstein, Port ST. Lucie, FL

youre not gonna read this anyway jackasses
—Violet McDonald, Catonsville, MD

Because in this era, the internet both connects people together and provides information. It is one of the few nearly equal rights people have and paying for it removes the education that is given.
—Abby, Midlothian, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because without the free internet, I would not be alive today. All the good things I've been able to access gave way to the people who helped my regain my confidence and seek help instead of suicide. I'm better today, and still alive, thankfully. I want others to be able to still access the resources I needed to help save them too.
—Myra, Holmdel, NJ

Save the internet, Not all of us have the money to put forth to be able to access all the sites we normally would.
—Alex, Olive Branch, MS

Please save the net yo
—Evan, LA, CA

NO! It wont be so world wide web if this happens.
—Elizabeth Fortenbery, Buford, GA

Why should we pay even more money for access to different websites? Is paying for the internet not enough?!
—Kathleen, San Gabriel, CA

Net neutrality mean freedom for all rather than freedom for the highest bidder.
—Laura, Monroe, WA

Because the world wide web should be a free zone for people to connect, play, shop and learn, not another thing that has to be restricted by charging people money for it. Not only does it limit people's access but it will damage businesses and websites.
—Elizabeth, Miami, FL

The quality of speeds in US suck compared to the rest of the world and now companies are trying charge more off this method makes me want quit using the internet. Not to mention a blow to commercial and consumer rights.
—Rodney Washington, Denver, CO

Competition is the only way for the free market to function. As it stands, internet providers have shown they do not feel the effects of competition through their horrible service. Customers cannot even exercise free market pressure through refusing internet service since using wifi at other locations is unreliable and places an undue burden to handle work, banking, and other necessities. My ability to support smaller, niche sites will certainly be affected, and my right to hear speech will be negatively impacted. As a necessity not subject to free market forces, regulation is necessary to ensure freedom and global economic competitiveness.
—Matthew Blackstone, Duncan, SC

Are you fucking kidding me FCC? You greedy, stupid fucks? This is ridiculous.
—Bianca Opie, Melbourne, NY

because is for everyone not for business to control and make money off of it. its for people to spreed their right to speak with out the bull that they would get in real life. that's why their should be net neutrality.
—Guillermo Soto, Pomona, CA

I demand that the net remain under the control of the people and only the people, and that the government take its hands off. The government is not the people. Not anymore. We don't want your categorization, assistance or monetary interests. Leave.
—Daniel Tyler Davis, New Castle, PA

Don't ruin the fucking internet
—Shaniah, Boston, MA

Net neutrality means freedom. While I may not agree with many things that many politicians say, I respect their right to say it. If net neutrality comes along, it'll mean that (as an example) only the congressman with the loudest voice and most cash would be the most easily accessible. Clearly this is something that needs to be addressed. But as is often the case, many politicians may hear this and believe that net neutrality needs to die so they can stay in office forever. Besides, I hope Google gets fiber built in every city and I can just circumvent all this petty bullshit and not have any restrictions.
—Andrew Laszewski, nashville, TN

The internet is not a corporation owned entity, it should be free like the radio waves.
—Kayla Hampton, Kenner, LA

Keep the internet free. Don't allow the Big Cable and Internet companies from becoming he Big Online Brothers just so they can line their own pockets at the expense of honest users. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Wayland Johnson, CARTHAGE, NC

Net neutrality prevents one company (cable) from interfering with the operation of other companies free speech. Please uphold net neutrality.
—Elliott Stayton, grand prairie, TX

Net Neutrality is important for the internet as a whole because it is one of the few places in the world left not broken up into castes based on economical status.
—Jessika, Columbia City, OR

Want to know why it's important the internet is that one free thing in a world of money. It a painless joy to use and using is a happy thing for me and others. Taking such a right to use the internet so freely just causes more problems. Take away Net Neutrality and you just made yourself a good amount of the world you're enemy.
—Megan Sorensen, Ogden, UT

goddamit I'm a college student how am i supposed to afford that.
—Clarissa Hyun, Santa cruzz, CA

Please, we're already at the mercy of the phone companies, cell phone providers and power companies. Do not let the ISP's dictate how the internet should be.
—Jeff, Aurora, IL

The internet should be a place where exchange of thoughts and ideas are free.
—Amelia Spence, Durham, NH

It is called the WORLDWIDE WEB because anyone WORLDWIDE can access it without the obligation to pay for these bullshit categories! You fucking communists.
—Alics Soul, Broomfield, CO

I believe the internet is the greatest invention in human history. Net neutrality is essential to maintaining this idea. Without freedom, all potential can be so easily squandered.
—Nathan Armon, Moscow, ID

Net neutrality allows individuals with lower income, such as myself, to access materials they might not be able to afford/reach offline (i.e. textbooks, job boards, news, etc.).
—Lucas Suarez, Cedar Falls, IA

The internet is a great info source that should be welcome to all without a price.
—Gabby DeGregorio, holmdel, NJ

Big ISPs/cable companies shouldn't get to decide what information I am able to easily access. I pay for access to the Internet, not parts of it.
—Josh Smith, Champaign, IL

This is discrimination. The internet has been a sort of equalizer and this proposal will destroy that. This would make it difficult for small businesses and amateur websites to run online and allow internet providers to decide who succeeds and fails. Don't destroy net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ashley Davis, Hambleton, WV

Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service.
—Lia, Lynnwood, WA

I'm disgusted by the idea of paying for something I've used for free so long just so some others can make money off such things, I like my freedom thank you very much.
—Michael Sheldon, Killeen, TX

I studied Digital Media in college and grad school. I worked a lot with the internet and it's services as a job. Many of my friends are in the field as well. To stifle the internet would ruin their livelihoods. Stop putting the interests of your bottom line over the basic rights of Americans and bring back net neutrality!
—Sergio Lopez, Edison, NJ

Because the internet is a massive tool for resources and communication across the world and no company no matter how much money they hold should be allowed to rule and make decisions about who can or can't see what websites, based on if Comcast, Version, or AT&T approves of. Net Neutrality should not be ruled by monopolies it should be a resource for all.
—Leslie James, chicago, IL

The internet is as much of a public utility as roads and water service and should not be constrained by private corporations who are not accountable to citizens
—Ryan Walston, Tacoma, WA

Net Neutrality will and spread knowledge and benefit all instead of just the corporations and the privileged.
—Robert Medina, San Antonio, TX

Maintaining equal access is important, and net neutrality is the best option available.
—AK K. Dawson, Austin, TX

Save the internet from terrible companies and corporations. Net Neutrality is important.
—Gino M Chong Inhin, Alexandria, VA

When corporations can charge more & speed up only the people they want to, we're one step closer to admitting that the news is all lies.
—Erin Riley, TOLEDO, OH

Innovation has been fueled by the ability for all providers to compete on equal bandwidth access. If this rule had been in place before Google bought youtube, Google could have just outspent youtube on bandwidth and driven them out of business, and that would have been unfair competitive practice. Keep all providers equal, let the ISP's charge users for what they want.
—Charles Braden, Plano, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because free speech on the internet is just as important as free speech over the phone or in person. Killing Net Neutrality is simply an attack on the little guy so the giant telecoms can make even more obscene profits than they already do, while at the same time silencing anyone who has anything critical to say about them or their friends. It will lead to less competition in the marketplace as only established companies will be able to afford the cost of a "fast lane" and get their product to consumers. This is the most elementary violation of a Capitalist economic model. Competition = good, monopoly = bad.
—Clayton Kennedy, Goodlettsville, TN

Net neutrality protects our right to be individuals and to broaden ourselves as people, as well as a society. Taking it away will drastically reduce the amount everyone can become educated and resourceful members of society.
—Amanda, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is not just a service provided to people through cable companies, it is a necessity that we all need and deserve to have without having to pay extra fees just to visit different sites.
—Brandi Lee Peake, Mashpee, MA

Please, please for the last semblance of a non-corrupt government, DO NOT let internet providers charge for use of the internet. It is shamelessly and blatantly corrupt and will a devastating impact on the economy and on capitalism in the U.S. Our economy thrives because of innovation and competition. Every major innovative corporation was once a small start-up that would not have been able to compete with existing competitors. Do the right thing.
—Piper Jackson-Sevy, Boulder, CO

We use the internet for everything, I use it to make a living, this will overburden an already tenuous situation for me.
—Timothy J. Groeschel, Anaheim, CA

Every single argument against Net Neutrality is some manner of lie to protect ISP monopolies. We pay for a certain amount of bandwidth each month. ISPs should be forced to provide us with the bandwidth we pay for.
—Mark Smith, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet currently harbors a vast array of what some would consider cultures. These cultures rely heavily on the how their internet is distributed. Giving internet service providers the ability to control the distribution would cripple the internet incredibly by eliminating the need for a website to improve on itself if it can just pay the internet service providers to give it a better connection then their competitor. Please list the internet as a Common Carrier Service.
—Ryan Noether, New Port Richey, FL

I want equality and neutrality - not to pad the bank accounts of monopolizing internet companies.
—Dan, Littleton, CO

Net neutrality is important to me because it guarantees the right of the people and stops those with more money from gaining unfair adantages and allows poorer company's to compete with richer ones.
—David Medlin, Mechanicville, NY

The internet has always been a level playing field. By eradicating net neutrality, the providers are merely tapping the already overflowing keg of profits they are garnering from the public, all the while offering service that is substandard to put it kindly. Before even considering abolishing net neutrality, I propose that all companies looking to rid the public of this critical factor in fair internet access be required to maintain a 95% customer satisfaction level as determined by independent research for 5 years. If that is slated as a prerequisite, I am certain net neutrality will be safe for all eternity. These companies are very easy to determine - just look at who has invested the most lobbying money to rid America of net neutrality over the past few years and the top 10 would comprise your list. Thank you very much for your consideration.
—John H Baker, Tallahassee, FL

Back in the 1980's and maybe even into the early '90's, I could see an argument that "The Internet" was optional, and could be run under private capitalist rules and regulations. However, when looking for a job - temp and contracting work, even - I have been told on MANY occasions that they need me to leave their brick-and-mortar offices and apply online. This is no longer an optional luxury; it's a basic need to be able to function in the world. I'm not calling for free unlimited access for all citizens, just equal access for all. I believe that today, internet access IS a utility, and should be regulated as one.
—Stuart, Portland, OR

This feels like a violation of my constitutional rights. When and if I make a statement of free speech online there should be no provider slowing down the venue I used because they feel it's of little importance.
—Christopher Drain, Portland, OR

We pay for a lot of things, but where exactly do you think that the money is coming from? How many extra hours or extra jobs is an individual going to have to take on in order to afford having to pay EXTRA for access to sites that for years now we have been able to do so for free? This isn't fair to the public, and it isn't fair to those new an amateur businesses out there either. Money doesn't grow on trees and not everyone is at the same financial level to be able to afford EXTRA fees. Do not take the freedom away from the world wide web.
—Kirsten Yoeun, Portland, OR

At this point in history, the internet is in fact a utility, and should be treated as such. Yes it is also widely used for entertainment as well, but with the massive leaps and bounds technology has taken in the past 20 year, the ratio of "value as a tool" vs. "value as entertainment" has certainly shifted more in the direction of "tool". This needs to be strongly considered while dealing with massive corporations who want control over such an important facet of life in this country. The internet is no longer comparable to cable vs broadcast television. I can say without hyperbole that I have never once in my life met someone who needed cable TV to provide their livelihood. However, more and more people each day need e-mail, video chat, websites, file downloads, cloud storage systems etc. to make a living. The internet is much more important now than it was 20 years ago. That said, it should be regulated the same way water, gas electricity and sewage are. It's simply no longer an optional means of entertainment. It is a necessity.
—Max Fleming, Williston Park, NY

The internet is the last true bastion of free and uncontrolled speech in this day and age. It is neutral and should remain neutral. If it was to become an object of strict revenue, as is being proposed, it would ruin the greatest thing we have created in our lifetime. I implore you to do your civic duty in keeping the internet neutral. A setback such as is proposed would do incalculable damage to citizens today and those to come.
—Mark, Dacula, GA

Allowing internet service providers to create internet “fast lanes” and “slow lanes” would do nothing more than allow them to extort payments from companies like Netflix. It’s time to admit that the internet is a public utility, not a private “service.”
—CPA Richard B Maselow CGMA, Encino, CA

How can anti New Neutrality still be discussed? This is fraud and wrong on every level.
—Pete Gradowski, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality preserves free speech and free use of the internet for consumers and advertisers. This bid by Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, etc. is only an attempt by corporate fat cats to line their own pockets with further money from consumers. Even though sites like Netflix will have to pay the cable companies, they will make ends meet by passing those higher costs on to the consumer. The cable companies already have a monopoly in most locations in the US. Consumers are being repeatedly robbed by these corporations. Ending net neutrality is one of the worst ideas I've seen this increasingly corrupt government come up with. If this happens, I will cancel my cable contract and pester my congressman until this foolish policy is reversed.
—Theresa O'Byrne, Trenton, NJ

We want a free Internet !!
—Abraham, victoria, TX

Net Neutrality is very important to me because I use the internet at very affordable prices to advocate for my son who is non-verbal and a 22 year old autistic gentleman. I communicate with him and his counselors through Skype. I also do radio shows and video's to advocate for the special needs population. We will be no better than a dictatorship if Net Neutrality went away or were controlled by the political right who wants to control the free speech of everyday people who may not have much of a voice.
—Dr Shirley Canniff, Stoughton, MA

Giving an unfair advantage to one group is literally against what America stands for. Equality is neutrality.
—Timothy J. Carroll, marlin, TX

I see Net Neutrality as a freedom of information issue. "Neutrality" is a powerful social equalizer. Content in libraries and access to that content should not be influenced by the producers of the content. Similarly, the internet should be free of bias towards content, and not weigh it heavier just because its producers can pay. The internet is the biggest and most open library the world has ever known. Let's maintain it with the unbiased ideals of excellent librarians.
—Robin Varni, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is needed because the internet is a utility people need to get ahead. Without it, it is harder to get a job, enroll in school, and pay your bills. It isn't a matter of privilege if countries worse off than us can get faster speeds at cheaper prices.
—Brett Rogerson, Thornton, CO

The internet has already been made as unavailable and uneven as possible by cable companies with the minimal oversight they have now. The internet is a public utility-- it's past time to acknowledge that, and commit as a country to net neutrality!
—Sarah Meador, Luling, TX

Please do not let corporations control our public forum. Everyone should have equal access.
—Barbra schora, Mill valley, CA

Keep the internet free and open to all! There should be no special privileges. In this one way all the people of the world should have equal access.
—Denise Pinto, ENTERPRISE, FL

Net Neutrality matters to me because it represents the freedom of the people and the privilege we have to increase our knowledge at whatever rate we choose.
—Jason, Salt Lake City, UT

I rely upon internet access for almost every facet of daily life from paying bills to working to entertaining myself to acquiring basic necessities. The internet is a basic necessity of modern life in the same way that electricity is. We don't allow electricity companies to provide preferential treatment as to who receives adequate power and who does not, so why should we allow internet service providers that ability?
—David Mortensen, OKlahoma City, OK

Our nation was founded on equality. Net neutrality IS equality.
—Logan Kassuba, Cadillac, MI

Mostly it's because the alternative is letting all of the communication companies - that want to remove net neutrality in order to make more money and charge Internet domains as much cash as they can - arbitrarily shut down anyone who refuses to give in to their totalitarian demands.
—Scott Connelly, Austin, TX

The internet is one of the last places people can freely speak their minds. Why limit that freedom?
—Andrew, Milwaukee, WI

Dear FCC, It is clear what these Cable providers and communication corporations are trying to accomplish by trying to get rid of net neutrality. The public places a lot of trust in you to protect our best interest and the interests of innovation, fairness but above all access to communication. If net neutrality seizes to be, then there will be no competition, new websites or ideas on the web which could have flourished will not. Internet customers (the public) will suffer when surfing the web and will be hamstrung to only be able to freely explore a select few websites (the ones that can afford to out spend the others) the internet is the last true free frontier. it has toppled oppressive regimes and brought the whole world together. It is currently transforming the entire human race that was once separate from itself and united us in spite of language, cultural and geographical boundaries. It is vital the human race's next step in its evolution. It is man's greatest invention and net neutrality is the most important part of the access to it. Please do not allow net neutrality to go by the wayside, many will simply log out. How ironic that these very large corporations owe their success to that which they are now trying to abolish and all though this issue is not on the forefront of the American public as of now. It will be once they see the change in service and the public outcry will be deafening. I hope you will be on the right side of the issue. the public depends on it.
—Cesar Gonzalez, Anaheim, CA

Day to day, I never know what I want to look up, watch, be entertained by, be educated by, be stupefied by or whatever.... my internet provider should NOT be able to say "well, if you want "Y" site, you need to pay extra. If you just want the basics, then here's some completely unrelated sites we will load quickly". No thank you. If I pay for a service, I should get equal upload speeds across the board. No to the end of net neutrality.
—Stacy S, Twentynine Palms, CA

Seriously have to stop allowing these MONOPOLIES to merge. Where is my free market? I have 1 ISP choice. Uno singularo! So if you my government wont help to foster an environment where I can pick my poison then the least you can do is REGULATE them responsibly. I shouldn't even have to type this letter! ABSURD! When do I get my golf outing with the president? Oh I guess I just gotta drop a few 100k in a campaign war chest. You people are despicable!
—Sean Rotkiske, Birdsboro, PA

Access to information should NOT be controlled by corporations!
—Lisa, Acton, CA

No one wants to pay extra just to get to certain sites. If Net Neutrality goes away, it won't result in people paying the cable companies more money, it'll result in people pirating internet, or not using it at all. It is a utility at this point, and cable companies need to realize it.
—Carl Lonnquist, Mankato, MN

Because the internet connects me to people all over the world quickly and having to pay for that means I will almost never be able to speak to my sister in Thailand or my friend in Japan or others like them.
—Amanda Dickinson, Rockford, MI

A lack of net neutrality will result in the consumer being charged twice for the same data. Once for their broadband connection and then again in price increases for the sites they are visiting. It gives the cable companies the power to control what we can and can't access by charging specific sites premiums that they may struggle to afford. Why should they have to pay for the bandwidth I'm already paying for?!
—Kyle Hawkins, Tavernier, FL

Net Neutrality is one of the few freedoms that we currently have that has not been irremediably sullied by capitalism and its influences on our socio-economic and political ecosystems. Please do not open the door to further infringement on the accessibility of the internet - or the freedom to choose what we access. Keep the competition around internet content and access to that content from constricting the freedom to choose, the freedom to have a choice AND the PRIVACY of making that choice ourselves.
—Dawnine Clews, Salem, OR

The internet was built on thrives on being an open forum. We look at countries with censorship on their internet with dismay but are trying to allow something to happen where the internet providers would be able to decide who gets to have a voice online.
—Benjamin, Bowling Green, OH

The internet serves the public best when it's delivered through an unfiltered pipe. America's ISPs are starting to see themselves as content providers, which is in direct conflict with their role in delivering the internet. America's ISPs should adhere to the principle of net neutrality so that our country can stay at the forefront of innovation and technology. Otherwise, we run the risk of moving at the speed of Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon, &c., which is to say, not at all.
—Ivan Wright, River Edge, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me. We should not let cable corporations have free rein in this area just to maximize their profits.
—Shirley Leveritt, morrilton, AR

If I start an internet business I want my business to be on equal footing as similar websites. And I want to be able to get all my information from any website I choose, so I can get a more unbiased perspective.
—Rex Campos, Boise, ID

The price I have to pay for my online services goes up and up as the internet loses its neutrality. It's already started, and it seems like the only people not losing money are the broadband monopolies. This trend toward a financially-organized internet is incredibly disturbing as an adult who was raised with an open internet, full of opportunity.
—Sam Collins, Plymouth, MN

Companies should NOT have the power to dictate who gets to have their voice heard based on how much money they receive. Any company trying to redistribute the internet in this way is in fact stifling freedom of speak and looking to place themselves in a position of power for the sole purpose of acquiring more money and controlling what can and can't reach the masses. Stop this hypocrisy and leave my internet alone!
—Luis Dorta, Doral, FL

The internet is as much a utility as electricity and telecommunications. I live in a world of information that has come to expect my connective availability and capability as much as my ability to groom myself with running water, prepare dinner in a safely, well-lit kitchen, and call in to work when I am too sick to show up. We need to keep the internet as free of a world and marketplace as we strive to keep our physical world and economy, which means not over-empowering those who already profit very well off of their power over our informational bottlenecks. Libraries don't selectively throttle access to knowledge. Please don't let corporations do so at the expense of my intellectual freedom.
—Melinda Krug, Ann Arbor, MI

The internet is probably one of the defining technological developments of the 20th century. It has made possible massive social and economic changes, particularly in North America. Net neutrality played an important role in this, particularly the economic shifts, by providing a level playing field in which small startup companies and new approaches to commerce could be developed without the need for massive initial funding. While the major internet providers claim that this new two tiered service will not limit competition or damage those who chose not to use it, it absolutely will. It will mean that any business model that relies on the speed of a connection will be monopolized by large existing companies. The relatively level playing field and low overhead internet that made possible so much innovation in the past decades will disappear. As a consumer I also do not trust the providers when they claim that they will not use this power to force businesses to buy into the fast lane by slowing down their standard service. I have lived in Canada where there is a semi-monopoly on internet infrastructure that requires all internet providers to make use of lines, established partially through the use of public funding, now owned by Bell and Rogers. These two companies have artificially elevated the cost of both internet and cell phones both by charging access fees that make it extremely hard for other companies to offer competitive pricing, and by actively throttling the service of competing internet providers using their lines. When a company has the power to do something that will make it a profit it will do so. We should absolutely cannot rely on large internet providers to choose not to use shady tactics that will increase their profits. That is why we have regulatory bodies like the FCC.
—Gwyndaf Garbutt, Morgantown, WV

Net Neutrality is important for one single reason - no one company should be allowed to pay more for "faster" service - conversely no company should be penalized for not paying what amounts to a bribe in order for their information (accessible for FREE by all Americans) to be made available. This is akin to paying a higher toll on an Interstate and therefore being allowed to drive faster while all other drivers are forced to clog the right lane. On a system that was designed to be fairly accessed by all.
—Cameron Prince, Bloomfield, NJ

We all benefit from an equal playing field when it comes to internet traffic. The internet is bigger than any single on of us and it needs to stay that way. With the end of net neutrality comes the end of consumer confidence and the end of government confidence. Please do the right thing and protect net neutrality.
—Louis Gentilucci, Yardley, PA

The internet has become ground zero for countless social and political movements throughout the world. Giving ISP's the power to choose what content receives priority would allow them to stifle the voices of any who might speak against them. This seems like a conspiratorial argument but those companies have share holders to answer to. Those share holders are only happy as long as profits rise and outlook toward the company is positive. ISP's cannot b allowed to brandish a sword of silence no matter how limited its length may be. Net neutrality is a safe guard that allows free speech in a format that has, in the past decade, changed the global political landscape by providing an even field for all points of view. Please keep it that way.
—Ian Willoughby, Meadville, PA

net neutrality equals freedom. and freedom equals America. so if you don't like net neutrality, that means you don't like America.
—Ryan, Oak Lawn, IL

Net Neutraility is important in order to never allow one party or group to have significant control or power over a global resource - through fees, infrastructure, or restriction. Please! Help defend the freedom of this global resource!
—Garry Hurkens, Rio Verde, AZ

Dear FCC, I consider most government entities to be truly and ruthlessly evil, controlled by over payed heavily lobbied (bribed) politicians. The FCC seems to be trying to do the right time and regulate large corporations that are trying to maintain exorbitant profits in the face of changing times. Simply because one portion of these groups assets doesn't perform as well now in the face of such things as hulu and netflix. Should not mean that they can "tax" these users for more than they would anyone else or control the flow of these companies services. Its unfair and unjust. Furthermore these companies are doing very little in the way of upgrades to the networks even though they receive...money from the government to carry out said upgrades and are offer free or at the very least subsidized property to run new line and upgrade current tech, and finally I think any company should reasonably be able to buy into the current infrastructure and become a provider there is very little competition in this area and a case should be made in government to end these monopolies. V/R Travis.
—Travis, Florence., MS

This is a ridiculous idea. Not only does it make it harder for people to afford and access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. Such an idea will ruin the simplicity and freedom of the internet as we know it.
—Jess Williams, Huntintown, NY

By preventing cable companies from slowing down internet traffic net neutrality lowers the cost of entry for small businesses and entrepreneurs. This allows them to put more resources into expanding their businesses and creating jobs.
—William Ryan, newark, DE

I personally feel the way the system is currently set up is absurd. We have cable companies with "gentleman's agreements" that will not compete against each other all over Oklahoma. There is one provider in a 90 mile radius of me, they charge whatever price they feel like charging and their service is atrocious. However since they are the only provider we can do nothing but pay for the terrible service and grit our teeth. From November 2013 until March of 2014 my community paid for 50mb down and 6mb up, however due to hardware not being sufficient we received 6mb down and 3mb up and there was absolutely nothing we could do to fight it or argue. Even now in our community if you have our cable internet service but your tv service is through dish or some other company our cable service lowers your priority so you have a reduced or slower internet connection than people with bundled services. In any other business all of these actions would be highly illegal but internet providers get away with this all over the nation.
—Cash, Duncan, OK

To me, this shouldn't even be up for debate. From every angle that I've personally researched, taking away net neutrality has no discernible benefits to citizens at all. People have made the FCC out to be the bad guys many of times. But, here is a chance for you to prove that you truly have the best interests of the public in mind. I'm an optimist, and I choose to look at all the things that make the Internet so great to me. I look at all the knowledge I've gained, all the entertainment and joy I've received, and all the friendships Ive made and maintained by having a free Internet. Please hear our voices, and make the right decision. I want to believe that you, along with all governing agencies still have the general public's best interests in mind, and that you consider yourselves apart of the general public too.
—Daniel Enochs, Knox, IN

Net neutrality truely is key to an equal and fair web experience. The only way companies like youtube, or netflix were able to get off the ground is because there was a fair playing field. If you allow large cable companies to require internet sites to pay to have adequate speeds for, say, hi-def streaming, you effectively destroy any startups from coming up in the future. To say this is sad would be an understatement as we have no clue what the next big thing will be on the internet, but without net neutralify we will know for sure that many possibilities will no longer exist. Please, don't destroy net neutrality because of the corporate greed (or your ties to said cable companies). Please think of the greater good in this, and understand that we really cannot afford to get rid of net neutrality, that the internet should remain now and forever a completely equal playing field for all companies, established and up and coming.
—Justin Fields, powder springs, GA

Equal and fair access should be guaranteed. Money should not control how the internet functions.
—Tonja Brunn, Savannah, GA

protect the open Internet, same as free speech
—Johnny Vann, Ashfrod, AL

NO! Last thing we need is to give these giant companies more ways to screw the American people! Step away from the lobbyists and do your job protecting consumers.
—Yana Sundeleaf, Tacoma, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because paying for better internet alienates those who can't afford it. Like me. I'm a poor student who would pretty much not pay anything for fast internet.
—No, No, ME

Make the internet a public utility because every American citizen and business relies on it nearly as heavily as we do electricity and water anyway. It isn't fair to give ISP's the power to decide what internet companies get internet and which ones don't. That is far too easily abused and is completely unnecessary. These companies have fought for nothing other than the degradation of their services over the years by throttling speeds and neglecting improvements while charging everyone more and more money.
—Travis Koetz, Bloomington, IL

We cannot monopolize the internet. Abolishing net neutrality is abolishing our free market and our free speech.
—Katie, Brookline, MA

Protecting Net Neutrality protects the rights of individuals, like me, to freely access and express themselves on the Internet. Corporations should not be allowed to use their financial muscle to decide which websites will work properly and which will not.
—Evan Roberts, Tuscaloosa, AL

Equal rights for all. It's so simple there shouldn't be a discussion about this.
—Michael Corvin, Sammamish, WA

Dear Sirs, If it is NOT broken then why try to fix it ? Because some people who have A LOT more money then I do want to give themselves some kind of an advantage for what ever reason . They made their money from people like me and all the other folks out here on the net. It's just NOT FAIR ! Net Neutrality is the right thing to keep. Thank you for reading this .
—MDawn, Delmar, NY

The cable companies and ISPs make more than enough money as it is. This push for deregulation is foul greed, nothing more. Net neutrality is necessary for innovation; startups cannot be forced to compete with companies with budgets in the millions. I will not abide the corruption of cable companies. If net neutrality disappears, I will stop using the internet and I will not be the only one. Indeed, if net neutrality disappears, the internet will no longer be the internet. It will be another sort of cable, and I don't pay for cable because it is worthless. Don't let the internet become worthless; maintain net neutrality.
—Travis L Barber, Muskogee, OK

I strongly support making broadband internet a telecommunications (or "common carrier") service. Keeping the internet open levels the playing field, and it's one of the only resources that can be used effectively by individuals to limit income inequality by accessing knowledge and know-how. The free and simple exchange of culture, ideas, whimsy, and intellectualisms on the internet must be a neutral ground for all persons.
—Monica, Colorado Springs, CO

Could you please pass net-neutrality? Please!
—Ben, Villa Park, IL

Getting rid of Net Neutrality is tyranny at its finest: keep the playing field equal for everyone to preserve liberty for all users.
—Savannah Rodgers, Olathe, KS

Corporations need to stop mattering more than people.
—Grace Obregon, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality protects the last true bastion of free speech that we have as American people. Does this mean that everything posted online is good? No, but that's true of anything written. Billion dollar conglomerates shouldn't be the first ones to step forward claiming they "know whats best" for us, when in reality all they desire is to own the internet themselves. Imagine a world where you have to pay $100 a month to use Google or post on a forum. Imagine a world where you can't say what you're feeling because something you typed sound vaguely familiar to song lyrics owned by a record company. That is not what "everybody wants" regardless of what words Comcast tries to put in our mouths.
—Michael Nejedly, Aurora, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because it keeps the greedy money hungry cable providers in check. Who doesnt want that?
—Jacobo, ventura, CA

Dear FCC: Following Senator Ed Markey's comments, please reclassify broadband as a Title II telecommunications service (common carrier) and implement strong net neutrality rules that ban slow lanes and all discrimination against particular content.
—Roger Zurawicki, Medford, MA

With the pitiful coverage that the internet companies are expanding and the regular mergers that kill small companies and any sort of price reduction, allowing these handful of companies complete autonomy in gouging customers with poorer service and less choice is criminal.
—David Pluska, Floyd, VA

Net Neutrality is the hope for America, citizens can choose for themselves who to listen to, what information to believe, and what opinions they agree with, without any influence exerted by politicians, corporations, religious organizations, or any other groups that change what we read in newspapers, see on television, or hear on the radio.
—Margaret Redlich, CHICAGO, IL

The idea of internet fast lanes disgusts me. I work for Verizon and what my company is doing makes me feel like a unwilling accomplice. Please save the internet!
—Kevin Gibson, Allen, TX

I'm sick and tired of hearing how cable monopolies are controlling the government. This needs to stop. I won't stand for it. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY.
—Justin Sherrill, Harrisonburg, VA

Net neutrality is a vital issue in maintaining equality of speech in today's honed and streamlined society. It has helped keep a fair playing field for everyone, and should be kept as the internet becomes a larger institution day by day. Please keep network neutrality in your minds as policy is made, and think of everyone in the United States when making decisions.
—Samson Johnson, Missoula, MT

Make internet providers common carriers like phone companies. This will solve all issues revolved around these internet providers! Simple, fast, and effective solution.
—Andrew Becker, Liverpool, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I want my kids to have the same online opportunities that I have.
—Derek Gervais, Belgrade, ME

Protect net neutrality!! Stop the further monopolization of cable providers. Net neutrality is beneficial to all Americans, and the lost of it will be equally devastating for years to come.
—David S, Ruston, LA

To me as a student net neutrality is important. Allowing cable corporations to control the internet is a mistake. These are not companies that care about people and communities, these are companies that rip millions of people off every day and are just in it for the money.
—Kai Mitchell, Makawao, HI

I beg of you, human being to human being, that net neutrality is kept where it is or improved, and that the United States government will not allow the freedom and openness of the internet to be threatened. DO NOT allow corporation to COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS. Telecom companies seek to impose a tiered service model in order to control the pipeline and thereby remove competition, create artificial scarcity, and oblige subscribers to buy their otherwise uncompetitive services. Many believe net neutrality to be primarily important as a preservation of current freedoms. Vinton Cerf, co-inventor of the Internet Protocol and considered a "father of the Internet," as well as Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the Web, and many others have spoken out in favor of net neutrality.
—Jonathan Davis, Costa Mesa, CA

The internet providers did not create the internet. The government did. It is the intellectual property of the American People, and as such, is not owned implicitly or even partially by ANY private company. Greed is a disease spreading too quickly in American society. We the People demand OUR rights be protected above those of the rich and powerful. The FCC was founded to safeguard the People from companies, not the other way around. Thank you for your time.
—Mr. Roland Watson, St. Louis, MO

No free loving American hates net neutrality. It's one of the most patriotic things since apple pie. Corporations should not be allowed to run something that will be detrimental to a person's freedom of speech. Companies should not be allowed to hijack the internet! It's terrorism!
—Josh Gonzalez, Wappingers, NY

The Internet should be considered a public utility - it combines the best of so many media and shouldn't be controlled by private companies such as Xfinity or Verizon.
—George Ames, Philadelphia, PA

Please protect our democracy by ensuring we have Net Neutrality. All data must be treated equally. The internet, in its current form, is NOT BROKEN and there is nothing for you at the FCC to fix. Please do not give in to big money interests that would seek to make even more money off the internet. Time Warner and Comcast are already more than profitable and already resemble a monopoly (which the government is “supposed” to be protecting, allowing for free enterprise). Our bills are high enough already. I have very little choice of who I can use in my area, and working from home much of the time means I need access to a speedy internet access. I will not be able to afford “the fast lane.” It is also inexcusable that the former head of a large lobbyist firm was appointed the head of the FCC task force for this. You have failed to be a respectable entity. Please stop trying to “fix” things that, again, are NOT BROKEN, just for a buck.
—Keri Banegas, BRANDON, FL

BECAUSE I HATE HYPOCRISY AND I WANT TO DEFEND SMALL BUSINESS.
—Glory Thai, Porter Ranch, CA

The argument for net neutrality is very simple: The internet, which is a necessary utility, should be regulated as such. Any illusions of it (the internet) being a luxury, or a "convenience" is dated thinking. I'm sure that when water access and later telephone access was more widely available, the powers that provided those services were quick to point how them having more control over the dissemination of those services was vital for its "success" and long-term viability. In reality, these words are merely a mask for "charging as much as people are willing to bear" for these services. If there is any hope for any level playing field to exist anywhere, please let one of those fields be the internet. We have enough areas of our lives dominated by big conglomerates. It cannot be understated how important the internet is to the future of our country, as business, education, and media moves away from other mediums and into the internet. To grant ISP's total control of the highways is to in effect grant them control over these entities; they choose the winners and the losers. By charging for bandwidth, they decide who is accessible, and who is not. They decide where you can shop and where you cannot. They decide what you can watch, and what you can't. It creates an entire way to exploit and dominate people's lives.
—Juan Rangel, lake forest, CA

Net neutrality is fundamental to keeping the internet as it is- an instrument for universal public knowledge. Not a corporate funded vessel like television or radio
—Chris Knight, Indianapolis, IN

I find it ridiculous that in a country that prides itself on freedom, and preaches it nonstop, we need petitions and activists to keep the internet free and neutral. Net neutrality is essential for the continued growth and innovation of the technologically driven world we find ourselves in. Please do not let congress limit such a vital service.
—Lauren Heilig, Swanton, MD

Invoking Godwin's law early on, allowing someone to determine what we are allowed, and not allowed, to view is precisely what Nazi Germany used to maintain a semblance of control over it's populace. Allowing large businesses to determine what we are and are not allowed to use our internet connections for essentially equates to a violation of civil liberties. It is not in the best interest of the consumer, it is strictly in the best interest of the corporations that monopolize available network infrastructure. Passing a net neutrality law is a clear sign to voters that you value corporate sponsorship over their rights as consumers.
—Blake DeArman, Scottsdale, AZ

Net Neutrality allows me to work from home on smaller sites the same as larger sites.
—Andrew Myers, Kerrville, TX

The only reason telecom companies want to end Net Neutrality is to gain legal authority to extort ridiculous sums of money from Internet businesses and, eventually, to control content on the Internet. The Internet must remain neutral in order to grow to greater heights and flourish. Please reclassify the Internet as a public utility and keep net neutrality alive.
—Daniel C. Mann, Houston, TX

The internet is a mode of communication in which free speech can be practiced and used. Allowing corporate giants to basically restrict reasonable access to it by less wealthy people is restricting our rights.
—Ben Novak, Monroe, WA

Net Neutrality is truly important to me. IF you need to know why,then I'll tell you. The reason is simple,...it puts a stop to "certain schemes" to undermine and/or "kill" Net Neutrality. The Internet is NOT created for greedy people wanting to go on some greed-fueled "power trip" to take control of it,and start to "close" and/or censor it. SO!,... In what nation are you working in again? Let me see,...Oh,Yes!,... AMERICA!,..Not CHINA, and totally NOT RUSSIA! And here are some words for you to think VERY HARD about: Net Neutrality Then,... Net Neutrality NOW,... And if truly possible,... Net Neutrality,...FOREVER. Please keep The Internet Free,Open,And Alive,... NOT Closed,Censored, And Under Control of those who are greedy and/or corrupt! No Promises. ONLY ACTIONS. Those are MY opinion, and I am 100% sticking to them. Don't like it? TOO BAD!
—Richard Allen Jensen, Portland, ME

Net Neurality is important because I don't like the Idea that some company can decide whose site does or does not get loaded. They are greedy and only want everyone to pay more money to them.
—William, Citrus Heights, CA

Net neutrality IS free speech. Because when some people have to pay to be heard then you are oppressing my First Amendment rights, you hypocrites.
—Robert Offson, Endicott, NY

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I'm not one of the 1% that would be able to afford the tiered pricing for faster internet. I'm one if the 99% that need net neutrality!! Keep it neutral!!!!
—Michelle Sanford, Flint, MI

The problem I find with the whole 'get rid of net neutrality' thing that the FCC has in the works at the moment (don't try to say otherwise, that is very much what you are trying to do) is that the internet is not a service as such. As someone who spends so much of his time on the internet I can tell you from experience that the internet is practically a country in its own right, a fusion of the many countries and cultures that use it to express their ideas, show off and sell their products and services, and meet new people with similar tastes and interests. Places such as youtube, Tumblr, FaceBook, 4chan, Reddit, Twitter, all prove that the internet can very easily be considered a culture of its own, with everybody gravitating towards what interests them. People are willing to look for what they want, and in the process they may find things that they didn't even know they wanted! The Internet demands to be kept free and even such that all people who use it with the intent to get their ideas, products, or services out into the open so more people can find them and so that they are allowed to grow. Great things can come out of the internet, great things that can help people get on with their lives, start new careers, and keep moving forward. That won't happen if the greedy, self centered, success-centric assholes that are currently supporting the creation and sustaining of what would be one of history's largest and most destructive monopolies are allowed to rule it.
—Colin Modrak, Conklin, NY

Do NOT take away 'Net Neutrality'! Not only would you be promoting monopolies to exist, but small businesses would simply cease to be once this gets off the ground! You would be taking away many peoples livelihoods, and the possibility of them achieving success in business and raising their standard of living! They've already taken too much, don't let Comcast and Verizon bully you into giving more of our freedom away! Thank you!
—Elise Modrak, Conklin, NY

I think it is utterly ridiculous that the the idea to allow ISPs to choose which websites get a speedy connection and which websites are throttled is even being considered is ridiculous. Wouldn't giving companies the right to do such a thing be impeding on the rights of the companies being throttled??
—Colin MacGregor, Mt. Pleasant, MI

As a citizen, I must demand the restoration of net neutrality. No corporation should be able to hold a monopoly over content or price fixing. RESTORE NET NEUTRALITY NOW.
—Christopher Stine, Harrisburg, PA

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—Johnd207, Oakland, VA

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—Johnk741, Oakland, VA

Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications (or "Common carrier") service. Doing so would ensure equal access to the internet for everyone, and prevent (further) undemocratic monopolies by internet service providers.
—Avedan Raggio, Boulder, CO

It's completely clear from the recent mergers that communication companies are trying to form monopolies, again. It's also clear that if they succeed in eliminating net neutrality, they will be able to charge ridiculous fees in ridiculous ways to further enrich their own pockets and their shareholders' pockets, thus increasing the wealth gap in this country. Furthermore, by ridding us of net neutrality, I feel the quality and variety of websites will decrease. In addition, progress in society that the internet adds will slow down. We're already behind other first world countries in so many ways, and killing net neutrality will put us even further behind in terms of quality of access to different websites, and possibly have a negative aspect on other areas of life that the internet has contributed to (for example: job websites, educational websites like Coursera, and entertainment websites). Allowing big business to dictate how the internet evolves by destroying net neutrality is a horrible idea that will only serve to decrease quality of life in this country.
—Heather, Elk Grove, CA

Ive had comcast for years as it works best for internet gaming. Prices have increased and service as decreased. I am growing increasingly dissatisfied. It is slower. Constant service calls. The width of a hair is the distance before I spend my money on something with a better return… …like crack.
—Travis Walden, Albuquerque, NM

"Even leaving all of that aside, something tells us their net neutrality love isn't entirely genuine. This February, Comcast basically forced Netflix to pay more money in order to make their website work properly, which some of you may recognize as exactly the thing net neutrality is supposed to prevent. And just in case this wasn't blatantly obvious enough, here's a chart showing all the people trying to spend money to make net neutrality go away. Guess who's #3?" Read more: cracked.com/quick-fixes/5-absu rd-cable-company-excuses-killi ng-internet/#ixzz36ZgfToaL
—Misha Powell, Glendale, AZ

Because it's unfair that just because you want to get paid we all have to be treated this way.
—Dj, Thornton, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because the modern internet is the greatest treasure of our generation. To see our most important contribution to the history of humanity taken over by corporate interests...corporations cannot be trusted unregulated with anything this important.
—Colin Robinson, Everett, WA

Keep the internet neutral. There is absolutely no reason to create "fast lanes". Everyone person and business deserves an equal amount of bandwidth.
—Alfred Theriot, Honolulu, HI

Small businesses will not be able to create wealth and jobs if there is not universal free internet access without tiered fees.
—Robert McNichols, Roanoke, VA

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—Atif, Sargodha, PA

I run a small website for a non-profit organization that would be unable to afford higher premiums for reasonable speeds to access our site. Losing web traffic would severely limit the organization's ability to fulfill its mission.
—Travis Theurer, New Ulm, MN

Why the hell should I have to tell them net neutrality is important. It should be obvious to anybody that lives in the USA, except maybe a Tea Party nut.
—Randy Propst, Mooresboro, NC

It's the only means for humanity to connect globally and allow all of us to be self empowered.
—John Tomczak, North Hollywood, CA

The internet is the only vehicle for free human expression, untainted by the force and power of big, very big, money. We need to keep net neutrality, so all voices remain equal. The internet, as is, is a Godsend. Keep it that way and you and your children's children will benefit.
—Sue Wilis, Belingham, WA

Net Neutrality is important because many privately owned sites, as well as the sites of small businesses and charities, will not be able to compete with the likely speed of large company and corporation sites who can afford to pay for increased speed over their competitor without Net Neutrality; thus destroying the ability of small mom-and-pop stores to compete in a free market.
—David Michael Jewell, Lacey, WA

The internet allows quick and free exchange of ideas all around the world. Were net neutrality to be done away with, the exchange of ideas not sponsored by funds that the majority of the population of the planet does not have would be slowed to a halt. The United Nations Special Rapporteur, Frank La Rue, stated “There should be as little restriction as possible to the flow of information via the Internet, except in a few, very exceptional, and limited circumstances prescribed by international human rights law...any restriction must be clearly provided by law, and proven to be necessary and the least intrusive means available for the purpose of protecting the rights of others." Internet access, specifically neutral internet access, is being discussed as a human right. Human rights are important to me, thus Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Garrison Rodrigues, Spokane, WA

Because the internet is an extension of the American people's right to freedoms of speech and expression. There is too much content to regulate, as everyone owns the internet. I repeat: Everyone owns the internet, as it does not (and never will) have an owner. Free for you, Free for me.
—Tyler N Griffin, Eugene, OR

As an American it is my right to decide what I want to do with my time on the internet. I have already made a significant investment in being able to do this. The internet companies which are already getting paid more than they should, should not have the ability to then tell me that I can and cannot access, by letting some sites come through faster than others. One of the main reasons people stop frequenting suites is when it loads slowly. It's an unwelcome form not only of censorship, but also of mafia like "protection scam," and it behooves the FCC to stand AGAINST these corporations and with the American people. Living in a city with a Comcast monopoly, I can only see where things would get progressive worse.
—Laila Snead, Philadelphia, PA

This is unbelievable you would allow a COMPANY to decide how to charge for the internet. It is unfair and Wrong in the most basic level. Do NOT let this happen to your people.
—Marci McWilliams, Eugene, OR

Thy The internet should be free to all because of the resources for student's, and the opportunity to earn money in a bad economy since the government is running out of funds to help Americans. If we were immigrants or another country the gov would find money for us but we are citizens so we are S.O.L
—Anthony Crouse, Palm Bat, FL

Net neutrality represents the ideals actual Americans hold dear, equality and access for everyone, not the interest of a several conglomerates who expertly dodge taxes while gouging the public at every opportunity. Should net neutrality be eliminated we as a country would be taking a step back in the dissemination of information and potentially inhibiting a free press and the freedom of speech by all Americans. We cannot allow a hand full of unscrupulous corporations to bribe unprincipled individuals into lying to, extorting, and manipulating our government representatives just to raise the bottom line for their companies while possibly driving millions of honest companies to bankruptcy. Should net neutrality be eliminated, the information available on the internet would be controlled by the internet service providers who could arbitrarily prohibit content from being disseminated much like the communist party of China. Therefore if the FCC feels that Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner are worthy of deciding what content we Americans are allowed to consume, it will be another example of the U.S. government siding with corporate America and not Americans; and I will be forced to cancel my cell phone and residential cable and internet services until an alternative is available or these companies can provide justification for such blatant greed and disregard for their very on customers.
—Seth Summers, Midland, TX

Cable companies don't need ANOTHER reason to raise rates. The internet in general is one of the few places where a normal human being is equal to every other person on the internet. Don't change that now.
—Audrey Mercer, Bloomington, IL

N.N. is vital to a free and fair democracy!
—Jon Wadley, Tulsa`, OK

We, the American People, need net neutrality to insure the corporate elite don't take complete control of the internet.
—Brandon Henson, lubbock, TX

If the government allows the internet to no longer be a fair playing field for start-ups and corporations we will just see another example of how the government is letting big business kill the market and disallow for new corporations to come into that market. Too big to fail was a problem we saw with investment banks in 2008. Don't let too big to control be the new issue in the next five years. The ISP's have more money than the majority of the people petitioning the FCC and they will lobby hard with their money because their money is speech in the eyes of our government. But look at the speech of the real people who don't have the money to give more to the government. Do your jobs.
—Andrew Mangrum, OFallon, MO

Because it's the right thing to do. Big business has enough $$$ without corrupting another sector.
—Michael Lucko, Schererville, IN

You are not creating a 'fast lane' for the internet, you are creating a 'slow lane.' Check your facts. Rely on data and studies not rhetoric. You have the power to save the internet, the most important innovation in recent times. Do not let your bad decisions be the reason we all had to take a big step back.
—Matthew Goodman, Beaverton, OR

Net neutrality is important, as free access to information is a privilege every school child should enjoy. One day, we may even see it as a right.
—Andrew Nissen, Jamaica Plain, MA

I have grown up in a net neutral environment for the Internet, which has allowed me to enjoy various entertainment services such as games, videos, and music with my family and friends as well as in my own free time. The Internet has also benefited my education greatly as well. I could not imagine a world where all of these services and benefits are restricted in any way for everyone today and for future generations. Please consider classifying broadband Access as a "Title II telecommunications service."
—Justin, Fredericksburg, VA

Let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create and exploit a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us? No. Why not? These companies will have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one could do anything about it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; that's the policy I want the FCC to adopt.
—Lawrence M. Caring, Houston, TX

Big companies should not be able to decide what forms of media are allowed to be accessed easily and which are not. The Internet is one of the most important resources available to citizens in today's world. Allowing big companies to control what sites people can realistically use without those people having any control is wrong.
—Daniel Smallwood, Houston, TX

The FCC is attempting to promote further destruction of equality and freedom. I am without a doubt already sick and tired of my own countries antics and this only makes things worse. Sweden, Canada, New Zealand, etc get it, they understand. Why can't the American politicians?
—Whitney Seabrooks, Binghamton, NY

(The following is intended for cable companies like Time Warner Comcast, etc.) Net neutrality is important because, in essence, it levels the playing field. With net neutrality there exists the possibility that my sports writing blog will catch some attention and further my career, and possibly land me a job opportunity or internship. Without it, my blog is grounded. I can't pay the millions of dollars to get bandwidth because of your bullshit fascist regulations and resume building becomes impossible to all but the upper-echelons of society. If you continue to push forward with this you risk nationwide protest along and almost guarantee that you will be perceived as a comic book-level villain (the fact that I'm referring to a cable company as a singular entity further backs this up). You defend yourselves using free speech when the idea of being anti-net neutrality spits in the face of the first amendment. Your campaign is the equivalent of dick punching Abraham Lincoln and MLK simultaneously while choking a a Bald Eagle. If our voices are silenced by oppressive Internet legislation then free speech is, by definition, impossible.
—Carter Floyd, Bellevue, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the only reason to take it away is purely so ISPs can profit more.
—Daniel Kaproth, Sauk Rapids, MN

Net neutrality means that everyone gets the opportunity to make it out there,and that citizens have freedom of choice... Isn't that the American way?
—Victoria Allen, Boise, ID

The Internet is a tool for obliterating ignorance.
—Alexia Filpo, Elmhurst, NY

If net neutrality goes away future internet business will have a lot harder time gaining ground. This fits into the rich grt richer idea. Companies that have money to pay for the so called fast lane will alway beat out the little guy. I work in IT. Please don't change anything about the internet, it's great the way it is. Evan
—Evan Chesterman, Canton, GA

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—Victor Morales, astoria, NY

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1) True scenario. I pay a certain amount of money for a certain amount of Internet bandwidth. I also might pay extra for a service like Netflix. I find that my Netflix service is not broadcasting at a rate fast enough to enjoy watching movies through the Internet. Netflix then bows to the ISP's and pays some extra cash to get preferential treatment on whatever network I'm on. Then they pass those costs on to me. I'm essentially paying twice for the same bandwidth I should already be enjoying. And if I happen to have a different ISP that Netflix didn't pay, I'm getting a lesser grade of service. This is like forcing car manufacturers to pay extra to build cars that go the speed limit, cars which are more expensive, while use economy-class car owners have to drive at 45 mph on the same roads, with essentially the same cars that are crippled. This is fundamentally un-American. Secondly, the Internet is the great equalizer. Sites like ebay, Facebook, Netflix, Salesforce and countless others were able to grow from small startups with no funding to the giants of industry they are today because the Internet was a level playing field. If ISP's are allowed to charge more for faster delivery of services, you'll essentially create an Internet that only properly supports large, established companies. The Innovation that brought us services like Instagram, Amazon and a million others will be stifled. The startup mentality that is a unique part of American psyche will be done, and you'll have allowed it to die. Please don't kill American ingenuity.
—Matt Janulewicz, San Francisco, CA

It is a fundamental right for each of us to experience what we chose. Allowing restrictions on such supporting services rewards corporate greed and stifles open and creative thinking. The same thinking that brought modern technologies to the forefront and made America the greatest nation of innovation in the last century. Keep it open, Keep it Free. It benefits and profits us all.
—Bryan Bauerband, Bellevue, NE

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Furthermore, a free and open internet stimulates ISP competition; helps prevent unfair pricing practices; promotes innovation and the spread of ideas; drives entrepreneurship; and finally aids in protecting freedom of speech.
—Brian D. Killian, Baltimore, MD

Theres a lot of middle class and lower class people in America... if you continue to deny net neutrality, you ill find hen faced with an overly high internet bill (paying for internet that seems to suck anyway) or buying food for t month... most people would buy food... thus losing you customers in the long run. I feel net neutrality will solve this problem.
—Amber, Warrenton, VA

Net neutrality is important to me. The FCC should also reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications (or "Common carrier") service.
—Sebastian Mestril, Oak Park, IL

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Defend Net Neutrality.
—Louis J Rivellini, East Haven, CT

The internet is the modern day equivalent to the Library Of Alexandria; the most vast repository of information in the known world. It is vital for this, and future, generations that our access to data, information, and education remained unfettered by artificial limitations. Information is as much infrastructure as electricity and water.
—Donald Reimschusel, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is a collection of information stored globally, when we allow ISPs to charge for priority access we are allowing them to decide which information we see. If what was already done to netflix, charging more money for the same access other providers have, was done to healthcare.gov or irs.gov would this even be a debate?
—Ed Vreeland, Woodbridge, VA

Dont want my privacy invaded.
—Sena Fontes, Dorchester, MA

It is important to me because I want to protect my rights as an American and would not like my privacy invaded.
—Veronica J Fontes, Boston, MA

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—David, Oviedo, FL

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Companies shouldn't be able to determine what websites I access by speeding one up or slowing one down, in other words the internet should still stay a neutral place for all to enjoy.
—Ian, Williamsburg, VA

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—Isaac Hanneman, St. Louis, MO

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—Isaac Hanneman, St. Louis, MO

I do not like the idea that ISP's get to decide which websites work better than others. Putting corporations in charge of internet content will lead to censorship of websites that are unwilling or unable to pay to keep their content visible.
—Dana Zevecke, VERMILLION, SD

Seriously, how many times are we going to have to go through this argument?
—Phillip Meiser, Pittsburgh, PA

How do you think all the best ideas and waves of technology come about.Oh, yeah the fucking internet. If you clowns have yet to figure out that this generation is not gonna sit there and let you do this without a fight then you are sadly mistaking.Guess what the internet is what keeps us all boud together as well. On another note, I work on cellphone towers and I email people all day if you take this away your actually hurting yourselves, because no one and not even you want to use shitty services. Whatever happened to paying for services renderd SMH.Well that is all.
—Jesse, Hampton, VA

Net Neutrality is essential for the free and open exchange of information and ideas. A level playing field will allow the most informative, entertaining, and effective agents to rise to the top and encourage healthy competition.
—Aaron Hamilton, Eagan, MN

The INTERNET is the true opiate of the masses. Do NOT fuck with the masses. That is a Pandora's Box you do NOT want to open.
—H Reed, Mankato, MN

I support net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rahel Sewell, OJAI, CA

This policy supports monopolies and suppresses small companies.
—Travis Dominguez, Rochester, NY

Because the "Information Age" is not supposed to be controlled by corporations.
—Kelsey Hunt-Dolan, Sarasota, FL

Human knowledge belongs to the world.
—Mr. Justin Nortell, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important for the USA economy to strengthen and remain strong. It is important to prevent monopolies, such as a merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, for many reasons. Monopolies stifle healthy competitive enterprise. Monopolies are often too big to fail and their mistakes cost the consumer. Monopolies bully the consumer because the consumer has so few other choices for the same service.
—Leah Becker, Boston, MA

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—Ztest, zcity, NY

In fairness to all, it is important to have a level playing field where all content is treated equally, so classify the Internet as a common carrier with the corresponding regulation. End the monopoly power of Verizon and Comcast and allow for municipal networks--disallowing state/local laws that forbid them.
—Jane Turk, Glenside, PA

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—Test Name, testville, NY

I wish to remain in a free society, a free world, where my basic rights of freedom of speech are available to me, freely. I wish to continue my quest for my financial "American Dream" without my control being taken over and dictated to me by big business, greedy pockets and politics. That is what is called communism, is it not? What's next? Soylent Green? Thank you!
—Laura Lyons, titusville, FL

America is about equal opportunities and therefore should provide equal access to all on the Net. That's the way the internet was intended, a portal of information accessible to all.
—Liz marshall, Waxhaw, NC

Net neutrality is as vital as the air we breath and the water we drink because lets face it, if the greedy a**holes had they're way they charge a premium on that too. STOP THE INSANITY
—Chris, Moline, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because without it, no one but big companies will be able to have a website that anyone will want to visit, effectively squashing the freedom of speech of the internet and making prices rise for all as companies have to pay for decent web connection.
—Rozalia Anne Needham Valentine, Martinez, CA

Best Site
—Danial, Karachi, NY

Net neutrality is the reason the internet is so accessible. It lets everybody compete on the same level. It would be a violation of our freedom of speech if companies like Verizon decide to give only people that pay them access to faster connections.
—Anthony Chu, Malden, MA

We don't need to have the internet become another example of income inequality. I paid plenty of money for my computer and I expect that all the websites I visit will have the equivalent levels of speed.
—Myrna Lueck, Ypsilanti, MI

Because I don't want the internet to become a tiered pay system like cable. I don't want the consumer or the person running a website to have to pay more for a "fast lane" into my home. Thank you.
—Gary M. Garcia, Richardson, TX

I think actual citizens' rights are more important than a corporation's. No one should have to pay extra to have their voice heard on the internet.
—Rachel Brant, Charleston, SC

Tron would be super pissed if he knew corporations were scheming to control the Internet and to charge users and sites enormous fees. Tron would mess them up and drive majestically away on his light cycle.
—Chris Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

We need the internet to keep pace with our ever progressing world we are ALREADY falling behind of many nations, Net Neutrality would destroy every possibility. The internet should be a public utility, but barring that should NOT require a premium for extra bandwidth. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Erica Lasley, Battle Ground, WA

Please keep net neutrality. or classify the cable operators as common carries and as a public utility. They have become a modern day public utility and are necessary for our economy to survive and should not have monopolistic powers over us.
—Travis Legatzke, CARSON CITY, NV

I live in a area where we have att it's a good service running at speeds at 18mb/s but I am a heavy youtube, and netflix service but I also repar computer requiring me to download large data files but I can't pay for all the services for all the computers that I repar plus youtube and Netflix that is crap! I want REAL net-neutrality!
—Blake mayfield, Crandall, TX

It is of the highest importance that Broadband internet be listed as a telecommunications service. When a highway is built it does not include a fast lane reserved for only the highest paying customers, the internet should not either. To accomodate for excess cars a highway is expanded. The solution to on going problems does not exist is this exclusive "fast lane", the solution exists in the creation of resorces to provide more internet access.
—Clara Fasce, St. Bernard, OH

I completely hate that this is even a issue. The whole idea of the internet now is equality for every user across the board. When one company use their power unfairly to charge another company to keep speeds quick that company then turns that cost around on to the user. which becomes another issue of being unfair to the user because now both companies are raising the prices on the user who is already paying for both providers services. Just another example of how Big Business screws the little guy. Who is looking out for the little guys now? It has been proven that users will generally pay for the things they enjoy. Being able to do so should be a choice not something we are forced in to doing. The internet has become something of necessity no longer just a luxury. Please be fair to us small guys and keep everything neutral.
—Dominic Montiel, big bear city, CA

Net neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few low-cost ways to access information about any topic, and learn information about that topic. Should cable companies be allowed to alter the speed at which websites can be accessed, they could easily choose to make sites they deem to be against their best interest slower than others. That doesn't sound like freedom to me.
—Rebecca Mullins, Armonk, NY

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I can't believe this is a real page. I think its great that you are ostensibly controlled by former Comcast and Verizon execs who have no interest in improving their services and instead complain about how neutrality will cause major problems. You do realize that they do whatever is necessary to turn a profit, even if that means lying about their willingness to engage in honest neutrality (see Comcast's pitiful PR campaign which totally ignores the fact that they are engaged in the very practices they allegedly are opposed to). By the way, look at which companies are fighting this the most. Big surprise, its Comcast, Att, and Verizon. Where are dividing lines between corporations, lobbyists, and government representatives or agencies? Do we really need to dig up Teddy Roosevelt and have him rehash the dangers of allowing huge corporate monopolies like the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger? He was most concerned about trust-busting big oil and their affiliates in the early part of the 20th century and, you know what, it was a really good idea that had tons of public support except from the higher ups in each company. Have we come full circle and forgotten the dangers of allowing the lines to be blurred even further between big business and big government? What about the consumers? Oh yeah...that's right....we get to hear our voices heard through garbage facades like the one you are running here. Its insulting to the general public and only makes people more upset when they watch their wallets get squeezed and the big boys get richer. Get your house in order. See through all the nonsense and realize that the blatant dog and pony show you are putting on is not fooling anyone. How is Verizon's 1st and 5th Amendments being violated? If anything, your amazing decision to put ISPs in a different category than other utilities paved the way for much of the current mess. So thank you for giving massive tele-communication giants more wiggle room to get over on the average customer. As we have seen before in this country, less regulation of certain private sector industries is always a good idea if the primary objective is to ruin the basic fabric of this country and create even more opportunities for rich people in suits to remake all the rules, get richer in the process, and blatantly snub their nose at the core principles America was founded on. Keep up the good work!!!!!
—Nicholas Ercole, Washington D.C., DC

Net neutrality is of paramount importance. Giving preferential treatment to companies or site who pay more will result in an internet economy as bad as, or worse than, our current physical economy. Anyone who knows anything about the internet will lose what little faith they may have left in our government doing what's best for the people, and their hatred for IPs will only grow. It's a mistake to even consider ending Net Neutrality an option.
—Kenny Boutot, Philadelphia, PA

It'll stifle free enterprise, no one not on the payroll of a cable company wants this to happen, and it's unconscionable that it even came to a discussion.
—Jack Schlesinger, Baltimore, MD

Because the ISPs are just getting richer
—Gloria McCall, White House, TN

To be able to make a living with online sales and not be pushed out by the large companies that would pay the higher rates I could not afford
—Dennis Watson, Miami, OK

net neutrality ensures a level playing field and avoids a monopoly (control) by internet providers.
—Terri Hughes, phx, AZ

I am an Etsy online shop owner and feel it is crucial that the internet remain free and open to all. Big Business should not have a monopoly on the internet just because they can buy their way into it. Such a monopoly would hurt small online business owners such as myself.
—Jeanette Lee, Dover, PA

I am opposed to the FCC’s proposed rules that allow corporations to take control of the Internet. I support equal and open Internet access. Please change the FCC’s proposed rules and regulate broadband Internet providers as common carriers so that the Internet will not be divided into a fast lane for corporations and a slow lane for everyone else.
—Mindie Pruss, Torrance, CA

Ensure the Internet remains a level playing field for all people and businesses. This country is falling behind in infrastructure and availability of broadband internet, the loss of net neutrality will only burden the people and small businesses of this country further. We don't want to become the laughing stock of the world.
—Tina Garcia, Duarte, CA

Easy access to all information I need.
—Sandy mcgraw, san jose, CA

The whole point of net neutrality is that Internet Service Providers like Comcast and Verizon shouldn’t be allowed to actively prioritize or degrade the data they help to deliver. Like the US Postal Service, it should all be treated equally.
—Sam Andujar, New York City, NY

The internet has long been a place where all websites, whether it's a popular one like Netflix of the blog of an individual. Letting people pay for higher speeds will have effects on the web that significantly change how it is (or isn't) used.
—Michael Armstrong, Endwell, NY

No Hug for you fcc!
—Omar, ,

AbSolutely unbelievable - there is should not be any question as what the answer is! No ! to Comcast and time warner or any ot the big cable companies and their Fast Lanes. The fees are constantly going up- for what ? I am just about to cancel my cable TV. The cost per month for the only 5 channels I watch is outrageous. I am not alone. Read what people are saying on the net - many are disgusted with it and going back to an antenna. As will I. And they want to charge for a fast lane? Noone wants/needs it. Those 5 channels I watch- (for which I pay a lot) cspan among those 4 channels - and wonder why cspan is not available on the net as live streaming?or able to get cspan using an antenna? Whyis that? The internet is used by everyone (we don't need another class of net people) and it should be available -NO to the comcast-time warners - cox communications and all the rest that want to do this. They already have a monopoly! The net should remain neutral - if you agree to change that neutrality - it is because of the money behind it.. not for the benefit of the people. J.G
—Jessie, Lemon Grove, CA

This should be free to everyone that's how I do a lot of my shopping. It's so important for people to be able to find me and for me to be able to find people selling things that I need and want. This is very important to me.
—Debra Gilstrap, Dallas, TX

The movement against net neutrality only serves the financial interests of cable and internet providers who view the the restriction of internet access as a means to extort money from people and entities who wish to express themselves through the medium of the internet. Removing net neutrality would follow in a long line of American legislative decisions that have impinged upon the freedoms of average citizens for the benefit of the already powerful. Do not add to this history. Do not restrict the internet.
—James Akin, West Hartford, CT

FCC, As a young entrepreneur I need the internet to be an equal opportunity playing field. All data on the internet should be treated as equal and even though I am not a corporation that makes billions of dollars per year, my content is just as valuable. It's impossible to predict the loss of potentially world changing ideas that may not be able to flourish if the internet is a place only for giant corporations. Please do not let corporations use their weight ($$$) to make it harder for people like myself to make a difference in the world. -Lily Durland
—Lily Durland, costa mesa, CA

If we lose the internet, it will be lost forever.
—Melissa, la puente, CA

It's an equal voice and opportunity for ALL.
—Tamara Carouthers, Saint Louis, MO

I want my internet to function. I also want a precedent where large company's CEOs' blatant lying and disregard of human life doesn't end up giving them absolute power over such an important tool of mankind.
—Nick, Clovis, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me and to my small business which relies upon the internet. It could spell the end of many small internet businesses including mine if the internet is not free. Please do not end Net Neutrality by providing a "Fast Lane" for those who can pay. In this country, we have the right to equal opportunities. Taking away net neutrality is equivalent to taking away our rights. It is un-American!
—Janet Zeh, Willington, CT

"Distributed computing projects held at universities accross the nation would be penalized without net neutrality. I contribute to several such projects; the greatest of which is SETI@home. While SETI@home is run by staff at UC Berkeley, the project itself is distributed world wide. It is a non-profit orginization that allows users to contribute from around the world to utilize individual computers to analyze data; then upload the results back to the SETI@home staff at UC Berkeley. Other distributed computing projects that would be adversely affected by the loss of net neutrality include those that study diseases to find cures for malaria, AIDS, and more. Study of the stars via Einstein@Home would most likely be lost if net neutrality is not maintained in its current form. Please keep net neutrality just the way it is."
—Lynn, Illinois, IL

So a small number of people/corporations don't own the message
—Joe manning, Richmond, VA

Do not tread on me.
—HBMann Mann, lanc, PA

It's important to me, and you, Because.... America is the Land Of The Free. Well, it used to be. Soon, we will just be another China.
—Judy, West Fork, AR

The internet was meant to be free of influences. It should always be so.
—Rajdeep, new york, NY

The attack on net neutrality, coming as it does from Obama appointees, is a back door attempt to achieve a right wing objective. People in positions of wealth and power despise competition, and a free and open Internet is a threat to the fortunes that have been made before. They want to kick the ladder out beneath them. Worse yet, free speech itself, always threatened in this land, never safe, enjoyed a heyday of sorts with uncensored internet channels allowing all voices to be expressed in all matters. That too threatens vested power. With the attack on net neutrality, political speech is threatened as well. These are not republicans, not democrats, who attack our Internet. They are the ugly stepchildren of private power. They don't like insecurity. They want total control. They must be stopped.
—Mark Tokarski, Morrison, CO

The Internet should not be a point of inequality.
—Sidney, New York, NY

Eliminating net neutrality will kill the entrepreneurial spirit of the internet and ultimately impact the consumer.
—Adam Brandau, woodstock, GA

The Internet should be treated like a utility. Equal access is as important as the public's access to electricity and drinking water. Thank you.
—Eric Christensen, Placentia, CA

Keep the promise President Obama made - protect the small businesses that made America what it is today. Small businesses are the backbone of this country. Do not put them at a great disadvantage in today's digital world. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY.
—Elizabeth Priestley, Santa Monica, CA

The internet should be classified as a utility. All data is equal.
—Ben Corbett, Tacoma, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because it simply affords more freedom in how we choose to use the internet. The freedom that I was raised believing was within my country. Even if it faltered many times in doing so, it is an ideal that has been striven for and should continue to be. The noose of corporate greed is getting far too tight around us and it will continue to destroy us if net neutrality is lost. Here is to hoping that you who read these words will save yourself and countless others of a fate worse than death. A fate where freedom is but a mere mirage in a desert of suppression. Thank you.
—Eboni, Irvine, CA

This is about the only true right we as Americans have left. Don't put this in the hands of the greedy corporations so they can control just about every aspect of our lives.
—Roshan Shah, Jacksonville, FL

The internet is one of, if not the greatest knowledge bank available to human kind, knowledge isn't a commodity to be regulated but a right to be given.
—Zachary Davis, Pittsburg, TX

"If net neutrality was to be dropped now it would most probably inhibit internet investment, significantly increase consumer broadband prices and enable the established IT giants to more-or-less lock the gates to new competitors by choking their access." -- http://rt.com/op-edge/171780-i nternet-neutrality-us-censorsh ip/
—Sam Andujar, New York City, NY

net neutrality is censhorhip. plain and simple.
—Brian Friel, santa monica, CA

I want to make the Internet available to all people at the same speed and accessibility. I think if you allow cable and telephone and television companies create different speeds and access of broadband service, some people and companies will be left behind. I'm afraid to give so much control to these few cable and telephone and TV corporations. The Internet should be treated like other utilities.
—Susan B. Morison, Beverly Hills, MI

It's simple: I shouldn't have to pay more to an ISP just to reach the content I want.
—Paul Andrews, Lansdale, PA

I believe net neutrality has been the key to innovation and free enterprise. Freedom of information is required for a democracy to succeed.
—Karen Kidder, Claremore, OK

How are us high schoolers and college students supposed to use the internet as a source for studying if you guys are gonna make us pay so much more for our internet?
—Ismail Tufa, saint paul, MN

We must do this, can´t let others decide for us... I'm in, lets save the internet!
—Ali Villalobos, Miami, FL

The internet as it is today allows a free flow of ideas and information. Segregating the internet gives too much power over the speed of that flow to mega-corporations. Would it be good public policy to limit the best water quality to those who can most pay for it? No, because clean drinking water helps ensure a healthier populace. Would it be good public policy to limit the fastest speeds to mega-corporations and the people who could pay for access? No, because equal access to information and ideas (content AND speed) helps ensure a better educated populace, which only benefits our country.
—Lynneth Lohse, Chesterbrook, PA

“I will take a backseat to no one in my commitment to network neutrality – because once providers start to privilege some applications or websites over others then the smaller voices get squeezed out and we all lose.” Either the leader we elected to preserve our net freedom and speak for the ordinary common person, honors his promise, or the change in direction we voted for were meaningless, dashed hopes, of an America which once was but is no more...
—Fr. Anthony Trayser, Mackinac Island, MI

I believe that the internet is supposed to be freely accessible and open to every one, and not something which my tax dollars pay to create, and yet is with great discrimination, allowed greater access for some, and lesser access to others, rather than open and freely accessible to all...
—Svetlana Trayser, Mackinac Island, MI

The internet should stay neutral and as unregulated as possible as it is the one place where everyone a voice can be heard. It is the one place where you can have a true democratic forum. If this were not the case the very fact that y'all are collecting information on the internet would be inheritly biased.
—casey Allan chapman, Austin, TX

I live in Puerto Rico and the provider Choice Communications advertised a fair price but when I got my bill it was 12 dollars more a month. It seems they are able to change whatever they want . Even though the service gets worse. The providers industry needs regulation and rules as Internet is as essential to quality of life. These companies are rogues . They raised my bill another 5 dollars so now I only have my phone. People need access at a fair price. And this industry will not regulate them selves.
—William Robinett, Mayaguez, PR

We cannot allow the Corporate Giants to sabotage the little but strong voices.
—Jeff, Trona, CA

Net Neutrality will allow for the internet to continue to grow as a free cultural, technology, and media provider. Eliminating Net Neutrality will turn the third greatest human invention into a play thing for internet service providers. Do not let them turn our future into a something dark.
—Jordan Obu, Monroeville, PA

Treat all data equally. Thank you.
—John, Sherman, TX

I support net neutrality. You should too. Please choose fight for us and preserve our right to free speech. The alternative will penalize internet users and benefit a very small elite.
—Hannah, Berkeley, CA

I support net neutrality. You should too. Please choose to fight for us and preserve our, right and your right, to free speech. The alternative will penalize internet users and benefit a very small elite.
—Hannah, Berkeley, CA

I am a small business owner on etsy and strongly object to this. It's the little people like me that this will hurt and the big companies will just get bigger.
—Tereasa Brooks, pass christian, MS

We've already seen how big companies like Comcast and AT&T are profiting off of the rest of us in regards to the internet. I'm not against capitalize, but I am against companies that have no competition and charge us exuberant rates for a service that is necessary for us to function in today's world. By some estimates their profit margin is well over 90 percent! Next month my internet bill is going to be almost half of my car payment! What do you think will happen if you end Net Neutrality?
—Albert Shaheen, New Haven, CT

Net Neutrality for citizens! Corporations have taken over our world...but not for much longer because We are becoming Awake & Aware as to how we are betrayed by our government in every aspect. Thank You for keeping us first!
—Marilyn Fournet, New Orleans, LA

Please correctly classify broadband internet as a utility so access to the web doesn't become another example of class-exclusion. Your plan is a slippery slope....
—Farris, Bogart, GA

It all comes down to the haves, and the have nots. If you can't afford the proposed Internet "fast lane," your options become limited.
—Wayne Flynn, Sarasota, FL

I love this country because of the freedom and opportunities it provides for me and other individuals alike. I would hate for these principles to be thrown away because of big businesses who want to control the Internet for their own economic gains. Net Neutrality is symbolic of what America should stand for, and we should keep it that way for the sake of democracy.
—Jonathan Cutler, Kenilworth, NJ

Without net neutrality the big guys would drown our voice and crush our ability to reach consumers of our products.
—Westley W Wood, NJew York, NY

Internet freedom is has consistently allowed the United States to be the leader of innovation in the internet age. Please do not under-mind American capitalism with short sited greed.
—Andre, New York, NY

Because I don't want companies telling me what's "most desirable" for me. I want to find out for myself. I already pay enough for internet access.
—Ciara Cordasco, Brooklyn, NY

An internet that is open to all Americans on an equal basis is essential for the free exchange of ideas. Had the internet existed when the Bill of Rights was passed, I believe that Freedom of the Internet would have been added to the First Amendment. How can there be freedom of speech without freedom of the internet?
—Gail Singer, Chappaqua, NY

Net neutrality it's essential to a democratic society. The internet can be a tool to better humankind and therefore control of it cannot rest in the hands of corporations.
—Michael Moir, OAKLAND, CA

It's way past the time for government to put the financial well being of the customer ahead of the well being of corporations. The internet operates just fine as it is ... "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" should be the rule of the day ... I like having the world at my fingertips at a manageable price ... COMCAST and Verizon are wealthy enough. If they get the change they want, I know the internet will just end up costing me more. After all, if they want to make a change, it can only be to increase their profits.
—Ray Santucci, Hyde Park, PA

The internet should unregulated, and free. Not to be determined by corporations to dictate what is allowed and what is not allowed.
—Raymond Buckland, Price, UT

It's important that all people, of all financial standings, be able to access the internet and all it's contents equally without any hindrance or additional fees or requirements. This is due to the internet becoming a UTILITY in current society. Making it necessary to operate. The more barriers we put up to access it, the more divides we create for ourselves as people.
—John Rodriguez II, Odenton, MD

I support REAL net neutrality. Do not funnel our free internet into a monopolized company.
—Aaron Jones, NEW ALBANY, IN

As a writer, member of the LGBTQA community, and avid media enthusiast, I know that the Internet in the form it is now has provided me with a great many opportunities to grow, present my work, and find ways to support my fellow companions, friends, and family. With affordable Internet that gives me every website on an even playing field, the possibilities of what I can learn, do, or watch are endless. If fast lanes were to be developed, not only could my favorite websites pass on extra costs to me for faster service, but the other websites I know and love whose webmasters may not be able to afford prioritization could lose out and essentially close down. I don't want a filtered Internet, and I certainly don't want to spend more for it when I am a student barely making ends meet already. Please reconsider your pro-paid prioritization plan, Mister Wheeler. Forget your lobbyist roots and think about the greater good of the American people, and reclassify the Internet as a common carrier.
—Belinda Roddie, San Rafael, CA

Net Neutrality is vital for the exchange of ideas and the availability of knowledge for the population. Allowing ISP's to essentially censor what sites a person can visit is opening the door for abuse of such power on a massive scale. Many people do not have the option of choosing different providers, leaving them no way of bypassing the censorship. Please put a stop to further money grabbing efforts by companies attempting to profit further from a service which has become a vital part of our society.
—Brian Causey, Beaverton, OR

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=PES_mn3Q5_Q this right here defines my absolute voice on this subject the net is a UTILITY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Dajana Menjivar, Palm Desert, CA

I am totally against changes in internet neutrality. Giving companies the right to control internet content gives then the right to control free speech. Please do not let this happen. Leave the internet in it's present state.
—John Patterson, Kaufman, TX

I think Internet Service Providers should be considered common carrier services because access to the internet is as much a human right as access to water and electricity. Letting ISPs do as they will with these networks is wrong and will without a doubt lead to market manipulation.
—Jameson Woodfin, Petaluma, CA

This country was built on Freedom. And freedom is exactly what you are trying to take away from your citizens. When you remove net neutrality, you allow the rich to grow richer. This suppresses the masses, in the worst way possible. You're taking away a medium for freedom of speech, and freedom of expression. You're also hurting the little guy. Do not slow down the progression of man kind, the internet should be easily accessible and available to all.
—Alex M, Silverthorne, CO

we want our world to have net Neutrality
—Shane, ottumwa, IA

I believe in a free and open internet, with no blocks and freedom for the people to receive data
—Joshua Chang, kaneohe, HI

Keep our internet open. Listen to the American people!
—Charles Emick Jr, Mount Eaton, OH

Please listen to the people on this issue. Keep the internet open and free!
—Shawn s Doyle, Elk River, MN

I believe in net neutrality, because the internet should should be there to all and not just for the elite.
—Susan Hayes, Alton, IL

net neutrality is the single most important issue of our time. by that I mean that keeping the internet, users, companies, suppliers, and the like neutral, even, the same. by setting up a fast lane you further the spread of monopolys. tim wu said it best. If i buy a toaster and when I come home I find out that it doesn't toast as well because the electric company made a deal with another toaster company. I am going to be really mad as a consumer. How is a small business supposed to get its start if they have to pay a premium to get to their customers. how is a start-up tech company supposed to get any traction if their data is being throttled down because they don't have the working capitol to "buy their way into the fast lane." this is segregation, this socio-ecanomic regulating of the future. If your not rich now you can't use the internet to change your status in life. Allowing internet providers to sell a "Fast Lane" means the product doesn't matter, if you have money you get ahead.
—Mark Dullanty, Mill Creek, WA

There should be competition on the internet so that the playing field remains level.
—Arlene, Savannah, GA

The very fact that the majority of American people and businesses are against the "fast lane" proposal should be argument enough to stop this proposal. Please do not continue to allow those with more money to dictate how the internet will work. It is one of the few things in this country where EVERYONE starts equally.
—David Kalvelage, San Diego, CA

"Fast Lane Internet" is a means for internet service providers, that are all basically a monopoly since they do not directly compete with each other, to steal more of my hard earned money for basic access to the world wide web. The internet is supposed to be a forum of information sharing and without net neutrality that sharing will cease to be. The rest of the world is already so far ahead of the United States in the realms of technology and education because they put those things ahead of politicians making money. The ultra rich in this country buy the law makers and the rest of us suffer as a result.
—Brian Rizzo, Dorchester, MA

This is important to make a level playing field. Net Netutrality allows everyone the same access. Why change that, look what the internet has been able to do for the world.
—Scott Fox, Kennesaw, GA

Because it shouldn't be a business business what I get to see when.
—Erin Richards, Carbondale, CO

You're monopolizing the industry and giving more power to the wealthy. You're gonna start that "we are the 1%" shit again but this time it's gonna be from phone companies and their customers. Frankly, you're being a dick.
—Steve, Somewhere near Tampa, FL

if i want to turn on my tv i have to watch what OTHER people want me to which, what YOU decided . the net is my only entertainment my only contact between family and friends and my only hobby playing video games comes from the net. i cant afford to go out , drive somewhere ,or simply throw a party my whole entertainment budget is spent on this if you throw out net neutrality then i'm forced to not only ban cable from my house but then the net as well because both will be so out of whack with reality that no ones going to be able to afford anything. people will be paying for cable and internet before feeding themselves so the rates don't rise because it got shut off again. people like me that has one pos job in a dieing area , economy with no skills, or money for training might have found a job online working from home but if this takes effect guess what ? no online work from home jobs ! gaming industries see a huge downfall of online play , jobs lost .huge internet giants like eBay that do ALL business online lose their clientele because they cant afford to pay for internet to log in and buy MORE jobs lost internet/cable providers lose business a little at a time and keep jacking up prices to make the same profits from the year before and it causes more people to abandon ship its a vicious circle that you will NEVER CONTROL
—Aaron Torrence, niles, OH

Ive seen friends of mine create whole lives for themselves based off what they created on the internet. Dont take away others opportunities to do the same.
—Ian Whyte, Fort walton beach, FL

I believe the internet is one of the true "free" places people have left to voice their opinions and to be themselves. If this regulation of the internet gets passed, Americans are just going to be one step closer to losing their voice and being dominated by large corporations.
—Ben Weidenaar, Norwood, MA

Net Neutrality is necessary to preserve the competitive market that the United States economy thrives upon. Any legislation or efforts to grant high priced benefits such as creating a "fast lane" for internet service is unconstitutional by way of the Sherman Antitrust Act, as well as the rest of the United States Antitrust Laws. Creating barriers for data and information by user and/or service provider is not only constitutionally irreconcilable, it is also intrinsically unethical and will allow the large cable companies an Orwellian amount of power over the content that we as citizens can access.
—Michael Herrera, Winter Park, FL

Keep the internet open for the 99% of hard working people that can't afford higher prices.
—Salvador Ricardo, Hialeah, FL

FCC ought to treat broad band just as they do all other utilities. It belongs to the people, not a select few!
—Lisa C. Keuhlen, Woodland Park, CO

Net Neutrality gives no one unfair advantage, and provides a fair a even playing field. It's been proven through history that when one group is provided an unfair advantage due to money and size it just creates bullies, who take advantage. So I don't want the bullies to take my lunch money. They already make so much money why to you want to give them a way to make more.
—Steven P Simmons, Aston, PA

The internet has been for the long time a place of equal opportunity where anyone could gain access and take advantage of what there is to offer. To limit access of the internet by way of fast or slow lanes would deprive the everyday person of taking advantage of all the internet has to offer and make it far more difficult for them to reach their potential. In order to keep the internet a thriving community it must remain a neutral network. Many feel that they are unable to be without the connection that the internet brings. If the internet were to no longer remain neutral I would have to cancel my internet service/cable service as it would no longer serve its purpose to allow me to freely interact with what is available. I would also feel I must encourage others to do this. This is an upsetting idea. In this day and age where the neutral internet has done so much for innovation and connecting us to one another to turn the internet into a vestigial limb that needs to be cut off is an insult to all the work that was put into growing it to where it is now.
—Samuel Espinosa, Fairfax, VA

Because when I start my own small business...I will not have the ability to promote due to the 'slower' band. We will not survive. Small business needs net neutrality!
—Eric R Morales, Odenton, MD

Please allow the internet to remain as it is!
—Ms. Elsie Sullivan, atlanta, GA

if Pres. Obama will not stand behind his 2008 pledge to "support the principle of network neutrality to preserve the benefits of open competition on the internet." then we, the people, need to!
—Nicole, Olathe, KS

This will be detrimental to small businesses. How are the small businesses supposed to stay in business and help fuel the economy if we are not allowed to compete fairly with large corporations. Our small businesses are not hurting the large corporations...Walmart is still alive and kicking...hard.
—Amy, Overland Park, KS

Please don't tie the internet down in chains via killing net neutrality. If you do this, several things will happen. First of all, you will be eliminating the opportunity for small start-ups that have ended up changing our lives such as Skype from being created in the future. The level platform for innovation of the 21st century will be kaput. Another thing that will happen is that companies such as Time Warner and Comcast will make even more money than they already are. This would be widening the gap between the super wealthy and those living under the poverty line. STOP FUCKING WITH THE INTERNET!
—Dare Murray, longmont, CO

An open internet is a basic human right in the 21st century. Don't take it away from us.
—Marcia Chaloux, Newtown, CT

The fast lane is unconstitutional. Please do not allow this to become law. This is something voters will not soon forget
—Chris White, Van Buren, AR

The cable companies are way too corrupt as it is. Allowing them free reign to charge more for faster services, thereby relegating those unable to pay their premiums to slower speeds, is unethical. I'm shocked that this is even up for debate. Big business should not be able to control the access to information available on the Internet. This would also set dangerous precedents, allowing ISPs way too much power, since they are already the gateway through which we must pass to access any data on the web.
—Heather O'neil, Los Angeles, CA

The internet needs to be treated like a utility, a common carrier. The way it's treated in these United States by these companies is terrible. The ISPs available are essentially a monopoly and price gouge. We are far behind in terms of speed and price compared to a lot of Asian and European countries. When I was stationed in South Korea internet access was faster and much cheaper than what I pay here. I pay approximately $60/month for a slower speed than my Korean service at $18/month. Adding this "fast lane" will stifle innovation and competition. In turn that will hurt the economy, education and the unity that this medium provides. If this existed before we wouldn't have Google, Facebook, Twitter, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon or countless other sites and services. We deserve a connected world without companies censoring speech, new ideas, innovation and squashing competition. I hope you make the correct choice.
—Brandon Arellanes, Tucson, AZ

You would be going against the 1st amendment if you take it away. If you take it away companies would have control on what is shown on the internet. There goes freedom of speech because we won't be able to comment our opinion on topics from the press if this happens. Our favorite websites for news and reports could be throttled.
—Patrik Arellanes, Tucson, AZ

I use the internet every day for taking online classes, paying bills and recreation. I enjoy the fact that I can access almost any website quickly. I do not believe that internet providers should be able to restrict speedy access to certain sites. We only have a few choices when it comes to internet providers, and our choices depend on where we live. That's why I think that getting rid of net neutrality would restrict the customer's freedom in order to give more freedom to corporations. While corporations are generally good for our country, their freedoms should not take precedence over those of the people.
—DJ West, Culpeper, VA

Net Neutrality is important for young entrepreneurs like myself. Please support net neutrality!
—William Hulsey, Germantown, MD

Depriving me of equal access to content after I have paid for my service is at the least poor service and at worst extortion. If it's the former, I have no recourse because there is no other option for internet access. If it's the latter, I have no recourse because it has been decided that the profits of a few companies are more important than my right to free (virtual) assembly or my expression of free speech. To quote Jon Stewart, "Corporations aren't just people, they're better people than you." There is still time to save net neutrality, and I hope that you take this opportunity to preserve the internet and the rights of its users against those interests that would put their agendas above all else.
—Nancy Montag, Omaha, NE

The FCC was founded to protect the information communication systems of this country and regulate them in a way that was fair to everyone (or at least as many as possible). I understand the competing ideas involved, and perhaps those in charge at the FCC have already made up their minds, but consider that our country should be leading by example and committing to a morally and ethically sound decisions instead of letting corporations (who's sole goal is to make money) decide for all of us. This is a moment where the government can start building trust with people again in a time where it seems like it is ever diminishing. We are all watching and we are all judging. You will make the decision, but be sure you make one that is actually good for the citizens of this country instead of what is just good for ISPs.
—Kurt Silsby, Tallahassee, FL

To me, net neutrality is a symbol of the last open playing field to receive information without geographical or political barriers. It is an opportunity to let those with far less money and power have their voice heard and to develop their business.It is a free and open place to express an opinion that could otherwise be stuffed away due to some political agenda. It is a place of free thinking where all humans can gather and create the greatest think tank on the planet. A records office of the entirety of human knowledge that in the real world would take hours, days, weeks, years to find all around the world's libraries, but is at one's fingertips. It should not be reorganized to help only the biggest businesses, it should be open and free so all humans have the ability to do what they wish. It is a symbol of the unalienable right to free speech.
—Matthew, Sunland, CA

For the sake of democracy, keep the net neutral.
—Mark, Chicago, IL

I think we shall have our own privacy and not let the government supervise us
—Henry, Miami, FL

The thought that we would let a corporation decide how fast, much etc of the internet it would provide would be the biggest harm to free speech . It is in the public interest to keep the net free, open and available to all.
—mike den van Abbeel, winter park, FL

i as a young adult dread the future. when i was a child i had all these huge dreams and as i have gotten older i realize that the internet gives me the ability to make alot of those dreams happen. i want to start a creative company with my friend so that we can release stuff online and sort of go from there. but with the way that you are taking the internet, something that was created to make a more level playing field, would put a stop to that. the way you are taking the internet is making it so that if you don't have money there is no way you can succeed. And if you go back and look at the U.S.A.'s history you will realize that a major theme here is anyone can make it. but by doing this you are effectively saying "Only the people who pay us will make it." which if you look at that comment you will see it sort of sounds like bribery...
—Windsor Fravel, Dover, DE

All that I've learned and all that I've seen on the internet has educated me on different levels. Thinking about how much I can learn compare to my younger years; can put some perspective in place. Would I have learned all that I know about local and foreign news (like pop culture or everyday living) if I had speeds like or close to my youth? No, it might of bored me to death. Would limiting one site make me jump on the band wagon of another? NO. Freedom and choices and limitless opportunities for all.
—Nery Medina, Trenton, NJ

To whom it may concern, My name is Tyler Bargerhuff. I am a video content creator for the internet. It is my passion to film, edit and upload videos on the internet for others to watch and earn money from it. Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a leveled playing field for everyone, and it should be. Growing up I wasn't handed the best cards. I had to drop out of college because I couldn't afford my next semester, I'm $50,000 in student loan debt, working a dead end job just to get buy. Net Neutrality is one of the only things left that I can say "I'm not on the bottom anymore". Please make the Net equal for everyone. It's important and why the internet is such a powerful place FULL of competition.
—Tyler Bargerhuff, Navarre, OH

Let's keep the Internet fair and not let big companies control it just because they have more money. This would be the end of the free speech on the Internet.
—Branden Tabler, Falling Waters, WV

Net neutrality is a basic necessity in a capitalistic society. Instead of extorting money out of content creators these ISPs need to stop with the giant corporate mergers and shady tactics and actually live in a competitive marketplace. Killing net neutrality makes no sense only benefits the cable companies while it hurts customers, companies, content creators, capitalism, and the concepts of liberty and freedom.
—Craig Will, Woodburn, OR

The Internet is no longer a luxury but in our modern society a resource. Eliminating Net Neutrality would be a violation of human rights taking away this resource for many. If the FCC continues to act in favor of ISPs, there will be consequences for all.
—Eric Li, Little Neck, NY

We do not want slower internet...back off
—Lucretia Britt, Memphis, TN

Its crazy the amount of power internet companies already have, especially when things like Google Fiber have shown they could seriously be stepping up their game and providing astronomically better service without needing to limit data in any way. I do not believe different services should have to pay in order to get faster internet, because they aren't paying to have faster internet, they are paying to not have -slow- internet. Internet companies can improve internet speeds without impeding internet users. They should not take an easy way out that limits us customers, especially when customers do not have much of a choice regarding other ISPs to begin with.
—Marcos Negrete, San Diego, CA

We need to get big business out of government. Making laws or deals that favor one ISP over the other goes against the ideas of the free market and equality that this country was built on.
—Victor Lopez, Mora, MN

Hello FCC, I am a concerned Citizen. There is a large threat against the economy of the internet. If the decision to allow high speed lanes is made, then the entire economy as a whole will suffer. You will be allowing Internet service Providers to put a tarrif on all ecommerce. Site will either have to pay them or be condemned to the load so slow that people go to other sites list. This can easily lead to corruption and a forced monopolization of dozens of industries if the ISP's are allowed to do this. I fully stand behind Net neutrality. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. Otherwise I see a dark future ahead for our country's economy in which everybody has to pay ridiculous amounts in order to get access to the internet. Thank you for your time. From, Michael Cromwell Sagan
—Michael Sagan, Cincinnati, OH

The Internet is the last place where all people are equal. Making it so that those companies who can pay millions of dollars because they're making billions get faster networks is sure to scuttle the internet.
—Merritt Nenneman, Stevens Point, WI

It is important the the FCC and government allow citizens to EARN honest money, stay off or not USE welfare and taxpayers money. We American citizens need to have a fair and fighting chance to earn income off our comparitvley small eShops with out fees that we cannot afford. Please, give small to mid sized income Americans a fair chance at ecommerce and keep them off welfare. Thank you!
—Charlotte, decatur, AL

Make ISPs a common service! This is entirely lobbying...how will this new act in ANY way improve the economy? More small buisinesses will go out of buisiness, and just like big franchises put small stores out of buisiness, destroying jobs, the same will happen to the Internet.
—Paul bartolemea, baldwin, NY

It was built by the Department of Defense and colleges and is one of the only things that is a platform for many voices, and not just the voices of those who can pay the most. Since it was government backed when it was being built, it should be kept open to all taxpayers. It's not neutral and doesn't reflect freedom of speech if huge corporations can slow whoever won't pay up so that a few shareholders get a lot more money.
—Meghan Myers, Cumberland, RI

Net neutrality is the last chance that we have in regards to freedom of speech, the right to share knowledge, and a wealth of business opportunities for entrepreneurs. Hindering net neutrality is only beneficial for big businesses who have too much power and governments who have too much control. This would be an irreversible act and set America's technology standards back at least 10 years as content will be dictated by ISPs and their never ending greed.
—Damian Sopher, Trafford, PA

Net Nautrality is the reason why technological innovation is capable of reaching such heights. The lack of Net Neutrality will do nothing except drive ISPs who already make over 90% profit into becoming more of a monopoly. The internet needs to be treated like a public utility.
—Matthew Nordstrand, Grand Rapids, MI

It's important so we can still have freedom online.
—Jack Evans, Putnam Station, NY

A free and open exchange of ideas and information is the most important aspect of ensuring a healthy democracy. If you turn this power over to private industry you will be turning over a vital part of our society. Please keep the Internet open for everyone and don't make it a class-based Internet where information can be monopolized and controlled in such a manner. To do so is unjust, unconstitutional, unspeakable and unconscionable! I Vote! Contina Hope Louisiana
—Contina Hope, Keithville, LA

As a Vietnam-era veteran, Net Neutrality is extremely important to me. The FCC should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication.
—Ivan Greer, Columbia, MO

Net neutrality is important to me because i'm a gamer! and my games are important what about innovation?! we need net neutrality because of growth!
—Tyler Lavender, Hull, GA

I am a small business owner, selling primarily online. Without Net Neutrality, I will be out of a job, end of story. I cannot compete with corporations, I cannot pay the fees required to play with the Big Boys. I, and a huge number of other American entrepreneurs, will be losing our livelihood if Net Neutrality is lost.
—Mairi Lothian, Lacombe, LA

Without Net Neutality, its going to kill innovation and public access to different points of view. Mainstream news sources have already been restricted to a few monopolies, and lack of neutrality will limit other news outlets. Verizon/AT&T / Comcast already have an unjustified monopoly and this will only make it worse. Antitrust laws were created for a good reason but the FCC has been eroding them due to lobbyists and corporate money. It's now become a pathetic joke.
—Robin Suchman, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, We MUST continue to treat internet as a public utility. No longer is it a "even playing field" I urge you to vote down the SOPA and the PIPA Acts indefinitely. Discontinue these "fast lane" pacts and instead continue to nurture small ISPs, allowing for more competition and development.
—Mark, Williston, ND

Net Neutrality is needed. Favoring one website over the other in an effort to increase already astronomical profits by the telecom companies, despite what the people want, is absurd. Treat internet service like a utility. Stop letting the wealthy become more wealthy purely because they can afford to send money into your pocket, because frankly that's exactly what it looks like to us Average Joe's out here. I didn't realize the FCC could be bought.
—Fritz Holt, Phoenix, AZ

I have spent the last 6 years of my life working on the internet and building a business. I was unable to find a job so I started a business, kept from losing my home and employee others who were struggling to make ends meet. This would seriously affect the success of my business not to mention limit my choices in who I can buy from and who I cant. This is a very bad and greedy move!! God is watching!!
—Michelle Lee, Colorado Springs, CO

Keep Net Neutrality! By not doing so, you eliminate the freedom of the internet and shut down access to resources. That's the whole point of having the internet, is so people can have access to information. If you take that away, you are setting us back, not bringing us forward.
—Tammy Rosebrook, Royersford, PA

I am a consumer, university instructor, and small business owner. I believe net neutrality is imperative for any small to medium-sized business to remain competitive on the net. If net neutrality is not maintained, many businesses will be ruined.
—Cindy Harwood, Lafayette, IN

Access to information is a great equalizer of opportunity. The internet should be treated as a public trust. The loss of net neutrality would favor the large established companies at the expensive of the innovation created by start up firms and individuals.
—Richard Paley, Boca Raton, FL

Don't kill Net Neutrality. There's too much opportunity for predation and extortion from what is already a monopoly-like internet provider situation. The internet needs to remain an equal playing field for America, indeed, the world, to keep innovating. The 'fast lane' will hurt everyone.
—Joseph Cieslak, Boise, ID

Over and over the American people have stated that they don't want this to happen. For every comment that your actually get there are three more people that also oppose what you are doing who don't believe their voice makes a difference anymore. Is that the America that you want to support? One where money can buy whatever influence one wants, flat out ignoring the will of the majority? Or do you support an America where the people's cries are heard and respected? If you support the former of the two, ay least stop lying and pretending like you care at all about the will of the people, or anything but lining your own pockets and being the puppet that you are, Mr. Wheeler. You're contributing to the death of everything great about our nation. And if you contribute to that, don't be surprised by the consequences you will face when the people get sick of people ignored. Because this will certainly not be forgotten. Around the world, nation by nation, people are rising up and making the corrupt pay for the damage they've done to their respective societies. If things continue like this for much longer, this nation wide unrest could erupt into something much more unpleasant and aggressive, especially for you. And if you don't think that's a risk worth noting, then you are either naive or flat out blind.
—Chase Colvin, Taylorsville, UT

stop selling my freedom does everything have a price to the highest bidder? let's return to our founding father's plan
—Richard Dibona, libertyville, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because no one should limit my ability to express myself or to access information.
—Lucy Thornton, San Diego, CA

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I'm not a rich man. I make about 30,000 a year. To make me pay any more for a decent internet connection would be a hardship. They don't need millions more of my money but I need to be able to communcate.
—Mr. Darrell Ocheskey, Des moines, IA

Net neutrality encourages competition and innovation which makes it easy to find a product or service that does exactly what you need, create and publish an idea or tool that does something brand new, and learn about practically anything you want to know. It gives everyday Americans a medium of expression and communication that accelerates the spread and growth of smart ideas. It allows users to pick from a wide variety of communication methods and services for collaboration. It keeps prices low for consumers due to increased competition. In a day and age when Americans experience most of their freedom online, the choice to honor net neutrality is the choice to respect the individual rights and freedoms of Americans. The world has greatly benefited by having the internet as a fair and accessible network to further collaboration and communication worldwide. Choosing to give companies the right to favor certain companies/consumers over others is against the very ideal of our nation. Please, choose freedom.
—Joshua Baker, Carrollton, TX

This would NOT be a good change!
—Michele Castillo, JACKSONVILLE, NC

Americans do not want this. Please do not allow that bill to pass.
—Anthony Longo, Darien, CT

Every user of the internet should have the ability to choose for themselves which contents they want to access or generate. The providers of access should have no control over how content flows through their 'pipes'. As an engineer, it strikes me as intellectually dishonest of internet service providers to benefit from regulatory protection to set themselves up and also want to prevent others from innovating and taking advantage of their captive customers. Our extensive communication infrastructure was made possible by public protection and the public should benefit from it, not be made captive of some local monopoly or duopoly.
—Francois Carrier, Nashua, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because it helps for the flow of information freely. If the bill comes into effect, it will be devastating to colleges, non-profit groups, basically anything that can't afford to pay for faster internet. I don't see the people standing for this type of control. Please rethink this situation. With so many people against it, it can't truly be a good thing, now can it? Listen to what the people want for a change.
—Christopher Maloy, Madison, FL

net neutrality is of the utmost importance to me personally, and i believe that our founding fathers had they possessed the foresight of prometheus would have included net neutrality among the inalienable rights that all men should have without question ... just as freedom of speech and the right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon under any circumstances so too would the architects of this great country made specific note in the constitution and bill of rights that corporate interests and government shall not censor or omit any content nor shall anyone meter or filter any of the content of the free internet for any reason for as much as there will be no reason or rationale to make filtering the content to the citizenry or metering the uploads of the public to the world wide web ... although many people do not know of or even think they could ever care at all about some stupid laws that dont even affect them now that the koch bill has passed all of the noncaring nonparticipants will suddenly begin to care very much about being force fed propaganda and the endless streams of utter rubbish that spew from the mouths of the talking heads soon this population will stand no more of this ... so beware corporate america although this sleeping giant has taken too long to be awakened when the alarm clock finally brakes the slumber this giant will destroy all of the orwellian safeguards you have so carefully put in place
—Kevin Vanhuss, manteca, CA

Our internet should not be taken out of our control. We the people made it what it is today, and we the people have a right to keep it out of the hands of those who seek only to monopolize it for their own ends.
—Thaddeus Sundin, Grants Pass, OR

I support citizens fights against Sherman trust violators seeking to use FCC to suborn their crediting infrastructure. Internet Fast Lane will provoke a people's cyberwar and civil warriors of freedom activists will be watching. Don't play into the hands of authoritarian binarists.
—Jason Hoobler, Cincinnati, OH

The Internet is the final frontier of equality in this world. Where else can people from across the globe communicate near-instantaneously? Online forums and instant-messaging create a kind of global view that hasn't been quite present since the Renaissance, and that's exactly what net neutrality provides- a new Renaissance. If net neutrality comes under attack, as it has been since the very foundation of the net, those who attack it are compromising a revolution of a greater scale than any that has ever happened in all of history. If the Renaissance occurred as a result of cultural melding, then the connection of all cultures all over the world cannot even be compared to that. Without net neutrality, this revolution will cease, and the world will be left a hollow shell of what it could have been. If only those in 'the fast lane' can share their ideas, then so many new thoughts that would have gone viral are now kept imprisoned, silent, until net neutrality can once again rise to prevalence.
—Marjorie Howard, Ashburn, VA

Taking away net neutrality would be a horrible thing to do to every "little guy" out there - making it so big companies and pay more to get their content downloaded faster, while people who do not have those resources will essentially be forced out and shut down. I know there is a lot of money being thrown your direction to make this happen, but can you actually believe this is for the better of the masses? Wasn't our government supposed to be "By the people, FOR the people," not for the biggest PAC or lobbyist?
—April Krob, Deltona, FL

Often times cable companies are essentially operating as monopolies with little or no competition. This lack of competition allows the cable companies to provide services to consumers at prices that aren't competitive, offer inferior product and services, and give absolutely abhorrent customer service. Net neutrality must be respected. Consumers do not benefit from the death of net neutrality in any way. The death of net neutrality would only bring with it the expansion of the influence of the cable companies, and the continuation of their exploitation of their customers. Keep the internet neutral. It would be an absolute failure of the FCC to allow net neutrality to die.
—Casey Madden, Pittsburgh, PA

Equality. That's what it's all about. What ever the subject.
—Mary Ann Holt, mulberry, AR

Net neutrality is important because the internet is the way to the future of everything. Any idea, any project, any thought can be brought to millions upon millions of people in no time at all. We're talking the ability to troubleshoot or brainstorm on any new technology, philosophy, or social program that you can think of. By letting the ISPs decide what sites get faster or slower internet, you let the ISPs decide what technologies and ideas succeed and which fail. Not to mention the potential downfall of music and video streaming services or gaming services that rely on the internet. Net neutrality is necessary to our moving forward as a race, country, and individuals.
—Jessup V. Maggio, Buffalo, NY

The FCC must correct its earlier error and reclassify the internet as a public resource -- as a Title Two Telecommunications Service. The internet is the only source of opposing information and interpretations on very serious world issues. The broadcast media and cable media have abandoned their responsibility to journalism and only the internet gives access to such material. Critical thinking and our very democracy depend on informed debate made possible by the internet.
—Donald H Goldhamer, Oak Park, IL

Sponsored data gives an advantage to rich companies that can afford to pay Comcast, or AT&T or Verizon, for such a plan and reduces the chances of smaller competitors creating innovative new services. It may be good for the consumer in the short term, but it could be a major hurtle to competition down the road, especially as the majority of computing shifts to mobile devices. Mr. Wheeler, prove me wrong in my thought that you are a lackey of the big ISPs!
—John R Vigna, New Kensington, PA

Allowing practices that will end net neutrality is tantamount to asking the European Union to end decades of the USA's maintenance of the Internet, along with all the immense economic benefits that go with it.
—Bryan Hockey, Ypsilanti, MI

Neutrality is what makes the internet work! Take that away and only the rich and connected will able to use the internet for commerce. It will be just like the brick and mortar stores, the mom and pop stores are disappearing because of the big stores undercutting them....the same thing will happen to the small estore operators if you take away the neutrality. And I believe that will have a bigger impact on our economy that you imagine. Please don't mess up our internet....it works....don't break it!
—Marilyn Pennington, Evansville, IN

There should be one speed for everyone. It is unfair for people who pay more to get a faster rate--the internet is supposed to be for everyone. What's wrong with how it's been working? For those interested in starting up new businesses, the increased cost of a faster speed could be the difference between success and failure. I think it's greed and a power grab by those companies who are pushing for this to corner the market.
—Carol Kurz, Evanston, IL

I watch some of my shows online. I write with an online program. I use many websites including Wikipedia to gain different spins on topics in the news on television and online. I use the internet on average twenty to sixty percent of the day, six days a week. I need the internet to be neutral. Television is becoming part of the internet. I watch television shows that are streamed on the web. I really could go on and on. Seriously though, net neutrality is not a choice for me. Without it, I will lose most of my day to day activities and future prospects as a paid full time writer. I have a family to provide for with my writing. Please help millions like me. Net neutrality lets a CEO tweet a honest consumer. Net neutrality lets a college student connect with his or her professor and fellow college student so the may tutor. Net neutrality help many doctors reconnect with patients after their meetings. Net neutrality is the past, present, and future of many kids of every country. We must get this right. Consider this a vote for net neutrality because we wish to save the United States Postal Service, email, the Olympic Summer and Winter Games, Congressional hearings viewed by the people, and you. That is right, even you could be affected by a world without net neutrality. I will state it again, net neutrality is clearly the only choice. Thank you for your time and possible consideration.
—Corey Simmons, Elkhart, IN

Because capitalism requires fledgeling companies have a level playing field to start. We need net neutrality in order to avoid monopolies.
—Kaitlynn P, Everett, WA

Removing Net Neutrality is essentially censoring the Internet. How is that justified when the United States has criticized other countries for the same thing? Additionally, it violates the freedom of speech for those unable to pay for the fast-lane service. Establishing Net Neutrality will not hurt anyone and removing it will.
—Heather Williford, Tulsa, OK

This is not helpful to the public in any way. I will actively oppose any official that supports a movement eroding the neutrality of internet service.
—Edward Lane, Billings, MT

Net Neutrality is important to me. I believe the most democratic tool we have is the Internet. This tool provides us access to more information than has ever been available to a single individual in history. It's an amazing tool. However, it's also become a defining tool for every aspect of our connected lives. We pay our bills online, video chat with colleagues across the globe, watch videos for entertainment, stream audio, watch tutorials, read news and investigate almost any topic of interest. By allowing ISPs to provide different levels of access to different sites / content providers you're giving them control to throttle the free-flow of information. The main services listed in most arguments have been Netflix and YouTube. Those content providers are often thought-of as video streaming sites for things like TV shows, silly cat videos and non-essential entertainment. However, I have watched numerous documentaries through Netflix streaming service and it has become an eye-opening educational tool. I have also used YouTube to guide me through multiple do-it-yourself projects. This has transformed YouTube into a haven for tutorials and training videos. These have been invaluable tools for me beyond entertainment. I pay a large amount to the only high-speed ISP in my area for fast access to Internet content. I only have one option. Please don't allow them to manipulate the information landscape as they have manipulated the business landscape. It won't benefit the consumers and people of our country.
—Benjamin Stendahl, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is what makes my job as a videographer and visual effects artist easy. I have to meet deadlines and I CAN'T have these money-hungry leviathans sucking up my speed. I NEED net neutrality and you're our only hope. Please don't crush my passion with letting ISP's manipulate my internet. You asked for a response and let me tell you, America is responding.
—Anthony Cundro, Hazleton, PA

The current proposed rules are not enough to protect innovation and consumer rights. In every way imaginable ISPs are utilities and should be treated as such. I have already felt this first hand and ended up cancelling my Netflix streaming account because it would always be such poor quality through both Charter Cable and AT&T DSL. Neither would own up to throttling Netflix, however extensive testing showed that through all other sites (including HULU, YouTube, and Vimeo) I received around the stated 6 or 15 MB/sec speeds, however I could rarely download from Netflix at over 2-3 MB/sec. Often it was under 1 MB/sec. With so many consumers and businesses relying on the internet and their use of shared lines, they must be treated as utilities or they will cause irreparable harm to America's ability to compete in a global market place and they will undermine consumers ability to access an open market. How can such a technological powerhouse as the USA nation have slower, more expensive internet than so many other countries!? Please do what is right for the American people.
—Shawn Dewnton, covington, LA

The Internet Service Providers (ISPs) of America already provide us with relatively poor service nationwide. It would be commercially and morally irresponsible to allow them to charge more to their customers without first improving their infrastructure to justify the increased cost (as opposed to relegating existing infrastructure). As long as ISPs have an effective monopoly in the US, with no reasonable competition in most areas, then the government should represent the needs of the people in the stead of competition. Please, Do Not Allow ISPs to increase their profit margins by Charging for a 'fast lane'. This will only hurt America's prosperity and severely limit our growth.
—Lucas Miller, Mesquite, TX

It is important that corporations don't control everything and charge us for that which is our ability to engage in the world. They can buy elections, they can't have this as well.
—Ms. Catherine Harned, DeKalb, IL

The internet (as it stands now) has been a major part of my life. I am 28 years old and have pretty much grown up with the technology. About a year ago I enrolled in college for networking to pursue that passion. However working for a big corporation (Walmart) and selling cell service for other giant corporations (Verizon Sprint and AT&T) for the past 11 years, I've seen first hand that corporations will do anything and everything at the end of the day for a higher profit. But I do not blame them for that, after all that's why they are in the business. But having seen the things they have done to the consumers over the years it sickens me to know they will soon have that power over the net, a tool created by the people for the people. I implore you please do not allow this to happen. I fear it will dampen innovation as well as creating yet another leap in income equality, seeing as how almost everything is required to be done on the internet (even employment applications). It has moved away from a luxury (like cable tv) to a necessity. Thank you for your time.
—Daren Morris, Ashland, OH

Dear FCC, we need real net neutrality. Protect internet users from monopolistic ISPs and don't let companies censor, slow down, or block websites while requiring other sites to pay for faster service. Please stand up for all Internet users and our right to communicate.
—Jeremy Lucier, Chantilly, VA

Please leave Net Neutrality in place ---
—Larry Cole, Grand Prairie, TX

Don't take my freedoms to be an individual.
—Jaykob, Colorado Springs, CO

Please take any and all necessary actions to ensure the continued operation of an open Internet. Please make net neutrality a law - work to categorize ISPs as common carriers, like the other critical utilities of our nation. If this is not done, we will be opening Pandora's box, enabling ISPs / telecoms to create an unfair advantage in the market, at the expense of the consumer. If ISPs are allowed to create a "fast lane" for certain traffic types, that means that the ISPs get to intentionally slow down other traffic types. If this is allowed, the major cable/ISP providers will almost certainly slow down competing streaming video services to try to boost the popularity of their own services. This will in effect allow cable providers yet another monopoly - not just on the customer base that they distribute to, but on the content that their customers can receive. Also, ISPs will use this as a tool to get more money out of consumers - they will likely charge streaming providers such as Netflix more for "fast lane" access, which will then make Netflix charge more to their customers for the same level of service. The lack of net neutrality benefits only the ISPs. An open, neutral Internet benefits everyone else. If the public were to vote on the issue, which side do you think would get the most votes?
—Mr. Tim Mann, Quakertown, PA

Change the Fair axis law. It is not right to have someone to put a limit on how much gbps a person can use.
—Christopher ET Jones, Johnson City, TN

I support net neutrality. Cable companies are guided by profit motives. By having a base set of laws, it will ensure that everybody has a level playing field in accessing the internet which has become the de-facto standard of information dissemination. thx Jim
—Jimmy John, San Francisco, CA

My ISP already charges me more than I can afford as a student, and now I could possibly have to pay more to access certain sites? Where I live, I only have one option for internet service providers, so if my provider starts taking advantage of me, I can't just leave them. I don't understand who or why someone would support ending net neutrality. Save the free and open internet so that my non-existent future children will have the same experiences.
—Matt Wheeler, Fairfax, VA

Dear Sirs, I work in community based media, volunteering my time and energy to make available to listeners, information and stories that commercial media either ignore, misreport or offer through the singular lens of business values and how it will effect profits. With out timely access to independent on-line news reporting, analysis and context (something one rarely finds in the corporate media outside of sports and celebrity coverage these days), I would be disadvantaged and hindered in my efforts. The issues I cover are militarism and its threat to democratic and civil society; the chemical industry's destruction of Public Health, the business attack on the Public Commons, and the misrepresentation of radiation's dangers to the human population due to ingestion of released radio active isotopes. And sudden non-linear rapid climate change (arctic-news.blogspot.com). Loss of net neutrality further undermines democratic institutions and the health of civil society. The already TOO powerful corporations have a track record of using whatever means at hand to suppress negative information, especially where it exposes a financial liability, and could expand their existing censoring efforts by out biding shoe-string civic , community and justice-minded organizations. They do that at present in the "market model" governing corporate media today. For instance, during the lead up to the attack on Iraq, known then to have been unjustified and based on lies issuing from the Bush Administration and the New York Times, a coalition of anti-war groups approached both WTTW in Chicago and Comcast Cable; in the case of the former, they requested that time be allocated for several community forums where alternatives to war could be discussed, heard and evaluated; and for which there was precedent for such a forum. In the Comcast case, that cable provider was requested to broadcast Democracy Now!, a news program originating in New York that got it right and was one of the few places where former government officials and area experts, challenging the march to war, were given a hearing. Both WTTW and Comcast rejected those requests. It was evident that their management placed business interests ahead of civic and social responsibility as WTTW is beholden financially to the weapons makers and financial interests in Chicago, like Boeing Corporation and Citi Bank, that profit from wars and militarism. While Comcast curries favourable rulings on its business activities from government regulators like the FCC. There was no public interest reason to declassify the internet. The former Chairman, Michael Powell, on leaving the FCC, made evident why it was done with the employment he took. I demand that the FCC reclassify the internet as a Title Two Telecommunications Service.
—Dale Lehman, Chicago, IL

I am an independent writer, artist and animator and sometime journalist. Without Net Neutrality I would never be able to make a living or be able to compete against Major Media corporations for an audience in anything I do. This is true in nearly every endeavor. The Net, as it is, allows for true democratic competition.
—Pamela Auditore, Woodland Hills, CA

We are the last bastion of free speech online. Don't try to silence us just because we're your products and you want to sell us to your consumers for even more money. Clean up the junk online before you decide to take away our freedoms and force even more advertisements and free ipad blinking banners down our throats.
—John Grathwohl, Smyrna, TN

If net neutrality is to be jeopardized by businesses, there will be no chance for people like me to be part of the world through Internet anymore. Freedom matters.
—Su Park, Athens, OH

The recent proposal to permit Internet service providers to offer tiered services would further undermine the American Internet. Already serivice providers are deliberately degrading service in an effort to extort payments from services such as Netflix and YouTube. http://america.aljazeera.com/a rticles/2014/7/7/google-isps-y outube.html This is something the FCC should correct rather than encourage. Although the US invented the Internet, we currently stand 22 in the world for broadband speed. http://www.websiteoptimization .com/bw/1004/ This is something the FCC should seek to correct rather than exacerbate. The Internet is where people look up the local bus schedule, find out about business hours, apply for work, apply for benefits, and every other manner of daily errand. Americans need realiable Internet service and it should be the business of the FCC to arrange for that, not accommodate an industry that is falling behind its international competitors. The only what to do that is to classify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Alice Marshall, Washington, DC

Websites are an even playing field now. I am growing my traffic to my site and I do not want to have to request permission for my website to have fast enough speeds and to have to pay extras for faster data speeds so I have to compete with businesses that can afford the higher fees to provide my content to potential clients.
—Janos Miszti, Citrus heights, CA

I never bothered with net neutrality because it did not affect me directly that I thought anyway. I used to have Comcast and my Netflix speeds were good (after Netflix paid lots of money and Comcast stopped throttling the connection to them.) But I am now on ATT and the affects of throttling are ridiculous. Speed tests show 15 mbps. Yet my Netflix and other video services use only a percentage of it. They are almost unusable at times. I pay good money for 18 mbps and 250gb a month. How I use it should not matter. Allowing ISPs to charge a premium to companies who offer services will destroy competition. Startups will not stand a chance. Data is Data it does not matter what it is or how its used. Net Neutrality is important on many levels! Please don't let the companies dictate how the internet is used. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE and OPEN!
—John Lopez, Hialeah, FL

Because media is clearly the voice of corporations not the poeple. America has seen over the death of journalism around the same time of the federal reserve. By 2001 it was in the pockets of sociopaths and big business. We need accountability we need facts based in reality not facts based on hoarding elites wealth. Stand up for the last free press in the world. If this fails so to does democracy
—Damian, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is as important and American a value as free speech. We the people should be protected against the greed of corporations in instances when such freedoms are threatened.
—Alex Tsirozidis, Cedar Park, TX

I'm not rich My family isn't rich we can't afford 80$ a month for direct tv or w/e but we can afford out 1 mb/s internet which is cheap and lets my family gain entertainment from youtube which allows us the poors to have entertainment that we cant afford
—Dylan, Aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is something special. It allows anyone and everyone to be equal. Taking that away means larger companies have more control over the internet. Start-ups will have more trouble competing with larger companies, putting the economy in a worse state. The Constitution says "All men are created equal". If this law passes, it means you are going against the Constitution. Apparently, men with money are more equal than others.
—Daniel Chuchra, Arnold, Maryland, MD

The internet is a fountain of information that should not be trickled
—Jose, Springfield, MA

the internet is doing good right now, don't fuck it up.
—Not Putting My Name, nor my city, PR

I am a small business owner and believe Net Neutrality is essential to my business, and for the success of our economy and our political system. We already pay as consumers for broadband. Content providers already pay for their backbone connection. Allowing other parties to make deals and play favorites for whatever reason represents a corruption of the free market system.
—Laura Scott, Boulder, CO

I've built my entire career on the web. My digital presence is far reaching and the ability to access the web and all of it's content freely has allowed me to do that. Do not allow private companies to moderate, control, guide or hijack the livelihood of the future.
—Vitaliy Levit, San Francisco, CA

Having a non-neutral Internet is, by definition, to allow certain entities to have preferential networking treatment. These entities are more likely to be "big players". As a very small "player", this will hurt me economically. Having a non-neutral Internet will have the same effect as having an imbalance in a marketplace. Marketplace imbalances affect the efficiency of capitalism -- and a non-neutral Internet will affect the dissemination and use of "information", where "information" includes everything from scientific information to actual sales of goods. A non-neutral Internet will be hurtful, not only in general but to me in particular. Please don't allow this to happen!
—David Madsen, Oak Lawn, IL

Without competition in the ISP market, you're essentially enabling monopolies. Privileging certain companies or applications over others is a flawed system from the ground up. With companies like Comcast and TWC making over 95% profit margin, don't you think they're making enough money to not gouge the consumer for even more without offering any better service?
—Jason Fesperman, Cullowhee, NC

Please classify broadband internet as a common carrier service. watch this video. Hank Green explains why this is a good thing: https://www.youtube.com/watch? feature=player_embedded&v=mc2a so6W7jQ
—Kristine Boniello, Oakdale, NY

I will not vote for anyone in office who does not support net neutrality
—Kate Goodnough, Morgantown, WV

I feel as though it limits freedom of speech to the citizens of he United States.
—Cole Sullivan, Duxbury, MA

Please keep a free and open internet. The ISPs should treat the internet as a common carrier like the telecoms do with phone service. Thank you J. Norton
—J Norton, Los Angeles, CA

Because the internet is for everyone, not for greedy corporations to charge us for what isn't rightfully theirs.
—Tony Atzbach, Parkersburg, WV

Net neutrality is a god given right to anyone who uses the Internet it was designed as an open system and must remain that way. Paying for faster or slower access is my choice but should be equally faster or slower access to all of the Internet not certain services bases on what I paid for and not for as well as the big companies who deliver content having to pay extra for their service to reach me.
—Ralston D Metz Sr, Salem, VA

Without Net Neutrality, we can't enjoy our midget furry bondage+watersports pornography.
—Jimmy Rustles, Tampa, FL

There is absolutely zero benefit for the Internet to be tiered out into different fast and slow roads. The internet is bigger and more important than the increased profits of several Internet providers in the United States. It's my sincere hope that logic prevails over greed in this landmark decision.
—Joshua Price, Billings, MT

As a young person and artist, any barriers that may prevent me from making the world a better place is one that I do not support.
—Lara Mann, Chicago, IL

I have worked as a software developer professionally and as an activist on media issues in my personal time for more than a decade. One focus of my media activism has been network neutrality, which I've worked on for the past eight years. I helped launch the National Day of Outrage on May 24, 2006 that led to protests that resulted in the collapse of the notorious COPE Act of 2006, and have written and commented on net neutrality then and since (some of which is archived online at www.chicagomediaaction.org). The internet has proven a boon for activism on media, including — curiously enough — those efforts for helping to preserve a free internet. Without the internet and those policies ensuring an open internet, it would be far harder and more difficult to distribute content and to mobilize efforts for a better media system in America. I for one not be able to distribute quickly a series of lectures I wrote by video (online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XS1w9Cc4s4k) and as an ebook (http://amzn.to/1rYiGjg). It's a great and historic irony that the internet has been the best tool for preserving a neutral internet. I believe that the best policy for the FCC to follow would be to follow on reclassifying the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. Not following this course and keeping the internet jn a Title I regime has left the FCC vulnerable to attacks in the courts — as we've seen twice in recent years. The often-mentioned approach involving Section 706 would counteract the FCC's intent and force the agency to abandon net neutrality if 706 were applied. The best chance, indeed the only chance — for preserving network neutrality as FCC Chairman Wheeler is so involved on doing — is to reclassify the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. I ask — I demand — that the FCC reclassify the internet (both cable and telephone modems) as a Title II telecommunications service with all due haste. I thank you for your time and attention.
—Mitchell Szczepanczyk, Chicago, IL

Protect Net Neutrality! Net Neutrality is vitally important to allow the Internet to continue to provide the value it has since the 90s and keep it as an open and equal platform for communication.
—Justin Dovidio, Lynnfield, MA

Dear America, you are being stupid. Stop trying to monitor and put restrictions on things that do not need it. The internet has survived this long without your intervention, so stop trying. The internet will find a way.
—Johnson, Los Angeles, CA

Dear FCC, Leave the internet alone.
—Kassiah Waddell, Idaho Falls, ID

Stop your bs america, you're drunk, internet is free will.
—Sablier, France nigg*h, CA

Fair and equal access is critical to the development and sustainability of the Internet, Any sort of tiering, filtering or intentional adjustment of service is akin to censorship. Internet access should be treated as a common carrier and it is critical that Net Neutrality is enforced.
—Matthew Macumber, MARIETTA, GA

Net Neutrality is a big deal. I am a young professional in a field that uses the internet to communicate. My husband and I don't own a television - we use his computer to watch content from websites like netflix and youtube, and if we're not watching something, we're listening to music on sites like pandora, last.fm, and spotify. We made the decision to not get a regular television or cable so that we save money to pay back our student debt and the general debt that we have. We also explore a huge number of websites of all types of content - from gaming, to religion, to politics, to music, to health, to lifestyles and so much more. Throttling internet speeds or allowing service providers to pick and choose what sites they will give full speed to or allow at all, tramples on my freedom to explore, experience, and learn from all the resources the internet provides. Please, FCC - leave the internet free.
—Laurelyn Stevens, Toledo, OH

If you do this, you do not believe in the American way of life, or the freedom that America represents. This act truly shows that our country is moving in a fascist direction with no one at the helm with the will to stop our downfall. Every empire ends, and most of them end with those at the top succumbing to the temptations of power and money. It does seem that President Obama brought change along with him, and that change is a continuation (please note the word continuation, he did not start this) down the long road of the end of America leading the way in this world.
—R Galvin, Keizer, OR

I want to view any website I please, whenever I please, at a speed that is equal to all the other sites. If this net neutrality is done away with I will get rid of my internet rather than pay for a service I don't want.
—Raeana, Portales, NM

Internet is the primary source of all communication free flow of information and ideas is essential to completing a robust healthy democracy Supreme Court Justice Holmes once spoke about the necessity for a free marketplace of ideas this can only happen with the free Internet section titled two of telecommunications act. In addition in order to benefit from the freedom of information act and enable free informed discourse that is at the center of the first amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of association govt should ensure net neutrality to allow an equal voice for all.
—Dan Lichtenstein-Boris, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality if destroyed could kill potential new business in favor of larger ones.
—Justin K Johnson, Maple Grove, MN

By giving people with money the ability to control the internet, you've fucked over a lot of dreams.
—Anonymous, Bradenton, FL

I am in support of net neutrality!
—Vicki Jenkins, Albany, GA

Net neutrality is what constitutes the internet's vast diversity. Not that it doesn't need policing. Like any social atmosphere it needs governing to ensure safety, but it also needs the individual freedoms from discrimination. Any breach in net neutrality is discriminatory, therefore unethical and bias.
—Daniel Gerber, Biloxi, MS

Net neutrality is what makes the internet the way it is. Without it, the internet will be less like a creative playground, where ideas flourish, but more like a place for corporations to make money.
—Nathaniel Rucker, Greenacres, FL

I just returned to school and have a family, therefore I would not have the time to wait in "internet congestion" just because I can not afford "faster" service. What is next, having to pay for library access
—Brian Hall, Henrico, VA

It is a severe conflict of interest that a Comcast lobbyist has been appointed to head the FCC. I feel that this decision has and will lead to many bad governmental decisions like: (1) condoning corporate personhood, (2) allowing large mergers like Time Warner and Comcast to occur when they are clearly threatening consumer choice. (3) denying other, inventive forms of telecommunications the right to exist, like Aereo. As a consumer, before all of these decisions were made, I felt threatened by my lack of choice for cable and internet provider which is why I turned to Aereo. Now this has also been taken away. I want my rights to choose and I don't feel that the entire country should be run by big corporations - it is just not in the best interest of the citizen and consumer, it is only in the best interest of business.
—Janette Wilson, Maynard, MA

Net Neutrality matters to every American who believes that their voice can actually be heard, regardless of the size of their wallet. The cornerstone of any democracy is the idea of every vote, and every voice, being equal. To favor data of those with more assets is to undermine this principle.
—Dirk Hortensius, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is a must.
—Justin, Harrisonburg, VA

Dear FCC, you should stop being greedy adults and learn how to instead of going for personal gain listen to what the people want instead of what the companies basically bribing you to do what they want! Also one thing you should know you mess with the internet it's going to have a nasty bite and you will wish you supported the net netruality act instead of your own pockets.
—Matthew S Johnson, shelby, NC

Cause the government is full of cockhole asswipes who don't give a shit about the American people and anything that will net them more cash without a revolution they will do.
—Daniel, Reynoldsburg, OH

As a naturalized immigrant I just want to say, This country is amazing. Stop before your greed destroys it.
—Lia Zhang, San Jose, CA

I dont want have to pay more for smaller sites.
—Jaqi, brookline, MA

The internet is fine how it is.
—Brandon Carberry, North Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality means people can use the internet as a creative place, to share ideas, information, and talk about the world around them. When it isn't an argument filled with cuss words, it really does benefit America as whole.
—Anakin Erickson, Lancaster, CA

dont ruin the internet please!
—Nick, salt lake, SC

Are you kidding me? Silicon Valley would not be where it is now without net neutrality. This isn't just about convenience or who gets to pick what traffic blah blah blah Net neutrality is a key component to our current economical systems.
EAFUOHAEIUOFHAEIUFHAEIUHNFAIUE WHFIUAEFIUOEAFHAIU WHY IS THIS EVEN A QUESTION?!!?
—Daniel Cho, Emeryville, CA

This is a violation of freedom of speech and press. Please don't allow these companies to monopolize the internet.
—Ian Silver, cincinnati, OH

Putting a pay gate on the internet will also put a stranglehold on new businesses, technology, and ideas. It is high on the list of the worst courses of action that could be taken involving technology.
—Michael Sloan, Emmaus, PA

I am a 29 year old woman with a full time job and due to my student loan debt, I can afford to do very little. My peers go out and enjoy happy hours, shopping trips, and cruises, while all I can barely afford to eat. My debt is going down, and maybe will be paid off in my lifetime, but probably not soon enough for me to even afford to start a family. All I have in the internet, it is almost literally the only thing keeping me sane. Net Neutrality is important to me because it's all I have, most of the time.
—Heather Steele, Portland, OR

Can you see me? Maybe not, but at least there's an equal chance.
—Trey, Decatur, IN

I support Net Neutrality because it is vital for innovation and to prevent the stagnation of the internet as whole.
—Travis Bowen, Sacramento, CA

Net neutrality allows me to do whatever I want with no one telling what I can and can't do on the internet.
—Brandon Carda, Aberdeen, SD

I really enjoy the current landscape of the internet and I don't want it to change like I would were the current net neutrality policies to change. Things are great now, please keep them that way.
—Tom Tillou, Baton Rouge, LA

Information must be available to all people. Truth and freedom from propaganda must be available. It is not available anywhere else except the internet. Television and radio and print only tell the public what the corporations want them to know, there must be a place for the everyone's voice to be heard. It is one of the basic tenets that America was founded on.
—Daniel Kirk, Rockford, IL

Because this country is about freedom and we are very quickly going away from that.
—Clara, astoria, NY

The internet as an open forum is important to me (and many others) because it allows for equal success of small sites as large ones when they both reach the same audiences. Allowing ISP's to regulate the internet and choose which sites get faster speeds or to act as gatekeepers for what we get to see on the internet would ruin this.
—Emily Hildreth, Arvada, CO

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money.
—Katherine, fort wayne, IN

As a musician, I'm terrified of the ability of big business to control the distribution of resources. If paid services can take priority, independent creatives will suffer. Websites like SoundCloud and BandCamp offer me a chance to share and collaborate free of charge. If their bandwidth is throttled to prioritize subscription or pay-per-download services, I won't have the resources to continue to create. That would be devastating.
—Julia Sedlis, St. Paul, MN

A net neutral internet is an important tool for free and accessible education, and educated people are the most valuable resource that this world has. Destroy net neutrality and you destroy education, communication, and human progress.
—Claire, Lincoln, NE

Net neutrality is important as it keeps a wealth of information available to everyone, not just those privileged.
—Christina Goldaine, Bethel Park, PA

As someone who grew up with the internet, I feel that the freedoms, information, and opportunities that have been made available to me by it are immeasurable. I am still young, but one of my concerns, which I feel many people like me share, is that my children will not have the same access to the knowledge and experiences that a free and neutral internet provides. The world is a better place because of the connectivity provided by the internet, and restricting that connectivity in the name of "good business" is nothing more than short-sighted greed. Please do not allow net neutrality to fall.
—Zachary Garner, Trinity, FL

stop trying to control everything you get your hands on and let something in this country be free!
—Alexis Torres, Covington, WA

Please leave the internet alone. Its fine the way it is now and passing this law just to line your pockets and your friends at the expense of the ENTIRE United States is asinine.
—Bobby Speaker, Aurora, CO

The internet is important to me because as an artist, I want to be able to reach the audience I want, with the ideas I want, from the inspiration I want. The internet is a place of innovation, creativity, and knowledge. I will not be silenced by those too greedy to think of the progression of their people. If the FCC waves a fight, they've got it!
—Michaela, Annapolis, MD

You're gonna lose a lot of service if this happens.
—Ange, Caledonia, MN

I'm old enough to remember a time before the Internet was widely used and young enough to have grown up using the Internet on an almost daily basis since I was about 12 years old. What attracted me so much back then as an adolescent, and what I still love the most about the Internet as a woman in her thirties, is the freedom. Anyone can have their voice be heard. This is so rare today. It's hard to have your voice heard on TV. It's hard to have your voice heard on the news. But on the Internet, everyone has a decent chance of having their say and having it be heard. That's so precious. And so American. Please don't destroy this.
—Amber Young, Lenhartsville, PA

If you violate the freedom of access that the internet provides then you violate the very principles that many have stood up for, and died protecting.
—Bassem, cuyahoga falls, OH

Neutral internet provides the best content to the masses. I don't want to live with an internet like China or N. Korea. Making content providers pay a premium to be relevant is a slippery slope.
—Giovanni Favors, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is a great place with great content. In a world where people have more and more trouble being themselves in the real world, we should not have someone else deciding whether certain parts of the internet are good for us or not. It should be up to the individual user. No one site is more important than another.
—Donald Norman, Cincinnati, OH

Leave greedy old farts out of my internet. They already misappropriate my taxes and screwed me on student loans.
—Holly Sowlles, Chicago, IL

Because this is supposed to be America, where crap like this doesn't happen.
—Katharine Lunde, Chicago, IL

Taking away net neutrality stunts creativity. Leave us alone!
—David Hong, cupertino, CA

Don't you dare try and ruin free human thought with bullshit from those corporate assholes.
—Luke B, Chicago, IL

Pease do not kill net neutrality.
—James Owen, Louisville, KY

ISPs do not deserve the power to discriminate web traffic. The internet belongs to the users and creators, don't let corporations rule the internet like they do our country.
—Amber Bledsoe, Boise, ID

People that use the internet are not made of money. We are consumers to ISPs but we don't have limitless amounts of money to hand over to them. We are the 99% that have money just to get by with their job to feed themselves and care for others that they are responsible for while some people have a few luxuries in life. The world has entered into something new. We are becoming more reliant to the internet and taxing something that is becoming more required of use in society is something that is completely unfair and shouldn't be allowed. As a college student I use the internet to find resources physical or digital for reports that help me construct my important assignments. I rely on the internet heavily and it shouldn't be taken advantage of by greedy corporations that are gigantic enough as it is. Please do not make the internet restricted. Make it open to the people because we are not a huge forest of money trees for the ISP companies to pluck away from us. We are living beings that rely on the internet as a tool for their professions that we have and to use it as a form of connection and entertainment.
—Connor James Capo, Roseville, CA

To me the internet feels like one of the few remaining frontiers. A place for exploration, creativity, and commerce in which everyone starts from the same line. A place capable of nurturing anything from a reddit post to a cultural revolution. As seems to be the case more and more often the powers that be need to seriously consider the real weight of their thirty pieces of silver.
—Ben, wilkesbarre, PA

Protect Net Neutrality, protect the internet.
—S, Buena Park, CA

Because it is, dammit. I just don't like the principle of pay to play.
—Jody, golden valley, MN

We're not China, we don't need the government or companies telling us what we can or cannot do on the internet. Don't be China. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Kerri Hilton, Eugene, OR

Access to the internet is a right, not a privilege. No one should have to pay more to get more. Passing this will only cause a larger gap in the accessibility that makes the internet so great. As a college Social Work student, I use the internet to learn about new solutions around the world. The internet encourages real-world connections and solutions and if it wasn't for the internet I would not have been as enthused or inspired about changes happening around the globe. Please, I urge you to not ruin the internet. On the internet we are all equal. Why are you investing your time into creating more problems rather than investing the money and time wasted on school system reform or raising people up out of poverty? Don't ruin the internet. Don't make the world a worse place.
—Rachel Johnson, Brownsburg, IN

Net neutrality is important to me because I love the internet the way it is. It is fun and beautiful and useful and it would be a shame to see it regulated to the point where many of the things that make it great would not be possible.
—Jonathan Lewis, Moorestown, NJ

Free expression is a human right. We are not charged to protest a policy or promote an event on the street. It makes no sense to deny that right to people online either, especially to a corporate sponsored oligarchy.
—Nilesh Jambhekar, Media, PA

Internet should be equal to everyone
—Anthea Calhoun, Detroit, MI

I believe Net Neutrality is a fundamental aspect of the Internet and without it being upheld in the US the Internet and all of the freedom and information it bestows upon us will be forever tainted.
—Christian Mills, Draper, UT

KEEP AWAY FROM OUR INTERNET!
—Angela, Mechanicsville, VA

As a college business student I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Alex G, Salem, OR

The greatest innovations are done by free time.
—Eric Liu, marietta, GA

Because I already pay extra for more bandwidth that I need for work. I don't want to pay for extra access to websites I frequent. If this passes, it will ruin the internet for the masses.
—Mr. Gregory Rycerz, Indian Trail, NC

Keep the internet free. I don't want my cable company deciding what I can and cannot watch/read/listen to or absorb
—Matthew guthrie, Surf city, NC

Without Net Neutrality, the United States will lose a valuable asset that other countries take for granted - easy access to the Internet for all of its users - and exchange it for a tiered system of privilege that disfavors entrepreneurs, small businesses, and independent artists of all kinds. This is a poor trade, even for big businesses and other organizations who are in favor of privileged access, because it encourages the stagnation of ideas in what should be a free market of ingenuity and knowledge.
—Jeremiah, Tucson, AZ

completely wrong and making freedom cost extra like dlc
—Adrien, rainbow city, AL

FCC Keep the net neutral
—Kurtis Holden, Aurora, CO

Come on guys, make your money else where and don't put that dirty finger on net neutrality. sincerley,
—Willio, South Pasadena, CA

It would make it harder to access information that presently encourages growth in various fields of knowledge, further creating generations that have little opportunity to discover new topics outside their studies of school. People need to be allowed to think for themselves and not have dictated what they can or cannot access because they cannot afford to access certain sources. Information needs to remain free, and we cannot rely on an outdated library system for access to that information in aworld that is moving faster.
—Timothy Lowman, Sheridan, WY

It's my constitutional right to be able to speak freely. Stay out of the internet! Net neutrality!
—Nathan strange, lagro, IN

I use the net for a ton of research as I am a college student. If my freedom of looking at information provided by others in this country and other countries, scientific breakthroughs would slow down, technology won't improve as fast. And the internet will just be like crappy basic cable where nothing good is ever on. Please maintain the net neutrality we have.
—Vivian C., Westfield, NJ

We should not prevent the ability to research and see what we want. Nor inhibit the creativity of up and coming artists.
—Christian Newby, Chickamauga, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the entirety of human knowledge is being poured into the internet with vast amounts of exciting things.
—Adrian Poon, Hanford, CA

Please don't take away my rights for freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Ultimately, that is what this law will do. Then you will be known forever more as the people who ruined USA's freedom. You don't really want that now, do you? Also, this would make you literally the biggest douchebags in the entire universe. Our ancestors will look back (if they have internet access) and say, "Gosh, those douchebags really screwed everything up for us," So come on, be a bro and don't let this thing through. If you were ever worried that 1984 was coming true, THIS IS THE BILL THAT WILL START IT ALL. Or Brave New World. Which ever one you find most terrifying.
—Jane, Rexburg, ID

The internet is the only thing that makes me happy anymore. Please don't ruin it.
—Miles Dwertman, Cincinnati, OH

The internet is a creation of boundless creative, story, and life sharing. By limiting it you take away what is possibly the greatest asset to any society. The ability to learn and gather new ideas. Don't stunt growth for your own greed.
—Andrew Berger, Iowa city, IA

i WANT NET NEUTRALITY SO ME AND MY CHILDREN CAN EXPERIENCE THE FREEDOM OF THE INTERNET!
—Aidan Gerald Shaw, Taylors, SC

C'mon, really guys? Well, I join the movement.
—Chad Blische, Fuquay-Varina, NC

I'm concerned that my ability to view certain things on the internet will be restricted, and that certain web sites and individuals will suffer from lack of traffic due to the "pay-to-play" idea.
—Caroline Lepczyk, Madison, CT

The internet is close to perfect socialism. Everybody is equal and nobody has a say over what you do. No one has the power to regulate the things I can and can't see. Let's keep it that way!
—Trevor DeChant, Chicago, IL

As a librarian, net neutrality is incredibly important, as it brings innovative ideas about the profession, new services for patrons, technology, etc. to the forefront.
—Jessica Patterson, Bellport, NY

The internet is a very important aspect of my life. As well as, being entertaining, whether it be watching an video, or playing a game with a family member I would otherwise not be able to easily interact with.
—Quinn Marsh, Frederick, MD

Dear FCC, 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 gatekeepers to their subscribers. The Internet should continue to live up to its promise, fostering innovation, creativity and freedom. Regulations that will turn ISPs into gatekeepers, making special deals with the few companies that can "pay to play" and inhibiting new competition, innovation and expression should NOT be allowed.
—Alexandra sabo, Indianapolis, IN

Net Neutrality lets innovation run wild on the internet. Without that driving force ideas begin to stagnate. Keep online creativity and passion alive by supporting Net Neutrality. Fuck the trolls, though.
—Marcus Luna De Leon, Austin, TX

This is wrong. Stop it. Save the Internet. We have rights.
—Stefan Einoder, Boca Raton, FL

I work full time at a start-up and go to school part time at a community college. I have enough trouble paying my bills as it is, and it's nice to know I can pay one price each month to see and learn virtually anything. Please, don't make the wrong decision and do this.
—Forrest v., Pittburgh, PA

The internet belongs to everyone equally. It doesn't belong to those who pay the most.
—Heather Riley, Ames, IA

I like the internet, allowing corporations/anyone really with more money to get more of an advantage than they already have on the internet is idiotic.
—Deniz Gulari, Ann Arbor, MI

Things like this are why the USA ranks behind many European countries in terms of freedom, in this case, free speech and free press combined
—Luke Reno, Milford, PA

Net neutrality helps keep open one of the last level playing fields in information and idea sharing and maintains a balance between the haves and have nots. Allowing the big media companies to allow fastlane internet for pay will destroy the greatest thing about the internet. Keep the net neutral and deny the big media companies the ability to make distinctions between people and ideas.
—Blake Skipper, Buford, GA

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—Dylan, sterling heights, MI

The internet should not be manipulated into another money grab like cabel. Dont ruin this beautiful thing.
—Nicholas, Leesburg, GA

Please. Please. For once can you listen to citizens instead of corporations? Corporations are not people. Please stop treating them as such. Keep the internet free and open for citizens.
—Chad Steffl, Longmont, CO

If you guys don't keep up net neutrality you will stunt one of the largest frontiers for growing american business, and stifle the creativity and ingenuity of the american people.
—Rolando Pantoja, Westport, CT

Seriously, the Internet is a network for people - ordinary people - to connect and share their content and ideas with other people. Please do NOT end net neutrality! Don't let the Voice of the people be stifled even more by rich people in our capitalist society! We don't want to end up with the freedoms of speech equivalent to those of North Koreans :)
—Kamren, Royston, GA

The internet is the last bastion of free expression left in a dwindling world. To deny equal access to what is an essential portion of the American experience should be criminal. If you are supporting the further empowerment of ISPs, you are in direct conflict with the interests of all common Americans.
—Kevin Anderson, Charlottesville, VA

I want to live in a world we're it's okay to be weird and not have to pay for it. please please please keep the internet the way it is.
—Rebecca McAlary, lincroft, NJ

Stop trying to fix things that aren't broken. The internet was born to fuel creativity and bring about change, not to line the wallets of old men who are already far wealthier than I will ever be. The internet, no matter how "dangerous" some people claim it to be, is my personal safe haven. I've made friends, stayed connected with families, and have discovered so much, all through the internet. I am who I am today because of what I have learned on the internet. I am actually alive today because when I had nowhere else to go, I went online and found help. Don't take away this freedom, one of few we still have left. Leave this one undisturbed corner of the universe alone. That is all we ask for.
—Julia Goodgold, Ridgewood, NJ

Limiting our ability to access specific media outlets is a clear violation of the First Amendment. Allowing companies to pay ISP's extra to slow down the traffic to other websites is insane.
—Gabriel van Metre, Murray, KY

Because fuck you if you think that making a college student already in debt pay more for certain sites that make my already sad, pitiable life even a little bearable.
—Miriam Hassman, Rohnert Park, CA

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Basically, the Internet is now more of a public utility than a private network of services. We don't charge different rates for different qualities of water from the water utility, so why should we see different tiers of different service on the 'Net based on what people can pay? Preserve Net Neutrality!
—Matt Tuley, Portage, MI

The internet should be free to all, and everyone should have the same and fair playing field. Net Neutrality is moral, and without it, small start ups will not be able to exist - only the big companies will turn bigger and into monopolies.
—Lauren Reyes, Chicago, IL

Because Cable and other TV sucks and the internet has new innovative content.
—Maximilian T Dillon, Rocklin, CA

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers.
—Molly, austin, TX

The Internet is important to me because it's something everyone should be able to have equal access to. Big corporate companies shouldn't have the right to take away internet privileges from the smaller groups and individuals who use it frequently and well. The internet is a place of great innovation and denying people of that would be a great disuse of it's opportunities.
—Madeline Mueller, Pella, IA

Net neutrality is not only important for me and my friends, it something that is our responsibility to maintain for the generations to come. You may think that getting rid of net neutrality may lessen the bad things about the internet, such as crimes against copyright laws and websites that either take advantage of or harm younger users, I firmly believe that the positives of Net Neutrality far out way the negatives that, frankly, will find some way to continue even if you eliminate Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—David Swan, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is important to us as a society as a free and open space for all comers to share ideas and get their shot. With more and more things going online these days net neutrality becomes more important as start ups have the same level field as the major players. Everyone always speaks about how we are losing small town America due to a major company comes in and buys it out, well as of now that is less likely to happen on the internet as a start up as the same access level as a major player. However if net neutrality is not maintained then that will slowly die off as they won't have the capital to pay for the faster bandwidth.
—Jeremy Holmes, Spring Branch, TX

The people made the internet happen. It belongs to the people, not big companies that will charge people for a service that's meant to be universal.
—Sam Cohen, Northbrook, IL

The internet is one of the only places where users are free to true expression, in whatever form they choose. Net Neutrality is essential for the growth of start-ups of the future. Without unbiased access to all websites, the internet is likely to become a small collection of monopolizing websites, rather than the vast web of sites it hosts today. The death of Net Neutrality is the death of the creative, engaging, and unique internet community that exists today.
—Lena Guerrero, Monticello, IL

Everyone should have open access to the internet. It would be wrong and unfair to control someones access, and restrict what they can do. You can't just take this away from people. Using other peoples information for your own gain is wrong. The internet is important to me because most of my family lives around the world and spread out. If my ability to talk with my family were restricted that would be the worst thing that could happen. It would be criminal. The internet should be an equal opportunity place. Trying to take away peoples right to this is unfair.
—Natasha Carpenter, Johnson City, TN

I'm going to be a high school english teacher in a couple of years. How will I ever be able to truly motivate my students to take steps such as publishing their work when one of the most creative outlets in the world is removed from them? I want to foster innovation, creativity, and freedom of expression. Net neutrality ensures this, so please, don't remove it.
—Laura Fulmer, Tuscaloosa, AL

Reddit brought me to this.
—Elton, Clifton, VA

Why is this still an issue? We've clearly brought these proposals forward before and the public response is always an emphatic NO! The craziest thing about this whole affair is the amount of money (and thus jobs, tax revenue, etc) being companies opposing net neutrality (Netflix, Google, etc) is clearly larger than the amount of money behind the cable companies. So stop putting this shit forward. We don't want it, the bigger corporations don't want it, and you're just making yourselves look bad.
—Bradshaw Irish, Brooklyn, NY

I want the internet to show me what I need, not what you want
—Gabe, Waxhaw, NC

Because the internet is for and by everyone. It's a free, worldwide space and no one group or person should get to touch or decide any rules for it.
—Abby K, Seattle, WA

Because Cable and other TV sucks and the internet has new innovative content.
—Maximilian T Dillon, Rocklin, CA

Because the abolition of Net Neutrality would infringe upon the sacred freedom of every human being.
—Aaron Centeno, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is central to the continuing preservation of the American principle of free speech. For the first time since the printing press, the world has a tool of communication which isn't strictly controlled by a small aristocracy. Though the potential for profit from the allowed tightening of control over the internet is tempting, it's simply the wrong way to approach the medium. Preserve net neutrality by allowing internet to be considered a utility. This is the best way to export freedom around the world without having to leave our desks. Americans love freedom. Americans love sitting around doing nothing. This is a win-win.
—Adam S. Mann, Aurora, CO

we need a free internet for equality
—Dr. Johnsmith Smith, NYC, NY

Ability to enjoy the Internet as it was intended: as a free space for people to share what they wanted whether it be through text, video, vocals and everything in between.
—Andrew, Babylon, NY

Because the internet is a place of freedom for every person, no matter how strange and weird you can be yourself on the internet. Or you can be someone else also, and thats kind of the beauty of it. I don't want our grandkids to look back and say "man, they fucked that up"
—Justine, Sioux City, IA

The internet is the easiest accessible place to the wealth of human knowledge. For one price, based on bandwidth, human kind is able to access the entire human race (with technological limitations of course). Government has never put a sliding scale on book rentals from a library, why would they consider doing the same thing to the modern equivalent?
—Edan Bryant, Aliso Viejo, CA

Because so few places allow for an open forum where all voices can be heard. One by one, people are being silenced and losing their freedom to speak their mind. Don't let it happen to the Internet!
—Jonathan, Hickory, NC

I stand for net neutrality and do not support any sort of "pay for play" system.
—Kelsey O'Neil, Brunswick, ME

This is a greedy move!
—Ryan, Santa Fe, NM

You KNOW why. A fast lane for the internet is against a free and open market. I didn't fight in Iraq and Afghanistan so wealthy conglomerates and monopolies could take advantage of a corrupt government to pervert one of the last (very important) open forums for information and business innovation and screw over the little people.
—Wesley, Gig Harbor, WA

This is utterly disgusting. Why should the rich get even more benefits from their status and hinder the chance of small time people on the internet from rising higher up.
—Samuel Marshall, Muskego, WI

I am a nineteen year old girl with a wealth of information about nutrition. By the age of 17, I had lost 65 pounds and wanted to share my newfound love for health with the world. By eighteen and a half, I relapsed with binge eating disorder and sank into a severe depression while gaining weight. I am a funny, relatable voice on the internet that shows first hand how difficult mental disorders can be while demonstrating the importance of self awareness and making nutritional information interesting and accessible to EVERYONE. My readership may not be huge, but I help people get better and my information deserves the same chances as anyone else's.
—Dana Balkin, Mishawaka, IN

I don't want the place that I call my home away from home, my business, and respite from the world to be ripped away from me and regulated to the point that it is unusable without forking over my hard earned money. The sheer force that the government could have coming down upon a realm such as the internet scares me and the majority of Americans. Leave the internet free of regulation, since it is the only place left without it.
—Drew, Inverness, IL

Allowing cable companies to restrict internet access is quite frankly immoral. In many nations a free internet is considered a right, and by forcing the citizens of the U.S. to pay a premium through cable companies in order to access what should be considered a basic right, you are no better than nations like China and North Korea that we mock for brainwashing their populations. I sincerely hope that you decide to take this issue more seriously. I understand your need to become even richer than you already are, but consider the needs of others before the needs of yourself.
—Thomas Infante, Livingston, NJ

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Net-Neutrality helps freedom of speech. Don't erode our freedoms
—Matt Seymour, Fort Collins, CO

Freedom to create, share, expose, promote, save, help, and even donate are some of the most important aspects of the internet. Free for everybody and a playground for the world.
—Daniel, portland, OR

As an American, I believe that the internet should be available for everyone to succeed with equal opportunity- not just the huge corporations who are simply looking for another way to make more money at the expense of the people.
—Matthew Ellis, Toledo, OH

Only thing keeping me sane.
—Rim Justler, niggeria, AL

Don't take away net neutrality. Thanks.
—Marysa, Vancouver, WA

I refuse to pay for something that I should have every right to. These companies should be ashamed of their unethical behavior.
—Jennifer Sprague, Farmington Hills, MI

dear FCC please stop this nonsense and leave the internet alone, you are ruining good things in the world.
—Koji Mitoma, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The internet is for the distribution of knowledge and information, FREELY AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. The internet is not, if anything, the greatest tool that humanity has for becoming informed upon any subject or topic. Restricting the ability to retrieve any piece of information at a given moment is wrong and an atrocity if anything. Thank you for your time.
—Walter Scott, Poughkeepsie, NY

Many small businesses and online merchants have equal ground to getting customers and changing that will create a huge impact to the economy.I took a trip to L.A it was my first time and as such I deigned to do a sightseeing tour. I looked online and saw several commercialized ones. Their prices were a little more thani cared to spend. So I continued my search. I found this awesome little sightseeing tour group was owned by three friends. The tour driver was friendly, sharing about his life in California, some of his favorite places. He took us to all the main tourist attractions but he also helped us to discover a different side to L.A. that was less commercial. It was the best consumer experience I've ever had. If not for the freedom and unrestricted access the internet gives us to commercial vendors as well as small businesses ones I probably wodnof never had as memorable an experience on my trip to L.A.
—Maria E.Chavez, Dallas, TX

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Elsa, miami, FL

I'm currently working on my major in Management Information Systems. I want to do IT work. Up until this point in my life, pretty much everything I've learned about computers, both software and hardware has been because of the internet. If you allow the FCC to control the internet, you could severely hinder the learning of future young minds like myself. The internet must be allowed to remain open to anyone and anything. Sure that means there's a shit ton of garbage out there, but let us sift through the garbage to determine what is important to us. Don't be douche bags. Keep your fucking hands off the internet.
—Dan, Tulsa, OK

I want to be able to view everything on the internet without being limited.
—Jonathan Knobloch, Kennesaw, GA

I like turtles. So let me see them where ever I want!
—Nick Corradino, Phoenix, AZ

I use the internet for my work. I use it to communicate with family and friends around the globe. It would be very sad and unfair to have this taken away.
—Kay Carpenter, Johnson City, TN

This is vitally important to me as a small business owner. I sell my products online, and rely on the websites I go through to sell my pieces. I rely on the bloggers I connect with that promote my work, and I rely on the freedom people have to roam the internet, enabling them to discover me. If you take away net neutrality, you take away my livelihood.
—Jessica Goodenbury, Rochester, NY

Net neutrality is important because the internet is supposed to be a wonderful place where anyone (not just big corporations) can succeed. What happened to the American dream?
—Ke;sey McCord, Manhattan, KS

The nation needs net neutrality to escape from the money-hungry, power-greedy hands of corporations thinking that more bills will make people happy. The fact is that the internet should be used freely and justly so. There's no need for cable companies to pay for exclusive content; America doesn't need some sort of future monopolistic industry in the digital world wide web. Neutrality needs to stay, and only you can make it that way. The people have spoken and we want our internet to stay as it is. There's nothing wrong with where it's at, but if companies like Time Warner and Verizon get their way, it'll be over for all of us, including yourselves.
—Jordan Burdick, Kansas City, KS

Free speech should literally be free. Don't censor the Internet.
—Bethany Williams, San Leandro, CA

The free exchange and flow of ideas is of paramount importance to the production and refinement of ideas in the coming age. The greed and arrogance of the current power holders is truly one of the greatest tragedies of the past age. Please do not mortgage our future to fund your retirement.
—Ben Bloomer, hamilton, OH

The internet, to me, is a place where i can express myself. My opinions, my views, my religion, everything. If Net Neutrality is taken away, you're taking away my expression. You're taking away my freedom of speech, and my rights to express my freedom. That's not what America is about. It's un-American to do this and you damn well know it.
—Morgan Strain, Frederick, MD

Net neutrality helps small businesses and the free market, since it allows internet businesses to reach consumers based on merit, not corporate cronyism. As a college engineering student, my social and academic life wouldn't be where it is now without websites that started off as small, bootstrapped startups.
—Stefan Deutsch, Cleveland, OH

I am a recent computer science graduate. My goal is to create my own net-based start up company, but without net neutrality that goal might no longer be possible. The Internet is so much more than an entertainment service. It is the lifeblood of modern commerce and innovation.Please protect the ability of the American people to be self-sustaining.
—Lars, beverly hills, MI

I want my internet yo be open to everyone, and not monetized in some evil corporate way
—Thomas Mehall, Kalamazoo, MI

You are seriously an idiot if you think that privitizing the internet will benefit anyone.
—Emily B, Honolulu, HI

Preserve Net Neutrality. Don't give the cable companies control of the internet.
—Josiah Parker, Ithaca, NY

Hey you guys need to protect net neurality
—Alan, Ramona, CA

Net Neutrality is as important as basic freedom in America. It IS basic freedom. I support Net Neutrality.
—Lisa Sartin, Austin, TX

KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN FOR EVERYONE
—Jane Nguyen, San Jose, CA

I should be able to have access to any and all information on the internet without interference from the government.
—Katharine Mulfinger, Bettendorf, IA

Net neutrality is important to me because access to information is a right, not a privilege.
—Kylie N, Saginaw, MI

It is absolutely essential for the preservation of the internet as a means of equal access to digital communication that Net Neutrality is upheld.
—Jack Taylor, Manhattan Beach, CA

I want access to everything on the internet, not just what I can pay for. Save this one cool thing about humanity. Don't let your greed get in the way.
—Dan, Aurora, IL

Net neutrality is the embodiment of freedom of speech, and the fact that the FCC is GOING OUT OF ITS WAY to rob the American people of that disgusts me to no end. If net neutrality it disposed of it will prove once and for all how corrupt the government is to everyone. Please don't be assholes and actually do something that benefits the American people rather than suppressing them.
—Gregory James Fischer, Reston, VA

Please don't take net neutrality away. This isn't what the people want. Listen to the people.
—Liza Kranch, Bellefonte, PA

Net neutrality allows me to connect with music producers and artists to give me job and follow my passion.
—Sam, Fort Collins, CO

There would be no creativity left on the internet, nothing at all. Everything would be screened and we lose the neutrality of the internet.
—Ryan, Jacksonville, IL

The internet is the last place where all people are allowed to voice their opinions, heard equally, free of charge or permission. When I suffered from anorexia, I used the internet to find small support groups to help me through the pain. When my friend was struggling with his sexuality, the internet allowed him to contact support and research his issues without fear of repercussions or discovery. The internet is not just news, social media, and work. It is a place where a person with an idea can reach millions of people, free of charge. Net Neutrality allows all people to be heard equally - equal rights, in other words, part of the foundation upon which this country was built. Beginning musicians, new innovators, inventors and entertainers artists and teachers and scientists and students and parents - all are permitted. If you shut down Net Neutrality, if you begin to diminish the power of free speech, free EQUAL speech, you will remove support and opportunity for every person in this country, in favor of corporations and the almighty dollar. Please, please keep the internet free. It is the last place so many of us feel safe.
—Katrina Sabochick, Portland, ME

Don't make us hate congress and the government more. Make the right decision.
—Bradley, South Ogden, UT

I am a music teacher in a public school. I use the internet to allow my students to create and research old and new musics. With net neutrality not all of my students will have access to the full interactive and innovative power of the internet. Their creativity will be limited as will their access to new amateur music and the exposure of their own compositions.
—Rachel, Clarence, NY

I believe that this type of corruption done by the FCC chairmen should not go unchecked and should be stopped.
—Michael Pityer, Newport news, VA

The internet exists to allow the sharing of ideas, thoughts, projects, hopes, dreams, and entertainment on a global scale where absolutely anybody has an equal chance to communicate what they wish, the disposal of net neutrality would be spitting on these individual and personal freedoms to make greedy, unhappy, selfish people slightly richer, but no happier.
—Nate, hollidaysburg, PA

Let us continue to use our voice and visit the sites that WE see fit. The internet is not for corporations, it's for people. It's a haven.
—Julie Grant, Clifton, ME

The internet as it is now, is the only place where I have the chance to speak freely about whatever I may have on my mind. It is also one of the only places that I can find people who have similar opinions and passions. Most of all, it is the only place where people can unanimously unite in incredible numbers to save themselves from people like you who hope to hinder what we all hold dear. I hope you will reconsider your stance on net neutrality.
—Victoria, Omaha, NE

Net Neutrality is important to me because the freedom to search and explore various online communities and viewpoints allowed me to come to terms with my homosexuality. The Internet is one of the most important tools for young gay people to interact with and read stories from those that are going through and have gone through the same emotions and familial issues as them.
—Michael Ogle, Madison, WI

The Internet is important to me because, as a social worker, I believe that this would severly limit people to accessing resources found on the internet. It would only include businesses who could afford ISP subscription and likely exclude many other resouces from small businesses. This would take away a place where people who may ot be heard elsewhere can discuss issues and needs. Lastly, the internet is a vibrnt place that gives millions of people hope for their aspirations. Many people are discovered via youtube for musical talent or video making abilities. Also, this could impact families with financial struggles from being able to even afford the interent because ISP providers could bein charging based on access to sites. Thnk you for your time in reading this.
—Erin Raymond, Spring Hill, FL

I believe in an equal voice.
—Casey Kielian, Baltimore, MD

Internet is so important to everyone now. It should be a place where one can explore for new information. it shouldn't be controlled by companies just because they have money. The internet is one of the few places left where someone truly has a voice. To corrupt it with money would just not be American.
—Casey, Allston, MA

Big Brother is Watching You.
—Aaron Renshaw, Herrin, IL

Hello, What the FUCK are you thinking. If you want to fuck shit up go back to Iraq and have at it again. Leave the MOTHER fucking INTERNET alone. Or, I will just build a wireless mesh network free of your stupidity and leave all your dumb asses behind. Remember. Humans always find a way. Sincerely, Everyone on the internet.
—T Internet, La Grande, OR

The internet is arguably the best innovation in recent history. Such an open platform where ideas and content can spread to anyone with little or no restriction. As is, it is fantastic, where so much is available to a user. The internet should be considered a utility, a tool of free speech, not another cashcow for the giants. I have learned so much- even with the most basic internet connection, though sites like wikipedia, youtube, countless DIY blogs. I would not be the same skilled individual I am today without it. Thanks for taking the time to read Eric
—Eric Krugman, Island Lake, IL

I hate cable. I love the internet. Don't let the internet turn into cable.
—Cody Jorgensen, DALLAS, TX

Net neutrality is important because without it, thousands upon thousands of people would lose their jobs. If big companies can box out any smaller company, there would be no more web designers or small, internet based, start up companies.
—Jacob Swanson, Dewittville, NY

Free Press, Free Speech, Freedom USA
—Linda GIOIA, SELDE, NY

It's important to me because I saw a video on youtube that made me care about this. #rekt #thestruggle
—Dutch Hill, Chandler, AZ

Net neutrality means everyone, regardless of their resources, has a place to share ideas and reach millions of people. Please preserve net neutrality, as it is necessary for the free internet as we know it to survive. Thank you.
—Robert Baumann, Venice, FL

Because everyone should have equal access to everything on the web- and big companies should not be allowed to be in charge of it.
—Alyssa Alt, Juneau, AK

Keep the internet free of corporate money. What we don't need is for you to try and control the internet. The only thing with the internet you should be doing is tell the big boys to stop throttling internet speeds and charging a ton for nothing. Other country are so far ahead of us and we're the birth place the internet.
—John Hodge, Dallas, TX

This is America. I deserve a free internet. With you fucking this up, America is quickly being controlled by the rich assholes who don't give a fuck about the people that make America run. Get ready for a huge clusterfuck if you destroy the internet as we know it.
—Stephen, granville, OH

Because freedom is slowly dying. You are taing everything away from the people.
—Ashli Youngblood, Tifton, GA

I want to internet to remain a place of freedom and expression.
—Alec Schweder, Milwaukee, WI

These companies are already practically monopolies in most areas of the country. They control AND overcharge for access to on-screen entertainment, education and information already. If you begin allowing them to also control the internet, you will in turn prevent many United States citizens who are marginalized, low-income, or in debt from accessing essentially limitless free information. For college students like myself and my classmates, who are already heavily in debt, the internet provides a valuable service during research and simple investigation. In addition, the internet provides a zone where anyone and everyone may express him/herself with the whole world as an audience. We already have paid ads/search results on search engines. That is enough. Everyone deserves the freedom of expression and to access information. Restricting the access to all the opinions, facts, research, and entertainment makes this country no better than countries that restrict citizens' access to information. This country is founded on freedoms, and the internet allows us the freedom to research and develop our own opinions, expose ourselves to dissenting opinions and different perspectives, and freely educate ourselves. Don't take those freedoms away from the people you were designed to protect!
—Charlene P. Steffel, Turtle Creek, PA

A tiered internet would stagnate and stifle one of the most essential pillars of both our economy and our culture. A free and open internet is a prerequisite for our country to maintain relevance in the coming century.
—Jeremy Lee, Los Angeles, CA

Restrictions on the availability of access of users to the internet and creators and business owners to their potential customers would hamstring both consumers and small business owners. It would come close to violating freedom of speech by restricting access and erecting barriers on this, our most universal and free platform. This would greatly put us behind in both technological and cultural viewpoint with the rest of the world by stopping voices from being heard. In addition this approaches these providers having a monopoly as the element of competition is all but nonexistent in the system at it's current point.
—Bwalker, Syracuse, NY

No one wants an internet where big name companies are able to purchase their audience. If they want us to pay attention to them, then they need to work on it. I like finding odd random things that other people have made, but if all the internet is some old rich fuck deciding what I want, well...Canada-ho!
—Matthew, Champlin, MN

Keep the internet free. Give small start ups a chance to succeed on the internet, instead of giving the ISP even more power which they abuse.
—Mateusz Sulkowski, castle rock, CO

ISP's should be counted as common carriers. They should not have the power to control what they carry just like any other common carrier and also be protected by common carrier laws.
—Aidan Reid, Stevensville, MD

The internet should not be ruled by rich people. This is common sense but apparently it's an issue now...
—Oliver, Austin, TX

The FCC is fantastically stupid.
—Gabe, Chesapeake, VA

How the heck is having former chairman of the FCC (government agency that's SUPPOSED to protect you) now being the cable industry's head lobbyist and another former cable industry lobbyist now being the CURRENT head of the FCC not raising any bells???? It's a complete conflict of interest! Net neutrality must be protected! Quit being in the large companies' pockets and actually start protecting citizen rights. The internet is one of the greatest inventions in the world in part because it allows anyone to provide easy access of information. How is setting up the internet in a business model like cable tv going to benefit ANYONE but the large corporations. It will stifle growth and innovation.
—Jason Ye, Athens, GA

Please don't let corporations take over the most important scientific development in any of our lifetimes.
—Joe, Winter Park, FL

I need the internet to do my job, work at school, and provide for my kids.
—Byong, Pomona, CA

Net Neutrality is important because it enables competition, creativity and above all, a sense that the rags-to-riches United States of America still exists. As it stands, the removal of Net Neutrality perpetuates the monopoly that ISPs have, especially when one looks at how many pies they have fingers in.
—Alec Gallion, Orange Park, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because I am a regular person who doesn't want to be told what I can and can not enjoy by a corporation without having to pay extra. The internet is vast and I don't think it should be limited to me.
—Jun Monroe, los angeles, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use the internet (and Youtube) to better myself as an EMT when it comes to my patients, and my students.
—Alexander Henderson, Shepherd, MI

The internet is full of useful and educational tools that will no longer be available once this bill goes into play. Please don't restrict people from bettering themselves and others.
—Jonathan, Long Beach, CA

The Internet should be treated as a utility. Like water or electric. Every one should have equal rights to the internet.
—Ryan Ogle, san antonio, TX

The Internet is important to me because, as a freelance artist, I need unbridled access to a free web to promote my craft and make a living.
—Tom Collins, Englewood, CO

Don't mess with my Internet, bro.
—Juan Quintanilla, Houston, TX

The Internet is a resource that can not and will not be controlled by bureaucrats.
—Kasey Kubiak, Ramona, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I rely upon many independent sites for not only news, entertainment, and general information but also for communication. One of the most amazing things that the internet has in freedom of mass communications. There are not restriction on the way in wish one can communicate. It is a forum arguably more open than face to face communication. Please allow the freedom to interact with the world to remain available to all.
—Luke Meyers, saint cloud, MN

What the hell is up with everybody trying to restrict the internet? I don't want to get all 1984 and stuff, but it seriously seems like this government censorship is taking league in this so called "free" America. I want to see what I want to see, not some pre-approved mush that people 40 years my senior think is okay based off of who has the most money.
—Brittney H, Westwood, CA

Not that this will be read, but net neutrality is important for very obvious reasons. If you are incapable of observing this on your own, you are an unmerited organization of fools (which wouldn't be shocking). Money isn't whats important, equality and unbiased information is. Stop being a corporate swine cock sucker and think about the bigger picture for once. I don't even care if the NSA monitors what I do, I understand why its done. I don't feel violated, because I doubt they care about the petty shit I do on the internet. Its for security and data gathering reasons. But this is just exploitation and bullshit. Get your heads out of your asses or the higher-up's dicks out of yours. Sincerely, An Astronaut (who is one for the reason of being on a planet populated by the sheer idiocy you represent).
—Ricky Schlussel, East Hampton, NY

Please do something for the people of the United States and stop treating corporations like they are human beings. The internet needs to remain neutral to allow for all the great and wonderful things it has brought us today.
—David Mulfinger, Bettendorf, IA

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Dear FCC, Please do your job properly, without any bias or a corrupt agenda. thank you and best of luck. Jess Little
—Jessica, new york, NY

Net Neutrality is needed for innovation on the internet. Please keep it in effect.
—Michael Macklin, Oceanside, NY

Net neutrality is INCREDIBLY important to almost all Americans. Protect the internet--don't let ISPs discriminate between different types of traffic. It's not theirs--nor yours--to control. Also, Comcast is the corporate embodiment of Satan.
—Laura Fisher, Cincinnati, OH

I actually wish that all the sorry ass rich fucks that are killing what this country WAS, which was a hot bed for some of the greatest inventions AND some of the greatest minds were able to come here and then become an actual something because of the FREEDOM this country is all about, fall over dead. The ignorance forms a tumor and, I don't know, swells Ted Cruz's shitty head up to where it squeezes his eyes out of their socket like the poo in one of those little pig key chains that you squeeze. What I'm CONCERNED about is that said rich fucks, will now throw my opinion of what I want to the highest bidder and slather it all over a screen that I no longer will go on. Kinda like what steve jobs did to the computer/phone/music industries. These companies, do not pay taxes. They do not ask the consumers. They probably DO wipe their ass with with each others hands because nothing says I love you like a cheeky pinky slip. We as a free country can not be ruled by capitalism. It is a capitalist country, but money is how all of the worst powers on the planet came to be. If we allow this to happen, we are handing money to the moneys.
—Quinn Musielak, woodstock, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because THIS is how government gets too big; not by regulating big business, but by regulating what everyday people can and cannot do in the privacy of their own homes.
—Renee Wall, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is important for every individual to have equal access to paths for free speech. You already took it away from cable and radio. Don't do it on the internet. Also, stop with the revolving door in Washington. It is really getting old. Yeah, I am talking to you FCC chairman. How do you live with yourself?
—Aaron Lockard, West Chester, PA

The startup I work for will be crowded out and lose visibility on the internet. Also, I'm tired of government/corporate invasion into all parts of American life.
—Reid, Brooklyn, NY

There is very little trust the American people have in the government anymore. Please listen to the PEOPLE and do what is best for the people, not who pays more.
—Selena Foster, Olathe, KS

Net Neutrality lets every person on the internet say their piece and voice their concerns without being censored. Do not take that away.
—Tessa Jenner, Albuquerque, NM

Because without the freedom we have now then we won't be able to confidently browse the internet looking for information. I, as an engineering student, use the internet constantly to get a better understanding of the concepts that I am being taught in class. Without the confidence to immediately browse the internet for sources that can explain the subject better students will hold back and not look for sources that could make them understand the subject fully.
—Marcus Iqbal, Darien, CT

We need net neutrality because the internet is the only place that still has true freedom of speech.
—Leo, Los Angeles, CA

It allows everyone to be free to be themselves and to have indepence of which THIS COUNTRY was found upon. Breaking this would break a foundational principal of our living constitution. This is a place where everyone has a chance to have consumers. Why screw with it?
—Davis, Collierville, TN

How dare you think that you have the right to let cable companies essentially take away freedom of speech.
—Nicolo Dannemiller, San Antonio, TX

As an IT professional working off of the internet to avoid lpng distant service calls, net neutrality very wholly SUPPLIES JOBS. Taking that away would kill the industry by a very large margin. Not just for small businesses, but large companies also will lose money.
—Dave, Cleveland, OH

Because I don't want the internet to be monopolized. Also, Freedom.
—Fernando Ferrales, Brandon, FL

I am a big supporter of small, individual groups that create games. Also known as Indie Games developers, and these developers are what I saw as progress. When the idea of the internet came to mind, I saw a place that anyone can use, regardless of their origin or financial status, to create something. And since I take part in the gaming community, I'd like to see this side of gaming grow, the smaller, lesser known people. But gaming isn't the only thing suppressed by Net Neutrality. Things like small time groups or even one person that has a break through in any field of work, may it be engineering or medical or architecture, they need something to boost their success, a kickstarter. Net Neutrality would increasingly diminish their chances of success, their chances of getting their idea into the world, their idea that could save lives.
—My Huynh, Las Vegas, NV

Please keep the net a fair play zone so small businesses like mine get a crack at customers too.
—Scott Anliker, Bloomington, MN

Please, do not do this to me,
—Brian M Williams, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Net Neutrality means equal playing ground for everyone. Freedom and equality is what it's all about.
—Kelsey, Broomfield, CO

I like having the ability to watch what I want, where I want! There should be no government watch over my internet!
—Stephany Garcia, keansburg, NJ

The internet is a wonderful place where everyone is able to express themselves. Everyone's voice can be heard. For a lot of people, the internet is their only safe haven from outside life. I myself have a lot of friends on the internet. Some of my best friends I've met from the internet. This would not have been possible without Net Neutrality. As somebody who spends much of their time on the internet, please protect the place I love.
—Greg Bilodeau, Nashua, NH

Net Neutrality is the lifeblood of the Internet, and without it, there will be untold damage. Do not give in to corporate interests. I grew up when the Internet was free to all, and I want my children to be able to learn in the same environment. Without Net Neutrality, countless innovations will be stifled because of an insurmountable cost of barrier to entry. Keep the Internet free, as it was intended to be.
—Eric Roberson, Warrior, AL

Leave my internet alone please! Net Neutrality is important to me!
—Joseph Pearson, Knife River, MN

Because corporations exist to make money, not to make good decisions. Don't let corporations decide what I get to see on the internet.
—C Knepp, Washington, IN

Do not take away people's freedoms by conforming the internet to your own desires.
—Spencer Stephens, seguin, TX

Because on the internet, everyone is equal. Poor or rich alike, we all have a chance to get our voice heard or start a like of t-shirts based on our somewhat amusing comic/opinion/cat.
—Chris Amann, Middleton, WI

I need net neutrality because it allows for an even play field allowing equal access to everyone.
—Mohammad Tariq, Riverdale, GA

Net neutrality is the last and best place hope for small businesses, creative ideas, and the latest news (biased or unbiased) to be shown, grown and proliferated. Do stop the madness and keep Net Neutrality to the safety and fairness of the net.
—Chad P Trexel, Orinda, CA

If you do this, you will provoke the already rising anti-corruption movement even more. This is criminal. And eventually we, the people will make sure it is criminal.
—Daniel Kline, florence, KY

Because cat pictures, seriously. SERIOUSLY. CAT PICTURES
—Ben Gadbois, Santa Clara, CA

A country built on the ideas of freedom and equality cannot justifiably do this!
—Austin Gilbert, Lawrenceville, GA

I think you're making a huge mistake. The internet is for everyone, not a dew big business. Stop being greedy and stop letting money dictate. You can't put a price on everything. The internet is meant to be fair and neutral. Keep your hands off it...
—Levi George, Lancaster, OH

The Internet is important to me because, ideas and potential ideas are created from the internet or for the internet. I am a future Graphic Designer, if my services online suffer because of expensive fees, it will be hurting me, it would hurt the people more. Aside from expenses, there is the monopoly of the internet service of ISPs, too much power gives the opportunity for abuse.
—Crystal, El Paso, TX

In the last couple of years, the internet has been the breeding place for new ideas and innovations.
—James Kollinger, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet was originally created to share ideas, open source thinking. So instead of letting it be what it should be (something everyone and anyone can have access to) you guys (the FCC) who originally are supposed to protect my interests, are instead deciding to bed with corporate thugs? Really? With all the shit going on in every other part of the government you guys want to join that? You want to be part of the problem? You guys would stand out more for actually doing your jobs for once. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Will Murray, Kirkland, WA

Because I want freedom to pick internet content that is important to me, not to someone else.
—Kiara, windham, ME

The American people are sick of having our lives run by lobbyists. This could be the tipping point. If you want to keep getting away with this crap I suggest you give up trying to control the internet.
—Mark, Worcester, MA

Net Neutrality isn't just about freedom of internet... The internet has defined the generations that grew up with it and we don't want the internet going the way of cable, where we have to pay to get better service or watch our favorite shows. It's not right.
—Erin, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality needs to be in place to protect the internet from impartiality
—Ellen Beilmann, Glendale, AZ

Net Neutrality is important because it keeps the internet easy to access for all types. Blocking people from starting their own business is a terrible and frankly, an un-American idea
—Andre Zuniga, New Brighton, MN

We must preserve Net Neutrality in order to stimulate creativity and keep the internet weird.
—Michael M, Tampa, FL

Keep the internet out of politics, please. Everyone deserves to have a voice, and deserves to be heard. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Andreea Collins, kalamazoo, MI

The net needs to stay open to all for the safety of innovation and the growth of imagination in the American population. Thank You!
—Risa Kuperstein, Portland, OR

I quote: "We believe that a free and open Internet can bring about a better world. To keep the Internet free and open, we call on communities, industries and countries to recognize these principles. We believe that they will help to bring about more creativity, more innovation and more open societies." We cannot let the internet be controlled (it's monitored heavily now - but not yet 'controlled'). This is our final free space and it must remain so.
—Jordan Presley, Valley Village, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I feel that I should have free access to whatever corners of the internet I should choose to browse. Was this country not founded upon a message of freedom, and not corporate sponsorship and censorship?
—George Zimmerman, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is important because it is necessary to keep the internet a creative and free forum for the exchange of ideas, cultures, art, etc. Enacting regulations that force users to pay for access to certain users and services is ridiculous. Please. Keep the internet neutral.
—Henry Stahl, Columbus, OH

Dear FCC, I am writing this letter to you today to ask you to embrace net neutrality. Net neutrality is a big reason as to why the internet is the way it is today. I have used the internet for many things, such as watching the works of Roosterteeth(an independent film company whose growth was only possible via net neutrality), listened to the music of several musicians not associated with a record label, and watching countless hours of gameplay footage of many games. I fear that without net neutrality, these people would never have gotten off of the ground, or would have been shut down before they had gotten fame. I thank you for reading through this letter, and I would appreciate a response to indicate that this would not be the case under the current proposition. Have a great day. Sincerly, Quinn Foley
—Quinn Foley, Evanston, IL

The US government has failed us too often of late in regards to protecting this country from the interests of a handful of ultra-wealthy corporations. Do the right thing and protect the power the internet has given the common people. Protect net neutrality!
—Brett Apitz, Dracut, MA

I believe net neutrality is an issue of fairness, justice, progress, citizens' rights, and freedom.
—Carolina Balvin Arevalo, MADISON, WI

Your job is to serve the people. Keep the net neutral.
—Samantha Burton, Columbus, OH

Are you that greedy? a
—Lu Ngo, brownsville, TX

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Hoa D. Tran, Antioch, CA

Giving power to corporations to censor what I can access on the internet is a horrible idea. Do not allow cable companies to kill their competition so that they can prevent themselves from going bankrupt when people get tired of their constantly changing user agreements.
—Clarissa Blagg, Cape Girardeau, MO

The Internet is the last equal platform where small businesses in America can still compete with corporate giants. Please don't take opportunity for the American dream away from the common people in order to line the pockets of the already privileged.
—Heather, carrollton, TX

The greatest thing to happen in our generational lives is the open source information that the internet provides, and to restrict it in any regard is to commit a crime against human kind and the progress of ideas.
—Daniel, Lebanon, CT

Please stop screwing over the people who pay part of federal salaries. Is representation so meaningless?
—Elizabeth Rosen, Sebastopol, CA

You stop that now. Leave it alone. If it's not broken, why fix it?
—Antonio Lombardi, Louisville, OH

Do not soil what is pure. Net neutrality must stay neutral.
—Jeffrey Daniel Lechner, omaha, NE

It is important because everybody deserves a chance.
—Rina Whitehouse, Augusta, GA

The Internet is one of the last places people are comletely equal in say. Discriminating against certain traffic is not only against the constitution but also a morally wrong thing to do. Please stop, Net Neutrality is crucial to the internet staying the great place it is.
—Tim Graffuis, Anacortes, WA

I prefer my internet free to all users. Don't tread on my internet. Please and thank you.
—Christopher Tasior, Chicago, IL

I believe the internet should be open source. No body should be able to 'approve' what is online. The internet is the most free form of speech and expression that has ever existed. It is our duty and our right to keep it that way.
—Ashley Gibbs, Reno, NV

I'm a designer in the entertainment industry, which includes animation, film, and video games. I need an internet where I can easily access good inspiration and other information regarding my own industry virtually daily, and I cannot afford to let me clients down by having the FCC interfere with my daily Google searching, which helps me to do my job well, and feed my family.
—Roger Scott, Los Angeles, CA

you're meant to protect the ability to keep the internet as open as possible to protect or freedom of speech and expression. if something like this goes in to effect you will help place another nail into the coffin that is killing america's future.
—Staffan, tonawanda, NY

After all the years of the internet being free, this would single handedly destroy everything it stands for. DO NOT pass this law.
—Dave Soetanto, Austin, TX

don't you dare touch our internet you mother filthy money grabbing whores. You can seriously fuck right off with that shit. Comcast sucks enough dick as it is, I don't want to be paying for even worse internet in the future. So seriously, go ahead and fuck off FCC
—Adam Tornow, Troutville, VA

I will prioritize my net usage, I don't need someone else doing it for me. I pay way to much already for too little bandwidth I don't need ISPs ripping me off even more.
—Matthias Johnson, Marlboro, NY

It's the only honest thing.
—Elizabeth C Ross, Jacksonville, FL

Dear FCC, The internet is not for you to limit or filter. A huge part of the internet is people expressing themselves or fostering creative ideas. You have no right to filter things I want to see or sell my views to large companies. We clearly know the large companies exits, they have the money to advertise on the television, the small business who start on the internet and live on the internet are the ones who need the views and by filtering me to just the larger companies you are effectively killing small start up companies. Please stop thinking with your wallets and do the right thing. For once I'd like the government are large companies to think of the people they serve instead of throwing us under the buss and to serve themselves. Sincerly, Megan McChristy
—Megan McChristy, Boise, ID

If this is allowed, it means less choices for users, allows ISPs to gate content and stifles innovation for startups that can't afford the "fast lane"
—Schuyler Lambert, Brodnax, VA

The internet is supposed to be a place for ANYONE to express themselves to the world. Taking that away from the American people is the exact OPPOSITE of the American dream-- to be able to make a name for yourself. Please do not try and control who sees what on the internet. Net neutrality is desperately needed to continue on the internet.
—Angie Delk, Lamoni, IA

The internet is the last bastion of free press. I implore you to not allow yourselves to be bought out by comcast and verizon. If you end net neutrality you might as well let big companies run the nation.
—Mr. Leif Mendenhall, Albuquerque, NM

I don't want anyone but ME to choose what I can and can't access on the internet.
—Risa Nagasaki-Tabor, West Columbia, SC

The internet and net neutrality is important to me because I am a college student interested in computer science and web design, focusing on entrepreneurial ventures. Without net neutrality, I am already fighting a losing battle against large companies that pay to succeed with a business model that only serves to grow the revenue of major internet providers.
—Dillon Haley, Evergreen, CO

Fuck you fuck you fuck you
—Ryan Strain, Portland, OR

I want the internet to remain a place where the voices of all may be heard equally.
—Geoffrey Hanson, white bear lake, MN

The Internet is all about niches -- finding a tiny community that happens to have the same oddly specific interest as you. Comedians. Streamers. Gamers. Writers. Musicians. All people that don't always have huge amounts of money in their pocket to pay for more bandwidth. Please. Keep the little guys alive. Small sites are small businesses too -- and we all know how important those are. Look, you're the government. You've got a bad enough track record these days. Take a stance against the corporations. Save Net Neutrality. Stop using your positions to feather your own nests and do something for the people for once.
—Mike, Souderton, PA

Protect the net neutrality. Don't discriminate.
—Harsha, Redmond, WA

As a student, and an overall fan of using the internet, I find that having all the corners of the internet equally available a very important part of my life. It leaves options open, it provides an openness and awareness for what I look at.
—Hannah Slatin, New York, NY

Why would you makeparts of the internet need to be paid for. Is this Russia? Are we living in North Korea now?
—Michael Root, Nashua, NH

As a developing Digital Marketing student, the possible restrictions of the Internet will, without a doubt, ruin my chances of success as well as limit the creativity and development of the ever increasing internet economy. As someone who works with the internet heavily, I understand the importance of finding a way to protect aspects of it, but I cannot possibly see after my research into the subject a way that this will help anyone other than big cable companies.
—Madison Shirley, Corvallis, OR

MY dream is to become a business owner (not virtual), And i recently took my first steps in achieving this by opening my own site! All the big name companies had the same chances of making it that i have now. Please don't take my chance away from me.
—Lauren Cordani, tampa, FL

Because I want to be an individual and a FREE citizen of the United States of America.
—A H. C., Worcester, MA

Cable and cell service providers have no business deciding what should be available and to whom on the Internet. Please do your job and maintain net neutrality. Thank you!
—Cameron Stokes, 1199 old Shiloh road, TN

Net Neutrality is important to me because the current lack of big business present on the internet allows students to obtain the external resources that are becoming necessary to get a higher level of education. Whereas if companies are allowed to regulate and charge internet services however they please many students with lower financial income will be unable to obtain the tools they need to aid in furthering their already expensive education.
—Timothy Stokes, Washington, MO

We deserve Net Neutrality. We pay enough just to have access to the internet, it's no one's right to police it. It's a free space of innovation, creation, and sharing that connects you with all walks of life and the world. No one has a right to take that freedom away from us.
—Jaycee Cleveland, Mont Vernon, NH

Net Neutrality helps ensure that small artists, video makers, websites, or any other form of producer are able to compete with much larger companies and firms. It is competition that spurs the economy along and keeps information and innovation at the forefront of society. Implementing a system that would allow internet service providers to charge internet producers to allocate bandwidth would simply destroy smaller producers and therefore destroy competition. All that would be left would be the big name companies, and they would have no need to try to improve the quality of their product since there is no way a smaller producer would be able to challenge them.
—Eliot Mook, Solon, OH

Because it is the only place where people can speak louder than money. And we deserve that one place
—Carolyn Marie Fox, Bedford, NH

We need you guys to protect net neutrality for us consumers.
—Marco, Lacoochee, FL

If an image of someone lazy pops into your head while thinking of "a person that loves the internet," then forget that. The internet is home to a huge group of diverse people all across the globe, and we live and love together in this peculiar world. Turning the internet into some communist-Russia type of place is no way to lead a country, and if you're thinking it is, then get out of America. Let us all be free and equal, so that way you guys don't have to deal with an incoming revolution. That'd be annoying wouldn't it? Sending down policemen to stop angry protesters and rioters would be annoying wouldn't it? Having to contact other countries and territories because you're actions have affected their country without their consent would be annoying wouldn't it? There's no need to give more money to these companies, they already have everything in the world they want. Be the dominant one here. Speak up for the people and tell companies like Time Warner Cable and Comcast that the people aren't having any of that. If you're thinking, "Oh what does a loser on the internet think he can talk to me like this," just realize that you're in charge of a country where everyone is loved equally, and no matter who you are or where you're from, you can be the best you can be. I hope my words reach thousands upon millions of men, women, and little children, wanting a land where we can roam free like we have before. But it's been taken away by the introduction of greed. Greed has poisoned mankind, and if you change your ways, you can make this world a better place. Sincerely, a worried citizen.
—Troy Lamphere, sandy hook, VA

Because the internet is the only truly equal playing field that humanity has ever known, and it has led to an entire global subculture, and with the restraints that cable companies want to put on it, the entirely of the internet's neutrality is at stake, and we wouldn't have the ingenuity that we see rise to the top of the internet anymore.
—Gus, Columbus, OH

PLEASE! The internet needs to remain free to all users. Please stop supporting big name companies to line their own pockets.
—Drew Conger, Brighton, MA

Without total freedom of information, we will become even more ignorant than we are now.
—Justin L. Voelker, Westlake, OH

I believe in net neutrality.
—Will, Cambridge, MA

With how integrated the Internet has become in every aspect of our lives, it cannot become subject to the whims of a private industry.
—Jack Teed, Philadelphia, PA

I am trying everything I can think of to understand why the FCC has not classified ISP's as common carriers. The best thing I can fathom is that Tom Wheeler and the giant multibillion dollar companies are trying to squeeze every cent out of the internet because they do not understand how to evolve with it. Shame on the monopolies. Shame on Tom Wheeler. Shame on all the greedy old men who will never understand.
—Anthony Baca, Albuquerque, NM

Restore net neutrality. Make all isps public utilities. There should be no fast lane, pay to play, pay to see. The internet most stay open and free.
—Chris, Minnetonka, MN

The internet is important to me because it connects the whole world on a level that has never existed before. By taking this simple form of communication away you are not only doing a great disservice, but also trying isolate people. I'm a broke college kid, I can't afford to pay for internet. Lastly, creativity lives and breathes on the internet. Take that away, you take away the opportunity for talented people to never be heard or seen.
—Stephanie, williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important because without it we would witness the halt of technological growth. To progress into the future us as humanity needs to learn and where is the largest collection of human knowledge? You guessed it on the internet. With the filtering and omission of websites, DUE TO CORPORATE GREED, the internet will loose most of its infinite library of knowledge. People like me a designer and innovator rely heavily on the internet as a source to attain information and learn. By removing the freedom you cut the process for technological and scientific and artistic growth and ultimately bring future technologies to an instantaneous halt. By allowing corporate greed to control the internet you are putting the world into a technological and economical dark age. Without the access to knowledge humanity is doomed!
—Kyle Blanchette, Blandford, MA

The Internet needs to be free and open to everyone, not just people who have more money to spend.
—E Tapia, Sacramento, CA

equality for innovation and freedom of speech.
—Ty, Valencia, CA

This is our land. A land of peace and of plenty. A land of harmony and hope. This is our land. Oceania. These are our people. The workers, the strivers, the builders. These are our people. The builders of our world, struggling... fighting, bleeding... dying. On the streets of our cities and on the far-flung battlefields. Fighting against the mutilation of our hopes and dreams. Who are they? Eurasia! Eurasia! They are the dark armies. The dark, murdering armies of Eurasia. In the barren deserts of Africa and India... on the oceans of Australasia... courage, strength, and youth are sacrificed. Sacrificed to barbarians, whose only honor is atrocity. But even as we grasp at victory... there is a cancer, an evil tumor... growing, spreading in our midst. Shout, shout... shout out his name! Goldstein! Nothing the Party says is true. Nothing the Party does is good. Even the war itself isn't real. The Party wants you to believe we are at war... so as to channel your aggressions away from their rightful target... the Party. Big Brother is not real. He is pure fiction, created by the Party. The real rulers of the State... are unknown, faceless manipulators... who, because they are not known... are able to wield power without let or hindrance. People of Oceania, you are being duped. The Party doesn't serve the people, it serves itself. We are not at war with Eurasia. Death! Death! Traitor! You are being made into obedient... stupid slaves of the Party. Open your eyes. See the evil that is happening to you. The Party drops bombs on its own citizens. Traitor! It is the Party, not the Eurasians, who are our enemies. Rise up. Throw off the yoke. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. People of Oceania. Big, Big, Big"... " Innuendo, deleted. Intransigence, rendered as crime. Inversion... Back, Day One. Ref". Times" - - Page Byline should read: "Miniprod Forecasts Increase Chocolate Ration, April, ... "from to Grams Per Week." I confess to spreading the rumor, on orders from Goldstein... that the war is not really with Eurasia, but with Eastasia. That, for years, in fact since the days of our glorious Revolution... I had no faith in our future. I forged government announcements and falsified figures... quoted for agricultural and industrial production. As a result of mental disturbance from my experiences during the atomic wars... I was a willing subject of Goldstein's influence. I was stubborn and egocentric. When ownlife thoughts occurred to me, I reveled in them. I went into the proletarian zones... I had sex with prostitutes, I deliberately contracted syphilis. It was at this time that I made contact with the Resistance. I was personally contacted by the archtraitor, Goldstein... and ordered to assassinate certain Inner Party officials. Bugger! This I did. My agents forged documents and gained entry into the Ministry... "Thought crime is death. "Thought crime does not entail death. "Thought crime is death. "I have committed, even before setting pen to paper... "the essential crime that contains all others in itself. " I have spent many hours of my free time, encouraging my agents... to deface Party posters and hoarding announcements. I read and memorized Goldstein's book. For years, I have plotted to bring down the Party. I was sick in mind and body. Together with my colleagues, Aaronson and Rutherford... I did counterfeit important Party documents... including ex-London permits and travel passes. And that by use of these documents... my agents traveled freely throughout Airstrip One... encouraging insurrection and organizing a massive counterplot... to destroy the innermost faction of the Oceanian leadership. Furthermore... I used my position of privilege within the Inner Party... to pervert and betray the truth at all times... and to suggest, wherever possible, that our traditional allies in Eastasia... were in fact, our deadly enemies. "April the th, . " In my position as Chief Factory Planner... "I think..." I stole military plans... and, at vast financial profit, sold them to the Eurasian leadership. "...to the past... "or to the future... "to an age when thought is free. "From the age of Big Brother... "from the age of the Thought Police... "from a dead man... "greetings!" -to- group, take your places, please. Right, let's see which one of us can touch his toes. Right over from the hips, brothers and sisters, please. One, two. Smith? Smith, W.? Yes, you. Bend lower. You're not trying. Watch me. There, brother. That's what I want. Anyone under is perfectly capable of touching his toes. I'm and I've had four children. We don't all have the privilege of fighting in the front line. Remember our boys on the Malabar Front. Just think what they have to put up with. Production of water-heaters is up . percent. Switchgear, . percent. Electrical wiring, percent. Cigarettes, percent. Bricks, percent. Morning, Smith. Parsons. Heard the rumor? No. Good news, is it? I should say so, yes. Choco rations going up. Really? Twenty-five grams next week. Doubleplus good. Speakwrites, percent. Vibra-aging castings, percent. By the way, Smith, I seem to have run out of razor blades for some reason. You wouldn’t happen to have any spare, would you? I’m sorry, brother. I’m on the last one. Bandages, percent. In Oceania's coal output... reached million tons. In coal output was million tons... an increase of . percent. . million tractors were produced... an increase of . percent. . million trucks... I wanted to ask you if you’ve got any razor blades? I’ve tried all over the place. I’ve been using the same one for six weeks. ... a staggering increase of . percent. Did you see the prisoners hanged yesterday? No, I was working. But I shall see it on the screens. You’ll pick up the gin on the way? I’ll have two. . million Airstrip One Mark submachine guns... . million Grenville gas-operated light machine guns... Give me a gin. . million. Victory recoil-operated heavy machine guns... million rifle grenades... million Perry pineapple pin grenades... and . million lightweight... spigot-launching, anti-tank rocket projectors. Food production is also up... - How’s the Newspeak Committee? - Working overtime. ... butter, percent, milk, percent. Plusbig waste is in adjectives. Plusbig problem is timing the language to scientific advance. It’s a beautiful thing, the destruction of words. You won’t have seen the Dictionary, th edition yet, Smith? It’s that thick. The th edition will be that thick. So the Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect. The secret’s to move from translation, to direct thought, to automatic response. No need for self-discipline. Language coming from here, not from here. Excuse me for intruding. You’re saying that we’ll be rid of the last vestiges of Goldsteinism... when the language has been cleaned. - I couldn’t agree with you more, brother. - Absolutely. Praise be to our leader and the Party workers! Other munitions production figures are as follows. M- tank destroyers... with -mm cannon. Smith. Syme. It’s encouraging to think that by ... not a single person will be able to have a conversation like this. Except the proles? The proletariat don’t count. They’re animals. See the hanging? Missed it, myself. Bloody committees. Black Eagle cc motorbicycles. Doubleplus good, this. You know, I don’t think there’s a single piece of meat in this stew. Looks like meat. Tastes like meat. It isn’t meat at all. Doubleplus good. Not like it, Smith? Yes, it’s too rich for me. Do you mind if

I"... " Brothers and sisters, the battle for production has been won. Completed returns show that the standard of living... has risen by no less than percent over the last year. All over Oceania there've been spontaneous demonstrations of Party workers... voicing their gratitude and joy! In honor of this massive overfulfillment of the ninth three-year plan... it's been announced that chocolate ration is to be increased to grams per week! "If there is hope... "it lies in the proles. "If they could become conscious of their own strength... "they would have no need to conspire. "History does not matter to them. "It was three years ago... "on a dark evening. "Easy to slip the patrols. "And I'd gone into the proletarian areas. "There was no one else in the street, and no telescreens. "She said, '$. ' "So I went with her. "She had a young face... "painted very thick. "It was really the paint that appealed to me... "the whiteness of it, like a mask... "and the bright red lips." Come on. "There were no preliminaries. "Standing there, with the scent of dead insects and cheap perfume... "I went ahead and did it, just the same." Rutherford unperson. Substitute Ogilvy. Ogilvy bio, details as follows: "War hero. "Recently killed, Malabar Front. "Today awarded posthumous Order of Conspicuous Merit, Second Class." I accuse myself of sabotage... embezzlement of Party funds... sale of military secrets... of being in the pay of the Government of Eurasia... of being a sexual pervert and a thoughtcriminal. I exploited my trusted position at the Ministry of Peace... to mislead our allies in Eastasia... and also to corrupt youth by means of seditious literature and drugs. I am guilty on all counts. I stand here... a victim of the influence of... "Under the spreading chestnut tree... "I sold you... "you sold me." And I ask only... for you to accept... my love of our leader. Can I help you? Anything special? I was here before. Razor blades. You sold me the notebook. Yes. Please look around. What’s this? It’s a beautiful thing. Over years old. Cost you $. There’s another room upstairs that you might like to see. But there’s not much in it. Just a few things. My woman’s dead. I’m just trying to sell the furniture. It’s a beautiful bed... if you can get the bugs out of it. Interested in old prints at all? The frame’s fixed to the wall, but I daresay I could unscrew it. How did this escape? I know what it is. It’s the museum in the street outside the Palace of Justice. "Oranges and lemons," say the bells of St. Clement's. What was that? Something old. War is peace! Freedom is slavery! Ignorance is strength! A triumph of willpower over the orgasm. At a rally of the Anti-Sex League in Victory Square tonight... held to celebrate a -percent decrease in civil marriages... over Party women took a vow of celibacy... and pledged themselves as vessels for the artificial insemination... "I hate her. "I should kill her before she denounces me. "I have disliked her from the first moment of seeing her. " Sector ... male... female. Sector ... male... female. Sector ... male... female. Sector ... - Are you hurt? - It’s nothing. It’s my arm. I’ll be all right in a second. Brother, could you"... " Are you all right? It’s nothing. I only gave my wrist a bit of a bang. Thank you, brother. Who is she? All I know is that she works in the corner section... probably on the proletarian novel-writing machines. Mrs. Parsons? A spanner? Under the sink, beside you. Thank you, brother. I wouldn’t have had to bother you, but my husband’s out late. Committees. You know what us Parsons are like. You’re a thoughtcriminal. They haven’t been out much. Thank you, brother. Attention! Your attention, please! A newsflash has this moment arrived from the Malabar Front. The forces of Oceania in South India have won a glorious victory. I am authorized to say that the war against Eurasia... is within measurable distance of its end. Eurasian soldiers have been killed or captured. Can you hear me? Yes. Do you have an ex-London permit? Yes. Can you get Sunday afternoon off? Yes. Take this. It’s quite precise. I rely on you to destroy it. Are you sure you can come? Yes. On your own, brother? No, I’m joining the Vic Mans community hiking group. I was held up on urgent Minrec business. Sing to the bravest on the sturdy fortress Sing to the soldiers on the battlefields Sing to the airmen in the burning azure Sing to the farmers' rising yields We are the children, builders of the future And we the children swear to thee Loyal devotion, fearless devotion And to die with dignity Sing to the faithful... A daring and resourceful maneuver... under the personal direction of B.B. himself... ensuring the total annihilation of the Eurasian heavy-armored divisions... Look. It’s a dream. I want you. Not here. Come back to the woods, it’s safer. Have you done this before? Of course. Hundreds of times. - With Party members? - Yes. Inner Party members? Not with those bastards. Though there’s plenty who would. Look, I hate purity. I hate goodness. I don’t want virtue to exist anywhere. I want everyone corrupt. I ought to suit you, then. I’m corrupt to the core. Do you like doing this? I don’t mean just me. I adore it. Winston? We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness. Adult literacy amongst the proletariat has risen by percent. The proletarian infant mortality rate has dropped by percent. Incidences of leukemia, tuberculosis, and meningitis have dropped considerably. Improved diet has been responsible for a dramatic decrease in rickets. Eye diseases show a steep drop. So, too, do deaths from pneumonia and smallpox. The improvement in sewerage and drainage systems... has resulted in better health, overall. State rodent operatives report a -percent reduction... in the number of vermin in the central proletarian zones. I just want to finish by saying a few words... about the impact of this imminent neurological breakthrough. When the orgasm has been finally eradicated... the last remaining obstacle to the psychological acceptance... of the principles of Ingsoc, as applied to artsem, will be overcome. In other words, the unorthodox tendencies towards ownlife... which constantly threaten the natural erosion of the family unit... will no longer have the biological support of the organism. As we all know, the biological and social stimulation of the family leads to... private reflection, outside Party needs... and to the establishment of unorthodox loyalties... which can only lead to thoughtcrime. The introduction of artsem, combined with the neutralization of the orgasm... will effectively render obsolete the family... until it becomes impossible to conceptualize. Thank you. Excuse me, brother. You dropped your ink pencil. Thank you, sister. A pincer movement has developed... involving the floating fortresses of the Eurasian th Fleet... Not much. Not much left at all, these days. Walls. Police don’t like us much. That room... how much? $ a week. Traitor! Traitor! Criminal! Big, Big, Big... A vast military buildup of armored divisions... missiles and floating fortresses, accompanied by a fourfold increase... in the number of radio-controlled rocket bombs... directed at the most densely populated areas of Airstrip One... It is folly... as though deliberately, we move one step nearer the grave. I can't understand why she accepted the idea... she, who is so careful. Hello. Let me show you what I’ve brought. Look. What is it? Real sugar. Not saccharin. And I’ve got a loaf

of bread, proper white bread... and jam. A real tin of milk. Look. Coffee. Real coffee. Inner Party. Half a kilo. How did you manage to get ahold of all this? There's nothing those bastards don't have. Aren't you pleased? Yes. Of course. Real tea. There's been a lot of tea about lately. They've captured India or something. I want you. I want you, too. Wait. Turn around, and don't look until I tell you. Listen to that. How can she make a song written by a machine sound so beautiful? You can turn around now. - I... - Winston... Do you like me? More than ever. Was there ever a time when this seemed ordinary? Attention! Your attention, please! A vast military buildup has been reported in the Sahara Desert... sectors and of the war zone. heavy-tank divisions... "There is truth, and there is untruth." ... have been sighted proceeding in convoy in a northerly direction... "Freedom... "is the freedom to say two plus two equals four. "If that is granted... "all else follows." That is the end of the announcement. We'll rehab the war from a neutral zone, remaking dust in interstate plusplan levels. Intend ego level in dust output by percent. Stop, end emission. Re: "Times", - - . Brother Tillotson wins Mini chess. Request photo. File follows. Attention. Your attention, please. Will all Outer Party members of Ways and Means Committees... please attend their local community centers for discussions and... "Under the spreading chestnut tree... "I sold you, you sold me." The meetings begin at ... hours. Smith? I've been reading your Newspeak articles in "The Times." Yes. You write very elegantly. That is not my own opinion. I was recently talking to a friend of yours, who is an expert. His name has slipped my memory for a moment. What I wanted to say was, that there were one or two unwords, only very recent. Have you seen the th edition of the Newspeak Dictionary? No, we're still using the th edition at Minrec. A few advance copies have been segregated. I have one myself. You might be interested. Yes. There are some plus skillful new developments. Let me give you my address. I'm usually at home in the evenings. If not, my servant will give you the dictionary. Victory Vampires... Ingsoc cadets... Ingsoc sea cadets... Porteous piloted missiles... Victory fighter bombers... Big Brother heavy bombers. "It has happened at last. "The call has come. "It seems that all my life... "I've been waiting for it." ... is to be named after Sub-lieutenant Ogilvy... hero of the State of Oceania... recently awarded, posthumously, the Order of Conspicuous Gallantry... for his action in the recent glorious victory... over the forces of Eastasia on the Malabar Front, in South India. Half the water's boiled away. What does the clock say? It says : hours. What time do they cut the light in your flats? : . At the hostel it's : . What is it? I don't know. A little chunk of history that they've forgotten to alter. Message from years ago. "Oranges and lemons," say the bells of St. Clement's. "You owe me three farthings," say the bells of St. Martin's." Who taught you that? What is it? I don't know. I just know it. You know, the only thing to do... is to walk out of here before it's too late... and never see one another again. Yes. Our luck can't last. You're young... you look normal, you're innocent. You keep clear of people like me, and you might stay alive. What you do, I do. I've thought it out. I'm good at staying alive. When shall we meet again? Not for several weeks. It's not safe. Give me half an hour. I love you. Julia... Do you think the Resistance is real? No. None of it's real. Steamer! Dead overhead! Get down! ...round the clock, plus a sets in eyes top a P.M.A. Willmer. "Oceania is at war with Eastasia. "Oceania has always been at war with Eastasia. "Eurasia is our ally. Eurasia has always been our ally. "Everything fades into mist. "The past is erased, the erasure forgotten. "A lie becomes truth and then becomes a lie again." What is it? I dreamt... about my mother. What, darling? It was during the wars... before the Party. Winston! I couldn't help myself. I knew what I had done... and I couldn't help myself. When I went back, hours later... my mother and sister were gone. I never saw them again. So it's not just staying alive. It's staying human that's important. What counts... is that we don't betray each other. If you mean confessing, we're bound to do that. Everybody does. You can't help it. I don't mean confessing. Confessing isn't betrayal. I mean feelings. If they can make me change my feelings... they can stop me from loving you. That will be real betrayal. They can't do that. It's the one thing they can't do. They can torture you... and make you say anything. But they can't make you believe it. They can't get inside you. They can't get to your heart. I'm going to see O'Brien. I know. Outer Party Member ... Hicks, Minirec, Proletarian Affairs Section. Outer Party Member ... Howard, Miniprod, Hospital Section. Outer Party Member ... Bolgar, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party Member Brady, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party Member ... Devereux, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party member ... Dawes, Minitrue, Porno Section. Outer Party Member ... Ware, Minitrue, Porno Section. Outer Party Member ... Bigland, Minitrue, News Section. "Items one, comma, five, comma, seven, approved fullwise. Stop. "Suggestion contained item six doubleplus ridiculous verging crimethink... "Cancel, stop. End message." Outer Party Member ... Rosenblum, Miniprod, Light Industry Section. Outer Party Member ... Davis, Miniprod, Women's Section. That concludes the list of known agents of Goldstein... actively engaged in the latest conspiracy... Not much of this gets to the Outer Party, I'm afraid. To our leader. ... that our eternal allies in Eurasia are turning against us. More nests of conspirators and saboteurs have been uncovered... and further arrests are expected shortly. You can... Yes. We are allowed that privilege. Some more of this? It's called wine. There are thoughtcriminals who maintain the Resistance is not real. Believe me, Winston... it is very real. Perhaps you are not familiar with how it operates. I'm attentive to the news. Indeed. Perhaps you imagine a huge network of conspirators... prepared to commit any atrocity to demoralize... and weaken the order of our society. The reality is infinitely more subtle. If Goldstein himself... fell into the hands of the Thought Police, he could not give them a list of his agents. Such a list does not exist. They're not an organization in the sense we know. Nothing holds it together but an idea. There is no possibility of change in their lifetime. In the face of the Thought Police... they cannot act collectively. Individually, they cheat... forge, blackmail, corrupt children... spread disease and prostitution... in the name of spreading knowledge from generation to generation. Until... in a thousand years... You may find this of interest. Thank you. ... address a rally in Victory Square at ... hours. That is the end of the announcement. Goodbye, brother. They have attacked an unarmed village with rocket bombs... and murdered defenseless, innocent... and peaceful citizens of Oceania. This is no longer war. This is cold-blooded murder. Until now, the war has been conducted with honor... and bravery... with the ideals of truth and justice, in the best traditions of mankind... until this moment. Brothers

and sisters... the endless catalogue of bestial atrocities... which will inevitably ensue from this appalling act... must, can, and will be terminated. The forces of darkness and treasonable maggots... who collaborate with them, must, can, and will... be wiped from the face of the earth. We must crush them. We must smash them. We must stamp them out. We, the people of Oceania... ... will not rest until a final victory has been achieved. Death to the eternal enemy of Oceania. Death! Brothers and sisters... one week from now... in this very square... we shall, as a demonstration of our resolve... as a sure sign to those who attempt to threaten... our Party and our State... we shall execute publicly... the same number of Eastasian prisoners... by hanging, drawing and quartering. Big, Big, Big... "In accordance to the principles of Doublethink... "it does not matter if the war is not real... "or when it is, that victory is not possible. "The war is not meant to be won. It is meant to be continuous. "The essential act of modern warfare... "is the destruction of the produce of human labor. "A hierarchical society is only possible on the basis of poverty and ignorance. "In principle, the war effort is always planned... "to keep society on the brink of starvation. "The war is waged by the ruling group against its own subjects. "And its object is not victory over Eurasia or Eastasia... "but to keep the very structure of society intact." Julia? Are you awake? There is truth, and there is untruth. To be in a minority of one doesn't make you mad. Julia, my love... I understand how. I don't understand why. I'm hungry. Let's make some more coffee. The water's cold. There's no oil in it. That's strange. I thought it was full. They say that time heals all things They say you can always forget But the smiles and the tears across the years they twist my heartstrings yet. She's beautiful. She's a meter across the hips. Easily. It's her style of beauty. The future is hers. We are the dead. We are the dead. You are the dead. Remain exactly where you are. Make no move until you are ordered. Now they can see us. Now we can see you. Clasp your hands behind your heads. Stand out in the middle of the room. Stand back-to-back. Do not touch one another. The house is surrounded. The house is surrounded. I suppose we may as well say goodbye. You may as well say goodbye. While we're on the subject... "Here comes a candle to light you to bed. "Here comes a chopper to chop off your head." Pick that up. Thought Police. Smith. Open your eyes. Parsons. Keep away from me, Smith. I'm an agent of Goldstein. I didn't know it myself. Thoughtcrime is so insidious. It just creeps up on you. My daughter found it out. Very proud of her. Very grateful I've been discovered before it's too late. They won't shoot me, will they, Smith? I know I could be very useful in a labor camp. Room . No. Please, you don't have to take me there. Why? There's nothing I won't confess. Nothing. I've told you everything already. What is it you want me to know? Take him instead of me. He's the thoughtcriminal. It's him you want. They got you, too. They got me a long time ago. You knew this would happen, Winston. Don't deceive yourself. You've always known it. The photos of you and the girl will be recycled for proletarian use. Do you know where you are, Winston? I don't know. I can guess. In the Ministry of Love. Do you know how long you've been here? No. Weeks? Months? Do you know why you're here? Shall I tell you why we brought you here? To cure you. To make you sane. That was . You can see that the numbers on this dial run up to . Will you please remember that, during our conversation? I have it in my power to inflict pain on you at any time... and in whatever degree I choose. You know perfectly well what is the matter with you, Winston. You've known it for years, though you've fought against the knowledge. You are mentally deranged. You suffer from a defective memory. You never tried to cure yourself of it, because you did not choose to. It was a small effort of will, which you were not ready to make. For example... which power is Oceania at war with? Eastasia. Oceania is at war with Eastasia. Eastasia. Good. And Oceania has always been at war with Eastasia, has it not? Tell me what you think you remember. I remember... that until only a week before I was arrested... we weren't at war with Eastasia at all. It was Eurasia. That lasted four years, I think. Another example. A serious delusion. Photographs about which you've had hallucinations... which you believed you held in your hand. They never existed. Say what you were about to say, Winston. They exist... in memory. I remember. You remember. I do not remember. Only the disciplined mind can see reality, Winston. It needs an act of self-destruction... an effort of the will. Do you remember writing in your diary: "Freedom is the freedom to say two plus two equals four?" Yes. How many fingers am I holding up? Four. And if the Party says there are not four, but five, then how many? Five. No. That's no use. You're lying. How many fingers, please? Four. What else could I say? Five, or anything you like. Will you please stop it? Stop the pain. How can I help it? How can I help what I see in front of my eyes? Two and two makes four. Sometimes, Winston. Sometimes they are five, sometimes they are three. Sometimes they are all of them at once. Neither the past, nor the present, nor the future... exists in its own right. Reality is in the human mind... not in the individual mind... which makes mistakes and soon perishes... but in the mind of the Party... which is collective and immortal. - Again. - No. How many fingers, Winston? Four. Four, I suppose there are four. I tried to see five. I wish I could. Which do you wish? To persuade me that you can see five, or really to see them? Really to see them. Again. How many, Winston? I don't know. Better. No one escapes, Winston. There are no martyrs here. All the confessions made here are true. We do not destroy the heretic because he resists us. As long as he resists us, we never destroy him. We make him one of ourselves before we kill him. We make his brain perfect before we blow it out. And then... when there is nothing left but sorrow and love of Big Brother... we shall lift you clean out of history. We shall turn you into gas and pour you into the stratosphere. Nothing will remain of you. Not a name in a register. Not a memory in a living brain. You will be annihilated in the past, as well as in the future. Three thousand. This time it won't hurt you. Before we bring this session to an end... I want you to ask me your questions. I want you to clear your mind. Julia. She betrayed you, Winston... immediately, unreservedly. All her rebellion, deceit, folly, dirty-mindedness... has been turned out of her. Does Big Brother exist? Of course. The same way as me? You do not exist. You've not asked me the question that is uppermost in your mind. You know what is in Room . Everyone knows what's in Room . Now... fix your eyes on mine. What country is Oceania at war with? I don't remember. Oceania is at war with Eastasia. Do you remember that now? Yes. How many fingers am I holding up? Five. You see, at least, that it is possible. You've understood the reality of the past... and of the present. Now for the future. A question: "How does one man

assert power over another?" By making him suffer. Exactly. Obedience is not enough. Power is inflicting pain and humiliation. Otherwise, you cannot be sure. Power is tearing human minds apart... and putting them together again in new shapes of your own choosing. Power is not a means, it is an end. In our world, there will only be triumph and self-abasement. Everything else, we shall destroy. The past is forbidden. Why? Because when we can cut man from his own past... then we can cut him from his family, his children, other men. There is no loyalty, except loyalty to the Party. There is no love, except love of Big Brother. All competing pleasures, we will destroy. If you want a vision of the future, imagine... a boot stamping on a human face forever. You are thinking that my face is old and tired... that while I talk of power... I'm unable to prevent the decay of my own body. But the individual is only a cell. And the weariness of the cell is the vigor of the organism. - You'll fail. - Why? It's impossible. Hatred, the fear of life. Why is hate less vital than love? I don't know. But somehow you'll fail. Something will defeat you. Life will defeat you. We control life at all levels. We create human nature. Men are infinitely malleable. Or perhaps you've returned to your old idea that the proletarians will arise. Put it out of your mind. They are helpless animals. Humanity is the body. I don't care. In the end, they'll beat you. Sooner or later, they'll tear you to pieces. On what evidence? Goldstein's book. I wrote it. Or, at least, I collaborated in writing it. No book is individually produced, as you know. I just believe it. I know you'll fail. Something in this world... some spirit you will never overcome"... " What is it, this principle? I don't know. The spirit of man. And do you consider yourself a man? Yes. If you are a man, you're the last man. Your kind is extinct. We are the inheritors. Do you understand that you are alone? You are outside history. You unexist. Get up. Come here. Look at you. You're rotting away. That is the last man. If you are human, that is humanity. It will not last forever. You can escape from it whenever you choose. Everything depends on you. You did it. You reduced me to this. No, Winston. You reduced yourself to it. When will you shoot me? Might take a long time. But don't give up hope. Everyone is cured sooner or later. And in the end... we shall shoot you. The law of gravity is nonsense. No such law exists. If I think I float... and you think I float... then it happens. I love you. You have the strength, Winston. You have the whole Party. You are the Party. You're one of us, one of the chosen. I love you. I love you, too. Julia, my love. Get up. Stand up straighter. Look me in the face. Tell me, Winston, and remember, no lies. What are your true feelings towards Big Brother? - I hate him. - You must love him. It's not enough to obey him. You must love him. Room . You asked me once, Winston, what was in Room . I told you that you knew, already. Everyone knows. The thing that is in Room ... is the worst thing in the world. It goes beyond fear of pain or death. It is unendurable, and it varies from individual to individual. It may be burial alive or castration... or many other things. In your case, it is rats. No. Please. What do you want me to do? You will do what is required of you. What? What is it? How can I do it if I don't know what it is? In the proletarian areas, they will attack a baby... and within five minutes, strip it to the bone. They also attack the sick and dying. They show astonishing intelligence in knowing when a human being is helpless. Please. The mask fits over your head, leaving no exit. I press the first lever... and the rats move into the front compartment. I press the second, and the door of the cage will slide up. These starving brutes will shoot at you like bullets. Have you ever seen a rat leap through the air? They will leap onto your face and bore straight into it. Sometimes they attack the eyes first. Sometimes they burrow through the cheeks and devour the tongue. Tell me. What do you want? No, please. I love you. Do it to her! Do it to Julia! I don't care what you do to her, but do it to her! Tear her my face off! Do it to Julia, not to me! Do it to Julia! Not me! A vast military buildup has been reported in the Sahara Desert... in Sectors and of the war zones. That is the end of the announcement. Brother. On the house. Thank you for coming. You are warned to stand by for an important announcement at ... . This is news of the gravest national consequence... concerning the war with Eurasia. ... . Are you worried about the African front? The news is disquieting in the extreme. I've been worrying about it all day. It's not just a question of losing Africa. For the first time, the territory of Oceania itself is threatened by invasion. It's inconceivable. It must have been possible to outflank them in some way. I have an instinct. There's bad news on the way. I told them all about you. I'm only thankful they got me before it was too late. Yes, I told them about you, too. Thoughtcrime... sexcrime, all your treachery. I have a meeting to go to. We must meet again. Yes. We must meet again. I accuse myself of the following crimes... I have seduced Party members of both sexes... I've been to the proletarian areas... I deliberately contracted syphilis in order to spread the disease... to my wife and other Party members. Together with other agents, I have counterfeited banknotes... wrecked industrial machinery, polluted the water supply... guided Eurasian rocket bombs to targets on Airstrip One... by means of coded radio signals. I stand here, a victim of the influence of Emmanuel Goldstein. Guilty on all counts. I'm glad I was caught. I was mentally deranged. Now I am cured. I ask only for you to accept my love of our leader. I ask only to be shot while my mind is still clean. A glorious victory! A vast, strategic maneuver to outflank... the Eurasian Forces on the African front has been successful. Perfectly coordinated, it has resulted in the utter rout of the Eurasian Army. There have been nearly a million prisoners. It has been an utter rout. Waiter? This immense victory brings the war within measurable distance of its end. Wonderful news. I love you.
—Andy, Nassau, NY

The internet is a place for people to easily express themselves however they wish.
—Jessy Nguyen, Vancouver, WA

It is important to maintain Net Neutrality in order to foster the creative minds on the internet who may not otherwise gain recognition for their innovations, ideas, and inventions. The internet was created to be limitless. It was created to spread information to users across the globe. By picking choosing which content to provide, we will lose all progress made.
—Anastasia Starrett, Cutlerville, MI

The internet offers freedom and possibility for all people. Changing it would prevent so many from realizing their potential or pursuing goals. For example, anyone can start a blog and, for some, that becomes their career. This goes along with those who create music on their computers or sell products on places like Etsy.com. Complicating access to the internet would limit so many rising artists and writers and visionaries across the world. The internet as it is right now is an important tool for people to explore their possibilities. Please don't crush our potential.
—Faith Fyles, Centennial, CO

Because i dont want the glorious internet to become a clusterfuck like cable
—Rebecca, st.louis, MO

The internet is the freest place on Earth thanks to net neutrality. U.S. Citizens are supposed to protect freedom right?
—Robert, Reston, VA

The internet should be free for me to decide what I see, not what ISPs are paid to allow me to see.
—Rob, Waukesha, WI

If we lose net neutrality I will have no reason to use the Internet. Plus it would take freedom of speech away from many outlets online.
—Stevi Stewart, Logan, UT

Net Neutrality is important because being able to access information/ideas/issues from multiple and unfiltered sources creates grounds for the public to educate itself and become aware of the world around them without the biases from others limiting their information. People ideally should be able to educate themselves no matter their social or economical standing.
—Jen, Boulder, CO

Please for the love of all that is good and sacred in this world keep net neutrality as it is. You will be cutting creativity and job creation off at it's knees. And that is not something the people want or will forget if it happens.
—Collin Blank, NEW HARTFORD, NY

Dear FCC, please keep net neutrality. :c
—Elisia, Fort Myers, FL

If your goal is to cripple economy and hurt start up companies more, then by all means overturn net neutrality. But if you actually give a damn about anyone outside your own petty, outdated, and insultingly short sighted interests, you'll do your job and fight to keep the net neutral.
—Joseph Reinemann, Madison, WI

Dear sirs, As a native of Silicon Valley I have witnessed first hand the explosive growth of commerce and worldwide good that has been the result of a neutral, loosely regulated internet. This is about America and Freedom and the benefits that come to society by allowing trade to happen freely. Allowing an oligarchical system comprised of the Ma-Bells reassembling remnants (and the not-so-subtle monopolies they are forming on local and national levels) to treat public infrastructure as a privately held good does a tremendous disservice to mankind at large. Do not enable the greed and malice espoused by a handful of robber-baron cronies and the pockets they populate (yours included dear sir) to displace the benefits of a wider populace, even one that extends beyond our great borders. You are better than this, sir, and history is watching. Enshrine Net Neutrality permanently and tell the plutocracy to take their nefarious dealings back to the fossil fuel industries where they belong.
—David Evans, Palo Alto, CA

There are many injustices in the world and this is one where I can make a stand. The internet is a precious resource for so many things and it would be such a shame for it to be thrown to waste.
—Benjamin Christensen, Provo, UT

I love the neutrality that the net offers. Peace, simplicity, calmness of mind.
—Matthew Jedediah LaPoint, Oak Harbor, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is the single best communication tool we have. To allow private enterprise to carve up this communications system and to increase the potency of money within FCC rulings fundamentally undermines the promise and the future potential of the worlds most important open communication tool.
—Gabriel Bernadett-Shapiro, Los Altos, CA

The internet is the new frontier where all voices are equal. This must be guarded at all costs.
—Scott Sawa, Chicago, IL

I'm a 23 year old software engineer. Having access to whatever necessary sites allows me to do my job better and create more innovative ideas. If you want to hinder creativity and intellectual growth in America, then you might as enforce Net Neutrality. Having access to all sites encourages growth in the country and entrepreneurship and that's what capitalism is about. This act should not be enforced. Let the little companies win for once
—Chavi, Irvine, CA

My income and the livelihood of my family are dependent on the freedom of the internet. For nearly 20 years, from the age of 14, I have been engrossed in the neutral internet and the success that it can create in all aspects of our world. I cannot imagine the atrocity that would be created by hampering or preventing the evolution of this human wonder. Please leave our access to the internet unadulterated and open.
—Chris Risse, Frankfort, IN

Because your pockets are already lined with enough cash and ours with less freedom.
—Josh Pittenger, Chicago, IL

Because dissolving net neutrality benefits nobody but big business and I'm sick and tired of them getting preferential treatment from the government at the expense of the individual.
—Kevin Shea, Omaha, NE

The internet has become my life, you taking the freedom I have on the internet is basically killing me. (But I suppose greedy bastards like you don't care much about the lives of people or how you affect them)
—Jerry, Houston, TX

Please protect net neutrality! Net neutrality is important for me because it allows for an even playing field. When I pay my bill for internet, I want to be insured that I will have equal opportunity to reach any site, at appropriate speeds, irrespective of wither or said website pays the already monopolistic internet provider companies.
—Ethan Montague, Downers Grove, IL

The internet should remain neutral so that the internet is free from corporations and business men trying to force citizens to pay for privileges that have always been free.
—Kody, Chili, WI

Net Neutrality is essential. Butts.
—Jess Schmidt, Lowell, MI

Shove it up your a**hole, the internet is the only place where free speech still exists. Pretty sure you don't own the interwebs anyways...peace out.
—Jordan, Redwood, CA

keep the internet free and unbiased just like it is now. i have no desire to fill your pockets with my money. so stop being greedy.
—Avo, glendale, CA

I want the Internet to remain as free from restriction as possible.
—Haley Larson, Covington, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I think everyone should have an equal voice on the World Wide Web. The idea of "fast lanes" galls me.
—Jennifer Tucker, Houston, TX

Honestly don't, you've taken our freedom don't you dare touch our fucking internet
—Kenzie, FCCSUCKS, AK

The internet is supposed to be a free, open, weird place for humans to express themselves. Everyone is supposed to have the same chance at success through the internet. Don't take this away from us!
—Kimberly Anderson, Rexburg, ID

So it is fair for everyone.
—Andrew Smith, Chicago, IL

The Internet is great because it's a universal place free from politics and control. Everyone is allowed to be heard without anyone deciding what we can and can't listen to. Everyone is allowed to be simply a human being, just like the rest of the word. Nobody gets to control the internet. We all made the internet, we continue to make the internet, and it belongs to everyone. No one organization gets to decide how to run it.
—Kenneth Thornhill, Whitestone, NY

The internet is a place where American citizens exercise our right to the Freedom of Speech. By passing this proposal, you're taking away the ability of American citizens and the citizens of the world to speak their minds, for better or for worse. Don't be the people to take this away for the sake of something so insignificant as money. You're better than that. And God, can you imagine the riots you'll cause? You'll be laughed out of your position.
—Mary Burrow, La Crosse, WI

The internet is the only place where literally everyone has the opportunity and right to express their opinion. Taking and making that right into something people have to pay for is a perfect example of how capitalism is ruining this country. The internet was designed to be a place where information could be freely traded and people could connect with each other more easily.
—Maura Hannum, Pottstown, PA

As an aspiring entrepreneur, a free and open internet is absolutely critical to me. It allows me to compete with larger businesses with much more capital on a more even playing field. Without a free and open internet many successful start ups would never have been posdible. Please keep the internet way it is.
—Richard Welch, Choctaw, OK

Net neutrality is important for the free access and distribution of information, creativity, education, and entertainment.
—Scott Marberry, Winter Park, FL

Please keep net neutrality. If you don't, the internet will suck. Think of the innovation that will be lost.
—Matthew Saponaro, Wilmington, DE

Please save the internet, FCC. Protect net neutrality.
—Neil Jacobsen, Akron, OH

Dear FCC, Please do NOT vote for the abolishment of net neutrality. The internet is quickly becoming the last bastion of truly free speech and expression. The ideas it generates and the access laypeople have to collaboration with others to create true products is unparalleled by any other mode of communication up to this point--and it continues to grow. Allowing ISPs more control over the internet by commandeering what users see first is unfair and will only stifle the creative force in the internet as it is. Please, do NOT abolish net neutrality!
—Christopher Zimmermann, Galveston, TX

Large corporations should not have access to a large amount information just because they have more capital to throw around.
—James, Lansford, PA

The Internet is truly equal-opportunity, and that's a beautiful thing. Don't screw it up.
—Greg, Columbia, SC

The internet is one of the final bastions of true freedom left, not only in this country, but in the world as a whole. Every other facet of modern life is controlled by who ever has the most money or connections, and the internet is one of the last places where anyone is capable of anything. it shouldn't be turned in to yet another way for people with vast wealth to make more money. Keep the internet where it belongs and not so overtly in the wallet of big business.
—Phil, Lapeer, MI

I'm tired of being screwed over by larger corporate interests who have control of their regulatory provisions. Net neutrality allows me to learn about all kinds of ideas and processes that save me thousands every year. I don't want to have to beg Comcast and pay extra cash every time I want to learn something new on the internet. I don't want to have to buy each website individually or in packages like channels on T.V. are currently. Net neutrality may not be the biggest freedom we have in this country, but I'm tired of losing each and every other freedom that I have one by one. I take a stand on this one.
—Joseph McWhorter, Athens, GA

Protect Net Neutrality. Aren't we corrupt enough already? Let the internet we've come to know and love live!
—Jen Sass, st paul, MN

Net Neutrality allows the small businesses that I do web development for compete with larger businesses. By hurting their businesses not only are they being affected, but I am as well.
—Alex Kirkpatrick, Loveland, CO

It is absurd this is even an issue to be discussed. Save net neutrality.
—Dylan Guy, Easton, MD

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me and our society! Regulating the internet in this way is taking away our freedom as American's and giving too much control to corporations! Don't let this happen! Protect our freedom!
—Jared Sichel, Port Washington, NY

Please don't take away what has made the internet great. As a citizen of the US, what is being proposed is not what I want, is not what I will vote for, and makes me believe that those proposing it don't care about the citizens of the US, and care only for their profit margins.
—Maya, Monterey, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because without it, I won't be able to watch my normal content without paying with money my family doesn't have. Thank you for reading this (if you do). Sincerely, Jarryd Saly
—Jarryd Saly, East Hampton, CT

The internet is a powerful tool for communication, allowing any person an equal chance to be heard. For the first time in history that is true, and by removing Net Neutrality you would be crippling one of the most valuable tools for free speech we have.
—Dylan Kunz, Orangevale, CA

The Internet is about the free expression of ideas. Don't make it about money.
—Matthew Orman, Tucson, AZ

Net Neutrality is important to me because at the moment we have a group of people who grew up without the internet, selling the freedom of the internet off to the highest bidder just so they can line their own pockets, all in the name of "protecting people on the internet" when in reality its censorship at its finest.
—Jacob, Tyler, TX

Because innovation needs to happen, and we don't need another service being controlled by our government.
—Dallas, Houghton, MI

Net neutrality is important because it allows the sharing of information and ideas to all.
—Blaise Lamb, Edmonds, WA

The free internet allows me to express myself with my friends! It allows my creativity to be shared and seen by many, without net neutrality I will never see all this be
—Eduardo Arellano, Oxnard, CA

No! No! No! How many times do the AMERICAN people have to say No!!!
—Jesse Folds, Milan, NM

The United States claims to support freedom and democracy. Handing over control to censor the internet to the highest bidder is the very epitome of what this country is supposed to stand for. Without true net neutrality, we simply join the ranks of the Chinas and Russias of this world where citizens are spoon fed what to think by the state. I support true net neutrality in the strongest possible way, and wholeheartedly condemn the corruption that exists in the backdoor links between the FCC and the industry it pretends to regulate.
—Ross Edmondson, Sewickley, PA

Leave the internet alone, things are already harder on this generation. We don't another obstacle.
—Janet Rivera, Irving, TX

The FCC should take a stand to protect net neutrality not completely disregard the principles it was founded on to make a profit. Is it not a conflict of interest to have the former chairman of the FCC (the government agency that's SUPPOSED to protect citizens) as the cable industry's head lobbyist, and another former cable industry lobbyist as the CURRENT head of the FCC. It is shameful to take advantage of the American public in such an obvious manner.
—Charles Broyhill, Conover, NC

dearest FCC I believe it is your JOB to keep the internet free and available, equally, for all users and content. I believe it is your job to keep the internet out of the hands of greedy pay-to-play profiteers. but if you won't do your job, we'll find someone who will. so before we need to resort to more extreme courses of action, such as establishing a 2nd free internet, or a popular movement to have your leadership replaced democratically (yes, I hear you chuckling.. you evil jerks) .. consider doing your job. keep the internet free for all. trust me, it'll be worth it.
—Michael Markus, los angeles, CA

I want to be able to watch my favorite online video makers create entertaining things for me. I want to be able to self-publish books. I don't want everything to be solved by throwing my meager paycheck at it.
—Max M, Columbus, OH

Net Neutrality is important because it is one of the last frontiers where we can voice our opinions and it actually matter. It's also important because our libraries rely heavily on the internet and guarantees the right to intellectual freedom. It is our basic human right to be able to to learn whatever we want without censorship, and that includes censorship from companies.
—Randa, Baton Rouge, LA

Politicians talk about big or small government and how it controls. But nobody talks about how corporations control. The internet has, so far, been the only place where control is limited and freedoms are plenty. Putting limits and fast lanes on the internet would be like sectioning the library so that only the books that make it to the top sellers list are in the front, and all the others are in a locked basement. It's "free" information, let it be.
—Nick Hecht, louisville, KY

The FCC was not created to further bolster the pockets of those who have some sort of alterior motive to the merging of two giant corporations. Do not let net neutrality die with this merger.
—Emiliano Farciert, Houston, TX

Net neutrality offers internet users the possibility of exploring a wide range of information and views on the world. I believe that for those interested in broadening the mind it is the ultimate tool for many interests. I do not want to have my internet restricted by the same restrictions from cable companies, where shallow entertainment has a priority over quality programing.
—Laura Caicedo, San Juan, PR

Maybe you'll read this, maybe you won't. I don't know. I hope you understand how many people are pissed off. Never, ever, piss off the internet. It's not safe my friends.
—Ashley, Hanscom AFB, MA

This bill is important not to me not because of how it directly affects me, but because it directly affects the content and media around me. These in turn affect me and play a major role in my life and who I am. Without them I wouldn't be the same, and passing this bill will strip away my right to have them. Do not pass this bill. Do not be corrupt. Be the change our culture needs. You have the power. Democracy is lost, but if there is an ounce of decency in you, observe the voice of the people.
—Gregory Foken, Eagleville, TN

If you allow the monopolization of the internet, then how do we protect ourselves from the government. You already control everything else.
—Zechariah Lloyd, Vero Beach, FL

What is there to debate here? Companies want whats best for them and citizens want whats best for them. As a government organization there should be no argument that your own citizens should take priority. We the people don't want this. Can we have an opinion please that means something.
—Matthew Maitlen, greenville, OH

An open internet is not only important for home, but extremely important for education! Don't do more damage to our access to information!!!
—Misty F., Woodhaven, MI

The internet is important to me, because it is the one place where speech means more than money. It is a place where innovation begins, and where bad deeds end. It is the worlds way of speaking as one, and it is our way of living our lives connected to others. Taking the internet away would essentially be taking peoples voices away. What are the odds of us being heard in the real world, when we have brothers and sisters that we have made on the internet who would support us beyond others imagination. Taking away our freedom, would go against our laws, and go against us. It's for our own good to let us keep it, but we highly recommend you keep it how it is as well.
—Anonymous, Freedom, NY

Why would charging to go on certain sites be a good idea? We need to move forward in the world and restricting access to everyone on certain sites will only hinder any further research or progress. This all seems so stupid to me. Sure you might make more money, but if you take internet from people. People get mad. The government has been messing with the people too much recently something will break soon. Please don't do this whole pay for sites system.
—Michael Wolf, Kildeer, IL

Net neutrality is what the internet was founded on. I'm a developer, and an artist of many forms. I do lots of stuff in many differing fields, and without net neutrality my outreach would be severely limited. The internet is supposed to be free, without a corporate system, for pure information sharing. You've already found a way to corrupt the "un corruptable" U.S. Government. Please, please just let us have this. I dread the day that we move forward into a cruel, corrupt, oppressive world, not by the hands of our government but by the hands of the capitalist system. To be beaten by our own people, by corporations existing to serve "us", that is my true worst nightmare. I dream not of darkened crevasses, not of faceless shadows, but of the heinous atrocity that is human nature. Please, Just let us go.
—Keith O'Donnell, Highland Park, NJ

The Internet is important to me because, as a college computer science student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I or any other small business that relies on the internet the , new store front, will be able to compete or succeed. Additionally as computer science student i recognize the idea that ISPs have to pay for the increased bandwidth with the growth of the popularity of the internet but as technology continues to evolve i find that that argument is no longer viable due to the new intelligent design that people are using to better optimize websites and content as to lessen the pressure that you claim that is too vast for your businesses to maintain.
—Jason Klimaseski, Port Jefferson, NY

Net neutrality sounds like an unfair type of communism
—Cully Lineberger, hickory, NC

The internet is an open source of information and opportunity. Without Net Neutrality all of this becomes stilted and unbalance in favor of big corporations. This is unjust and selfish of FCC to constantly try to subdue the internet to ISP proposes. The FCC was meant to protect the people, not bow to the ISP.
—Priscila Fernandez, Sanford, FL

Big companies should not have the power to influence how and what I can use the internet for. Don't let them scam their customers and rig the system.
—Caleb Sims, Crosby, TX

The internet is our past, present, and future. for the love, freedom, and humanity that makes this country so great, please keep and protect our Net Neutrality.
—Brandon Richards, Port Washington, NY

This comment is for Commissioner Clyburn: In a previous post, you had quoted the late Dr. Maya Angelou, whom you had the privilege of interviewing: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Net Neutrality allows for everyone, regardless of class, race, or belief to access the Internet. Please keep in mind Dr. Angelou's words and consider how you made us feel when you vote. If you can get the rule changed so that paid priority is prohibited, that would go some way to calming our fears. If not, consider reclassification under Title II, or voting with Ms. Rosenworcel against the proposal as originally stated. Thank you for your time.
—Eric Isenbarger, Traverse City, MI

How is this conversation still happening? The right thing to do is so fucking obvious.
—Mary Montgomery, Minneapolis, MN

The internet should be a place where the user is considered equal despite their differences and no one should be given privilege over another user based on wealth.
—Daxton Mitchell, Fort Worth, TX

Why should someone that I haven't voted for decide what I see.
—Anthony, camden, SC

It is extremely important that we keep the Internet open and neutral. Doing so will continue to foster innovation and freedom to explore and learn, unhindered by needless intervention. I believe that as Americans, we have the right to the freedom to learn and to grow. Restricting access to our Internet will cripple us as a nation.
—Colin Mumbach, Houston, TX

The internet is like a deep dark hole that exists at the bottom of a magicians hat. Anything can come out of it. Weird things, normal things, happy things, fake things, important things, things that make people see a reason to live, things that destroy hope, things that keep us sane. It's beautiful in that way and changing it would be no less than changing the way nature works. No different than destroying the oceans, or clear cutting the forests.
—Mekayla, Lansing, KS

I value my internet freedom very much and would hate to lose my unhindered access to hardcore gay bondage porn and funny cat pictures. Please keep net neutrality and turn away from the ridiculous bribes that are surely being thrown in the face of whoever is the boss of the person reading this.
—Edward Lewis Zahniser, Sandy Lake, PA

Why am I paying to access the internet if everything will not be available to me. Do not say that competition will drive the cable company's to have reasonable prices. If I could switch my cable company I would, but I simply can not. We should not be empowering these companies, whom get voted as the worst companies of all time.
—Brian Schultz, Marco Island, FL

For our freedom to roam.
—Andrew, Port Orchard, WA

It's so unimportant for me to say something. Like you're even going to care about what a single person would say. Oh, wait. That's what the internet is good for right now. BECAUSE EVERYBODY CAN HAVE AN EQUAL SAY NO MATTER WHAT. You take that away, and suddenly we have the American government. Leave the government out of our internet. People need to be free to express what they want. People who want to try and start up their own businesses and get websites for them need to be allowed to have the same chance of somebody finding as a huge chain store. Musicians, painters, game makers...so many forms of art you're just going to shut down if you do this. Why....why in any deity's name would you want to starve the already work starved? They put out so much free content that they probably are ACTUALLY STARVING. But they have a chance to be seen. They have a chance to make it big. That's why Youtube artists and uploaders can become real musicians and real record labels. That's why deviantartists can be found and hired by people that like their art. The internet isn't just for porn. The internet isn't just for social media, cat pics, and Netflix. The internet is a playground. Everybody gets to play on it. Everybody gets their turn. And people can work TOGETHER to help accomplish great feats. Just because you don't enjoy true freedom in America doesn't mean you can take it away equality on the internet. We need Net Neutrality because it allows the thinkers and creators to continue thinking and creating. If you try and shut us down, we WILL find a way around it. We WILL find a way to get you back. You can try and shut us up, but there's too many of us. You can't stop the signal, FCC...
—Trent Robinson, Stillwater, OK

I believe in the power and importance of small business and the legal equality of companies which fosters competition. The last thing we need is to damage competition by enabling Verizon and other large coorporations to dominate the market more than they already do.
—Jake, Sacramento, CA

The freedom you find on the internet is a refreshing escape, even if momentarily, from the constantly restricting world we live in. How will people retaliate when backed into a wall, the last bit of true freedom of opinion they have taken away? People need somewhere safe to vent their opinions without the fear of judgement. You can find that on this internet, the free one that we are currently using, right now. It doesn't need to change. There's no good reason for it to change. Why fix something that isn't broken, only to end up breaking it?
—Carlie, Sycamore, IL

Net neutrality is of great important to me and my country. Money does not create great ideas, nor would an internet that's solely a playground for the rich. Keep our country free.
—Molly Miller, Omaha, NE

America has already fallen behind the world in telecommunications for the sake of the almighty dollar for big companies and now this bill pretty much takes all urgency to provide a better product for consumers away and further cripples America as a whole from progressing.
—Devante Bonton, Broussard, LA

The internet allows me to access the information in our world. I don't want the accessibility or content to be changed or filtered in a way that does not benefit humanity. The FCC's current heading is a direction that will only endanger the environment of the Internet. Do not pursue this course.
—Jonathan Hall, Castaic, CA

The Internet is a free place and every person has the right to access it freely in the way that they want. Your companies getting richer isn't worth destroying the internet. We will fight this relentlessly.
—Alexis, Naples, FL

We need net neutrality and we stand together.
—Dan, Hillsboro, MO

I refuse to have limits to my flow of information
—Nick O, skokie, IL

Self expression and freedom in a country where every day we loose more rights. I want my children to enjoy the internet like I did.
—Patrick McDonald, Satellite Beach, FL

The internet is the one place where we (excluding China and North Korea, of course) can interact with people from different countries. We can share common interests and ideas, such as headcannons from Sherlock and Supernatural, or have intriguing and thought-provoking debates over forums about vaccinations or other such topics. Limiting any of this over ISPs is an infringement on our rights.
—Lauren Basting, Crown Point, IN

Net neutrality has meant I can access news from around the world, no excessively long wait times for downloads since I'm not paying extra for greater bandwidth and my sources aren't being treated as second class since they aren't among the major players online. Access is critical. Putting only the major few news magazines at the front of the library and hiding the others in back of the stacks wouldn't count as fair access. The internet should be even more transparent and fair, not less.
—Andrea Wells, Bethlehem, CT

I want the Internet to remain free for everyone. I want my kids to grow up in the same world I was fortunate to grow up in. In a free world where the Internet can expand your imagination and open up your mind to new ideas. I want the ISP's to stop trying to control the Internet.
—Jamie Ridenour, Fort Wayne, OH

As we don't have the backgrounds, preferences, life experiences, education or lifestyle, there is no justification for our options to limited by a group that cannot represent us...
—Jackie Snyder, La Mesa, CA

I like being able to produce my own goods and read what I want without any limitations
—John Smith, methuen, MA

Net Neutrality is important to further expand the free sharing of art in multiple formats. Also new forms of entertainment and innovative ideas that come from places that encourage users to upload content.
—Ariel Aybar, Orlando, FL

Don't fuck with the internet please
—Joe G, new york, NY

The internet isn't some sort of new field for a monopoly. It was created and kept by the people, and there is no distinct ruler of the "internet". Stop trying to control every part of everyone's lives in our so called "free country". "Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."
—Wilson Martino, nutley, NJ

The internet is a hub for sharing information, art, ideas, passions, lifestyles, and more. Not maintaining net neutrality is an affront to the expansion of one's mind and the hunger for knowledge and new ideas. It is Un-American.
—Calin Caracol, Yuba City, CA

There is absolutely no reason to make the Internet into another Cable TV. We already deal with the frustrations that come with companies such as Comcast and Time Warner Cable, there is absolutely nothing to gain out of making the World Wide Web a for-profit organization. That is all to be said, you could list a thousand reasons and elaborate on why the FCC need not do this, but the bottom line is, there is no reason to implement this policy and change the Internet.
—Yannick, Chula Vista, CA

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How would you like if it some started to sell you oxygen to breathe? Hackers will destroy you if you dare challenge the Internet. Leave it alone douches!
—Edwin Brito, Riverside, CA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.
—Adam, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is the last bit of wild west America has left. The NSA is already doing their part to make it painful to use by spying on us, can the cable companies please just fuck off and let us use the internet properly the way we have been? Do the cable companies really need more money? They already are colluding and running monopolies, and likely the small down ISP's that are the "competition" are just little off shoot companies they set up for the appearance. Also Tom Wheeler is a dingo and should go back to Australia.
—Justin, Ask the NSA, NY

Dear FCC: Please know that for every comment you receive pertaining to preserving net neutrality, there are dozens more that aren't heard. The neutrality of the internet is of the utmost importance. Gone are the days when the internet was a luxury item. The internet should be treated as a utility because it is just as important. Have you tried going to school with no internet? It is no longer possible. Internet is required to do just about anything these days from applying to a job to accessing higher education. Please protect net neutrality and stand for what is right!
—Chris Marquez, Homestead, FL

I believe that the users of the internet should be the ones to determine the content viewed, rather than the internet providers. Please leave net neutrality alone.
—Andrew Marshall, San Ramon, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want ISP's to pre-approve and throttle the websites I go on. I go on the internet to forget how much I hate these greedy companies, I don't want to be reminded even more.
—Max, Old Bethpage, NY

Current and future generations could potentially gain a vast amount of knowledge and skills on their own with the help of the internet. However, if net neutrality is discontinued and online content is consequently driven by profit then online educational material will dwindle. This collective loss of intellectual value is just one of several reasons for saving net neutrality.
—Andrew Thelen, Ogden, UT

The best part of the internet is the weird absurdity that it comes with. The chance to explore all that our people have to offer; the chance to give everyone an equal voice to be heard and an equal chance to be seen. Net Neutrality is what gives the internet life. It's what gives the internet love. It is what reminds us that there are people out there who are strange and sad, and yet it gives us hope that there are also people out there who are just like us. We are human, and Net Neutrality helps us maintain that.
—Kirsten M Kuykendall, Springfield, IL

The internet should be an open place of equal opportunity for everyone. It's literally the only place left like that in our world.
—Jennifer Cole, Long Beach, CA

Many people use the internet for a source of free or inexpensive knowledge. Net neutrality makes that source of extremely vast knowledge available to everyone. Without it it'll only make it harder for those that can't afford it.
—Alvin, cerritos, CA

The internet is the last bastion of equality and free speech. Let's not ruin that for the next generation like you ruined everything for us
—Franklin, Carroll, IA

Without net neutrality, the internet will no longer be the free and open place to discuss and share ideas that it was designed to do. I don't want my internet to become only entertainment like TV. It should be a place to learn and also discuss ideas with other people of like minds.
—Derek Lentz, Austin, TX

Please don't let big ISPs take over our Internet. Let it run free and watch it grow beyond anything we cold hope for.
—Jefrey Davis, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet was made to be a complete database of all human knowledge and media. I will not stand by silently while big companies try to monopolize that well of information. So just stop trying.
—Kenny Tran, Atlanta, GA

Peter: They will clean up all your talking in a menace such as this Brian: They will make you take a tinkle when you want to take a p*ss Stewie: And they'll make you call fellatio a trouser-friendly kiss Peter, Brian, & Stewie: It's the plain situation! There's no negotiation! Peter: With the fellows at the freakin FCC! Brian: They're as stuffy as the stuffiest of the special interest groups... Peter: Make a joke about your bowels and they order in the troops Stewie: Any baby with a brain could tell them everybody poops! Peter, Brian, & Stewie: Take a tip, take a lesson! You'll never win by messin' Peter: With the fellas at the freakin' FCC And if you find yourself with some you sexy thing You're gonna have to do her with your ding-a-ling Cause you can't say penis! So they sent this little warning they're prepared to do the worst Brian: And they stuck it in your mailbox hoping you could be co-erced Stewie: I can think of quite another place they should have stuck it first! Peter, Brian, & Stewie: They may just be neurotic Or possible psychotic They're the fellas at the freakin FCC!
—Dexter Morgan, Orange, CA

I believe that net neutrality is of the upmost importance in regard to what the internet is and without it, there would be no creativity and it would make like dull.
—Brandon Tingey, San Diego, CA

Don't ruin the internet please, its like a sort of freedom of speech.
—Raimond Ngo, Grand Prairie, TX

I need my porn, it's not fair to regulate it
—Bob, Renton, WA

If you think for one second that YOU have the power to control the vast, wonderful Internet- go to hell. The Internet belongs to everyone, it is a level ground where we are all accepted. We are equals on the Internet, we are not judged on appearances, race, sex, or color. The Internet was designed for the SHARING OF IDEAS. What you are trying to pass is the STARVING OF IDEAS. Keep the Internet free! I, as well as everyone else you have heard from, use the Internet to learn, to teach, to inspire, to BE inspired, and to communicate with the entire world. My sister went on a trip to Uganda last summer, and to me, it was so beautiful (as well as a blessing) that my family could use Skype to keep in touch with her from 7,000 miles away. The Internet is vastly powerful, and is the only thing I care enough about to voice my opinion over. So LISTEN when I say: Respect our rights. Respect our freedoms. Respect the love we have. Respect the power we all can share. Keep YOUR hands out of OUR Internet.
—Jordan M., Monticello, IL

Free speech and the ability for small businesses and newer websites to be found easily is important to me as a consumer. Sometimes the big companies that have the money to spend on this aren't the websites or information I need. I don't always want information from larger companies but opinions and voices from smaller people who have something new and creative ideas to add to discussions.
—Maria Perullo, Albany, NY

Internet neutrality is part of our freedom!!!! Not too mention part of our freedom of speech!
—Melissa, San Benito, TX

Net neutrality ensures a free marketplace in which products and websites thrive on the basis of their quality, not on the basis of whether they are funded by a company which can purchase access to consumers. If net neutrality is compromised, it will compromise the free market principles at work on the internet and harm the competitiveness of American internet businesses.
—Jorge Gonzalez, Los Angeles, CA

honestly this is such bullshit fuck you guys and fuck your money i got rich by playing the game fair. The internet is the only place left for real business to start from nothing, if you want to take that away you realize you take the fucking spirit of our country away. Fuck you, sincerely michael keeler ps. this is bullshit and i can't believe this is really happening again fuck you guys and fuck off i love the internet
—Michael, South lyon, MI

Godammit,FFC,the internet was not meant for your bigoted,self-absorbed ass. Good day.
—Sarah, St.Petersburg, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because i dont feel it is fair to smaller sites and business to have to pay for their internet traffic. Furthermore i feel it is unethical for the FCC to be so corrupt and to be influenced by big time cable corporations JUST because they are the head chairman. You are going to screw over millions of people because you're greedy. Is that really what america has become? Internet service is already in the toilet, WHERES MY 50MB UPLOAD THAT I PAY FOR HUH?! gone. thats where, the same principle will happen with internet
—Drew, ALEXANDRIA, VA

Net Neutrality is absolutely vital. Corporations like these ISPs will destroy one of the last great bastions of free speech, and we can't let that happen.
—Dalton Strong, Grand Rapids, MI

Do not chain and bar me from the only place I can escape to at the end of the day. I'm a good person, I pay my taxes, I have common courtesy to others. Sometimes I feel entitled to have my own niche to rest and disconnect from real life. The Internet is that place. That is why Net Neutrality is important to me. This encroachment affects me directly, and I demand that it be discontinued.
—E Cheung, Tampa, FL

Great Lord above I will use every ounce of personal restraint within me to refrain from using profanity in this message, but I cannot make any promises. Sirs and madams of the FCC and other relevant bodies, I write to you not only as a consumer of entertainment and informational platforms on the Internet, but also as an American citizen. If this bill goes through and you sociopaths (I made no claims about insults) succeed in your goal to end the glorious virtual democracy that is the Internet, then the idea of an equal and fair America is truly dead. Or perhaps it never existed. Either way, the Internet in its current form is a truly American landscape, where everyone's voice can be heard equally and anyone with enough gumption to produce their own content has a shot at success. If this is undone, you have taken away countless opportunities for advancement and innovation for an entire generation, perhaps several. I would ask that you search in your souls to relocate your consciences and do the compassionate thing, but I feel that would be a waste of my time. Consider this instead. The people remain happy and content so long as their entertainment is not tampered with. If you tamper with the Internet, and you are proposing to do quite a bit of that, then you are setting yourself up as martyr-makers. There will be people who claim the privatization of the internet as their sword to fall on, and they will come rising at you as conquerors to demand your removal. You are weak and frightened agitators and your pseudo-supervillain takeover of the most beautiful informational tool in history is an affront to human dignity. May the voice of the American people be as loud as it needs to be, and may your children spit on your graves. Sincerely, Evan Nyarady
—Evan Nyarady, Santa Cruz, CA

Net neutrality is important to me as it ensurs ISPs are limited in the amount of power they have over my experince on the Internet. Net neutrality also allows smaller businesses to stand on relative equal footing with larger, more well established businesses that may receive preferential treatment from ISPs in exchange for money if net neutrality is changed in the ways the FCC is trying to change it.
—Logan Boehler, Ottawa, IL

new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed. IPSs will have too much power in determining my internet experience by picking and choosing what to provide better access to and what not to
—Danielle, Seattle, WA

I pay my governmental taxes and fees EVERY year like I'm supposed to. I do not ask for handouts from Medicaid/Medicare/SSI. Please do not force me to pay MORE than I already do to browse and use the internet. If this is allowed to happen, what is next? Controlling what books I can read or TV programming?
—David Cline, Davisville, WV

Don't do this. Please don't screw us over even more.
—Juan F Salazar, Brownsville, TX

The internet is meant to connect people from all around the world, and I strongly believe that this new system of "pay-for-play" will greatly limit and peoples ability to connect with others. The internet would not be what it is today if it were not for the freedom and neutrality every individual has now. innovative internet companies such as google, facebook, and kickstarter which all do an immense service to this community would not exist if it weren't for this neutrality, had these mandates been placed before the internet would be a much more closed and conservative environment, allowing no room for expansion, progression, and development in this modern era. Generations to come will only have an exponential fraction of what information is already on the internet for anybody to learn, information that could help advance their studies and education. Please end the further censorship of the internet in America, stricter guidelines and regulations will only diminish what progress we've accomplished.
—Anthony Vaca, Lake Elsinore, CA

Stop being money hungry, it's annoying.
—Taylor, Cary, NC

Effective monopolies aren't conducive to market innovation.
—John Van Enk, Bellingham, WA

Freedom of information is important to create new ideas. If Net Neutrality is gone, so is the large amount of innovation and creativity associated with it.
—Joshua MAlinis, montgomery, IL

I support Net Neutrality! Keep internet fair. Everyone gets a fair chance at knowing/listening/speaking their minds online. This is what creates amazing things.
—Amy, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is the last frontier of free speech.
—L, Beltsville, MD

PLEASE save the internet by choosing net neutrality!
—Anthony Ladin, Pearland, TX

OPEN INTERNET IS THE ONLY WAY FOR TRUE FREEDOM
—John, New York, NY

There are literally so many reasons that removing net neutrality is a terrible idea. I definitely do not want someone who can't understand why it's a bad idea, or chooses not to care, in charge of what I can and can't do online.
—Al, Detroit, MI

I want there to be net neutrality. Don't get rid of it.
—Ruben Aguilera, Dallas, TX

Net Neutrality allows me to access the entirety of the internet, I feel like if it is revoked, culture and information will be severely retarded.
—Christian Zarnke, Rockford, IL

Giving corporations the ability to limit services will be detrimental to small business, inventors, writers, artists, students and so many others. Fee bases services would create an unfair advantage for those who have the money to spend, making it harder for the poorer to get education, start a business, and spend money. Please keep the net neutral and give everyone a fair chance.
—Kathleen, south dennis, MA

Removing net neutrality will destroy the point of the internet which is to be a wide open sandbox of information, creativity, and spread of knowledge. Removing and restricting access of internet sites will destroy the internet as a whole and any creativity/activity/profit as a whole. Stop trying to parcel away the internet into the control of companies that NOBODY wants in control. The fact that former cable lobbyists are the head of the FCC is just evidence of your money grubbing and profit pushing ideas that is destroying everything in its path.
—Paula Y, Cerritos, CA

Why on earth wouuld I want the content I view and sites I visit to be throttled? Please consider that my browsing habits are not yours to control.
—Ian LaMotte-Kerr, Tarzana, CA

The Internet should be open to encourage innovation.
—Andrew Weber, Lake Bluff, IL

We deserve to have the internet free and neutral!
—Amy Aberg, Castaic, CA

The internet has proved an invaluable tool, but only if it is allowed to be a free flowing entity. By requiring companies to spend money in order to better serve their customers, you will crush countless start ups that thrive in such a free environment.
—Charles Danner, Boise, ID

The Internet is about freedom and innovation. Please dont take that away from us.
—Marco Lomeli, San Diego, CA

Look, don't fall for the corruption. Just leave the internet as free as its always been.
—Nabil Amin, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is freedom and freedom is what the USA is all about.
—Jameson Estes, Phoenix, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me as an entrepreneur and small business owner. It's time that the government ended it's collusion with rent-seeking business interests to stifle competition.
—Troy, Anytown, AL

Quit trying to ruin our internet just because your getting paid from bunch of nobodys
—Chan, Louisville, KY

My family has a business website and without it we wouldn't have a reliable source of income. My sister is an artist and the only way she can truly reach out to her audience is through a few websites which might not be able to pay to be on the list. The decision of the FCC to eliminate Net Neutrality will affect me and my family personally, and many others.
—Nathaniel James Watkins, hattieburg, MS

becuz the internet izmy playground. Or because the internet is an important resource. More than that. The internet, this increasingly vast, unquantifiable digital landscape, where information flows is too vast to be limited by the hands of mere companies. It cannot be divided. It cannot be bought. It is a tool. A tool that will allow the greatest of minds to come and congregate, though they know it not. A tool that will allow the future industries, of rich men and women of character and wit, and so on to become wealthy, to become powerful. To become a bulwark of the nation. America's golden age has passed. But the internet, this congregating melting pot represents an opportunity bring it back again. To bring a new age of intelligence and wit and wealth and power about again. It isn't important to me. A simple man. But it's important to the rest of us. To america's best and brightest. The internet is a free place. Let it remain so.
—Isaac J Hawk, Powder Springs, GA

I don't want the FCC to infringe my rights on the internet. This is silly, and should stop.
—Zack Bagley, Clinton, CT

Dear FCC, 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 users may have less options and a less diverse internet. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gate keepers to their subscribers. Sincerely, Theodore Waters
—Theodore Waters, Lansing, MI

The internet is a gloriously free and wild place through which anyone can voice their opinion about anything at any time. If we lose that than what is left? Please keep the internet the way it is without any limits or restrictions!
—Jessia Overholser, South Haven, MI

It is important to me that we are able to express our individuality and artistic abilities to be seen by all. The internet is made of all unique individuals coming together to bind on a deeper level. Not some large company dictating our fucking lives.
—Alexis Hieber, brandon, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps the corporations from fucking me in the ass any harder than they already do in every other aspect of my life.
—Keyan West, York, PA

I think that if we allowed this to happen then businesses would not run as efficiently due to the fact that most businesses use the internet primarily to communicate to other corporations and businesses. It is not right to control businesses that are hardworking and and take away the free flow of internet. It is an essential part of their profit.
—Alyssa Hickerson, San Diego, CA

The internet is the only thing our generation has to cling to. Make it a corporate venture over all and America WILL fall - there will be nothing left for us.
—Talia Bigelow, Boxborough, MA

Freedom is not a privilege it is a right. This is one thing that people, even the apathetic and the lazy, will fight for. Net neutrality will win. Just don't bother, it's absolutely evil.
—Suzanne Murdoch, Malone, NY

The rights of Americans are slowly disappearing. Are you going to take away the next one? DON'T!
—Erin Conklin, Asheville, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me because if it were to be taken away my whole business goes away. I rely on the views and access to art websites and several other websites for page views and clients to commission my work. This is my way of living, this is my dream. I am 24 and working my dream job, don't take that from me.
—Jessica, college station, TX

Lobbyist of large companies do not represent a nation.
—Jason, El Cerrito, CA

A pay-to-play internet worries me more then an open one.
—Victoria Allen, Woodstock, GA

Please support Net Neutrality for all of us
—Caitlin, Los Angeles, CA

I rely on the internet to keep up with my possible employers on the Renaissance Faire circuit. This is only made possible through sites that allow open forums. If a pay-to-play plan is enacted, then there is a good chance that many of these forums will disappear. This would nearly remove my chances of continuing the job that I love.
—Jonah, Killeen, TX

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money....so protect Net Neutrality.
—Heather Lehman, Reynoldsburg, OH

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few truly free places in America.
—Maria Barril, Rochester, MN

I'd rather keep this short and simple as long-windedness is not my forte. I believe the Constitution matters. I'd like for something in this country that I truly love to be a part of to be about true freedom instead of money. Is there any chance that this will ever happen? Not likely. I've lost faith that it could happen. Restore faith, please.
—Taylor Frey, Harrisburg, PA

FCC, net neutrality is something the USA needs. Innovation cannot succeed in a country where big large companies capitalize on lack of innovating, competitive products. As a Mechanical Engineer working in SBIR projects in Wyoming, I would sincerely hate to see all aspects of internet life fall into the hands of major business to force out small businesses and ideas. With those gone, out goes competitive innovation and genuine progress.
—Justin Wood, Sheridan, WY

the Internet should be neutral. love democracy!
—Anna Wallsten, stockholm, sweden, AL

The internet NEEDS to stay just the way it is, fair play to all that use it. These companies who stand to profit more than they do already are the voices that are speaking louder than what the people of this country want. The internet is a place where all people have an equal stage to be heard or to listen to anyone and everyone.
—Michael McCormick, Enola, PA

To whomever will read this at the FCC, I am for protecting Net Neutrality.
—Evan Norris, WOODINVILLE, WA

The interwebz should be for all stop trying to monopolize everything you greedy fat pigs!
—Erika, east brunswick, NJ

I love being able to find info on the internet in a couple keystrokes, learning new things is great!
—Abena Atiemo, portland, OR

Freedom of information for all men women and especially children.
—Max, Brooklyn, NY

If Net-Neutrality is done away with several beloved businesses will fail, the economy of America will be threatened, and Americans freedoms and liberties will have been trampled upon. And we all know how irate We The People get when out liberties are violated. Remember the Constitution, forget the lobbies, and forsake your dollars. The future of the nation is at stake.
—Cory Hensarling, RIXEYVILLE, VA

Please keep the internet free. It may be a strange confusing place for people of your generation to understand, but that is no reason to try and destroy it.
—Matthew Bell, Lacey, WA

What would it be like to have an entire, different world that the majority of the world has come to know and enjoy? What would it be like, as a student going into college, to not be able to freely express my writings, artwork, to not be able to find inspiration from the far corners of the net because I had to pay for it, and even then it would not be showed? What would it be like if you had to pay for every bit of information you saw, and for someone to take away your own personal space on the internet because you had to pay even more worthless money on it? The internet is something you can't simply just restrict. It's free, and even if you make an attempt, there will always be a way around it. The people running this must be truly insane because of the gargantuan effort you will have to use to make this work, and all for what, some pocket change? Don't you already have enough?
—Andrew K. Foley, Durango, CO

I shouldn't have to explain myself other than the reason that this is capitalistic nonsense and everything we preach is hypocritical for reasons like killing net neutrality.
—John Jakowski, marlboro, NJ

I believe that we should maintain Net Neutrality because it allows us to maintain a level playing field throughout the internet and does not give large more powerful content providers leverage over smaller ones.
—Muhammad Mazhari, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is what makes it possible for me to receive accurate information from a plethora of different news sites in order to stay current with world affairs.
—Gavin Davis, Monterey, CA

The internet is an an absolutely amazing collection of the products of many creative minds. If Net Neutrality is destroyed, then the internet as I know it will be destroyed.
—Branden Roper, Parker, AZ

Really? Getting rid of the ONE most important thing on the internet? Net neutrality is what keeps the internet fun and equal.
—Aiden Hale, Winn, ME

Net neutrality makes the American dream possible. It gives the "average joe" and Amazon the same chance to succeed in the marketplace.
—Catherine, Monument, CO

Net Neutrality is the Internet's guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online. This is the definition of an open Internet. Net Neutrality means an Internet that enables and protects free speech. It means that Internet service providers should provide us with open networks — and should not touch any apps or content that ride over those networks. I am writing to ask that you do NOT pass a new "open Internet" rule that may let Internet service providers charge content companies for priority treatment, relegating other content to a slower tier of service. Thank you
—Selena, toledo, OR

because fuck the police coming straight from the underground
—Fuck Man, HONOLULU, HI

Capitalism relies on the ability of any group to succeed, if the people want them to. Putting money filters on certain sites, or giving priorities to better-paying sites, will prevent this equality that we've based our Country on. Don't put money walls in front of companies or in front of their potential customers.
—Patrick Vorbroker, Mason, OH

Leave my connection alone, jerks
—Melissa Aguilar, Grand Prairie, TX

The internet is for the public good, not for your personal gain.
—Eber, Charlotte, NC

It's one of the last real freedoms we have left. Stop trying to make money off of everything. Leave something for the little guy.
—Steve, St Augustine, FL

Whatever happened to equality? The internet is something that everyone uses nowadays with the advancements technology has accomplished. It is outrageous to know that our internet will be limited to those that can afford the service. It's already difficult for some to pay for internet and now you want to create a monopoly by disguising it as net neutrality? If this passes, this will not only affect the people of the United States of America, but also the people around the world.
—David Cuevas, Los Angeles, CA

We must keep the net neutral for ALL.
—Peter Sierra, Santa Monica, CA

Too much power, over information and content, too to few companies.
—Deborah Ann Saylor, Homestead, FL

The internet is important to me because the internet allows me to get away from stressful, boring everyday life and experience new funny and weird things.
—Robit, Tacoma, WA

Net Neutrality ensures that I will not be discriminated against because I am not a corporation with the money to pay to be an equal. Net Neutrality ensures my freedom of speech on the internet, the most powerful global forum in human history.
—Xodia Choate, Las Cruces, NM

If the government denies its public net neutrality, then perhaps we're not that much different than the oppressive countries many brave men and women gave up their lives for in order to extend the reaches of democracy and the republic. Do what's right for the citizens of this country, not what makes your bank account more attractive. You're a public servant sworn to protect the interests of those that put you in office, NOT a turncoat who will side with the first company that offers them big incentives!
—Samuel Kim, Oakland Gardens, NY

fuck you and your obstruction of a fundamental right to do whatever the fuck I want(If, which I'm not, harming anyone).
—Kari Van Mols, Kailua Kona, HI

Net Neutrality is important to me because as a professional in the non-profit sector, there is no way I would be able to compete with for profit companies for the attention of the masses, if a Pay to Play system emerges.
—Alex Fritz, Bakersfield, CA

Do not interfere with net nuetrality. Stop trying
—Ava, Los Angeles, CA

You are rich cunts that would force children to pay fee to enter a basic playground if you could. I hope you understand how evil you are now. Kindest regards The middle finger
—Bajs, Hawaii, DC

I thought the government was suppose to be for us. Now, it just seems it wants to find more ways to control us.
—Andrew Butler, Norfolk, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because I like the freedom to access any site I choose at no additional cost. Do not get rid of net neutrality. Keep the internet the way it is presently.
—Karen Espinosa, Richardson, TX

Your position was created to prevent things like this, now you're abusing the power we gave to you.
—Alisha Henderson, San Diego, CA

The internet needs to stay free. It's the only hope some people have in America.
—Ms. Anon Smith, Anon, IL

I grew up as the internet was first evolving socially. Ive seen the begining where people had to have logins to access the only legitimate source of information "Encyclopedia Britannica" and other "exclusive" sources of information public schools, parents, and teachers were forced to purchase to give themselves access to the information stored on the internet. Now all of that is constantly uploaded free of charge to everyone. This country is founded upon not distinguishing between people, ideas, and the sharing of that information. These laws do exactly the opposite. The stranglehold on television already maintained by companies, that almost everyone fully agrees squanders the openness of our television opportunities is being moved to the internet that has for my entire life been free. Already Verizon cuts down on peoples speeds, funnels traffic slower through youtube while providing crystal clear commercials. The recent changes opened up a tiny fraction of an opening for corporate behemoths like Verizon to abuse their control in a matter of months. Everyone deserves access to the internet at an equal rate, the control these companies want is not only unnecessary, but hazardous to the web itself, which is a cultural font that has not been seen in generations.
—Tyler McDonald, Bradenton, FL

America is about freedom, yet corporations are always trying to find ways to take it away from us. The internet is the first amendment of this generation, we all deserve net neutrality don't give in to big business they already charge us up the ass for something many other countries get for free. That is the direction we should be headed.
—Jennifer Swearingen, Jacksonville, FL

Net Neutrality means freedom, paying an ISP for data means actually receiving it unblocked, no matter if it's education, videos, blogs, or overall content. The Internet connects businesses, people, and governments. Keep it untolled with middlemen.
—Justin, San Simon, AZ

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a place where information is exchanged freely. Putting barriers on internet access inhibits the exchange of new ideas, information, and reduces opportunities for learning.
—Mackenzie, Kansas City, MO

Internet restrictions like this would be a step backward.
—Samantha Nantz, Londpm, KY

ISP's are trying to turn internet access into everything we hate about cable and satellite television. Striking down net neutrality would greatly stifle the greatest achievement in modern history, if not all of history. Keep internet access neutral, unhindered by those who would use it only to make a profit, not as a tool to spread ideas and content.
—James, Boise, ID

Telecom companies are just providers of a service and have no right in meddling with the internet
—Brian, cerritos, CA

If I ever start my own website, I don't want to have to bribe the cable companies for other people to be able to see my content.
—Jonathan Kulakofsky, Bloomfield, CT

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Free communication of ideas for everyone should be the standard.
—Kayla Penny, Bellevue, NE

The Internet was bases on one fact, fast free information. Having to pay for the Internet and the to get away from the main bs you want us to pay even more. If anything the ceos should take a pay cut and reduce the price of the Internet instead of making us pay more.
—James Creekbaum, Caldwell, ID

The internet is the internet because it's a free and open place. In America, it is the new front of what used to be the American Dream. We hate the way cable is structured: don't try to apply that to the internet: They've betrayed the American people more than once before.
—Alan Johnson, Canoga Park, CA

Listen to the people speak -- we want to protect net neutrality. PROTECT the internet. Please, LISTEN TO US. We the people.
—Alexandra Saari, Big Rapids, MI

You are probably reading this right now, sifting through comments, and sorting out the BS. I'm here to tell you, as a educated network engineer with years of experience, that the idea of "fast lanes" and ISP oligopoly has to stop. Peering laws need to be set to be fair to the content provider, and not allow ISPs to limit speed/connections to content. Classify broadband internet as a Tier-II service and promote healthy competition. Support business and startups by making the internet fast, affordable, and equal as a right for all. The will promote knowledge and communication, and we as a nation are failing at delivering a service compared to our allies. Europeans have progressive internet reform, and are setting the example that the rest of the world needs to observe and apply. The bottom line for all of this: Clean up the new FCC rulings to actually promote growth instead of being a detriment to the nation. After, defend the rules. Don't let the ISPs loophole their way back to an oligopoly, classify broadband as a Tier-II service.
—Keith Adler, Dallas, TX

Try to take our guns, we give an outcry. Try to force Obamacare, another outcry. Political injustice, more civil unrest. Do you really think tampering with the internet is an even wiser idea? We use this for our fun. Our research. Our jobs, our promotions. Here, everyone has an equal chance to rise up and get somewhere in life. We can communicate all over the world, share our opinions, our beliefs, our cultures. I've helped many people get over emotional distress and suicidal desires because I happened to be in the same video game as them. I managed to do good in this world, through something so amazing as the internet, thanks to the fact anyone and everyone has equal standing here. Removing that away... you damage the lives of many people around the country. No one in their right mind should believe this is a good idea. How many times has a bill of this nature been stopped? We will not cease, we being the People, until such notions no longer plague our country. Take the corporate greed elsewhere. The internet belongs to us, not the ISPs, not the rich businessmen, and not the political monkies in top-hats.
—Steven, Crosby, TX

I'd really appreciate it if you stopped doing this now, thanks. See, some of us need regulatory agencies to actually do their jobs, because otherwise we're going to end up with sub-par services. I'd rather keep the internet awesome than line the pockets of someone at Verizon. It's not like their deals hold water to begin with, so maybe you should -stop- making it easier for them to screw us, hmm?
—Fred R., Pittsburgh, PA

For bloody fucks sake! Stop trying to fuck with the goddamn fucking net neutrality. It's goddamn fucking good thing! Leave it the Fuck alone! Thank you ~Claire
—Claire, cedar rapids, IA

Net Neutrality is important because Americans are being forced to deal with being enslaved to ISPs who already throttle our internet unnecessarily, charge exorbitant prices for internet access, and provide internet access that is orders of magnitudes slower than those found in Europe. In the United States, I pay nearly $30 a month for a 1 megabyte per second, where individuals in Estonia pay that for internet speeds nearly 800 times faster. Allowing ISPs to throttle internet access is at best disgusting, and at worst allowing a monopoly to form. In fact, Time Warner Cable has already achieved a monopoly in the ISP business in the state of North Carolina, where I reside. I already intend to switch to Google Fiber as soon as it arrives in our city, as I refuse to pay Time Warner Cable for slow internet at obscene prices any longer than I must.
—J Jayce Brooks, Durham, NC

A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship.
—Jim Novak, Absecon, NJ

Net neutrality is crucial to continuing the development of human culture as a whole. If taken away it could potentially crush the grassroots subcultures that currently exist. Putting a stop to any development of furthering human culture through means of a free internet.
—Erik R Sundblad, Fort Collins, CO

The Internet is one source of media that hasn't been completely compromised by the corruption of our government. So please uphold your childhood dream of getting into politics to help protect the American people instead of obviously being persuaded by money of companies that I'm sure are aiding in your decision. Thank you.
—John Munoz, Chicago, IL

The internet is fine the way it is. For once protect the consumer from greedy corporations. The internet doesn't need to be regulated any further than it already is.
—Dalton, san leandro, CA

The internet has been working perfectly fine for ages now. The simple saying "If it isn't broken why fix it" should be applied here so money hungry business's can learn something.
—Jonathan Baker, Bell, CA

I want to be able to go to any website and view any content whenever I want to. Freedom of speech and new, fresh ideas are what make the internet amazing!
—Greg Skinkle, Jackson, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me. It should be protected.
—Tom Renwick, Owosso, MI

The Internet has transformed the social, cultural, economic, and academic landscape for nearly the entire world. On scales both large and small, people nearby and far flung can come together in a manner of community for almost any reason, on websites well or little known. New and small businesses have turned to the freedom of the Internet to reach customers that they otherwise would and could not have. Academia has benefited from the ability through the Internet to present new as well as old ideas, especially in far greater number, through online journals, paper-sharing platforms such as Academia.edu, and countless blogs. The rewards reaped from the Internet as it exists today, an open, free environment that favors none inherently over others, are far too many to count. The end of "net neutrality" by the provision of a two-tier system will not, as promised by the system's proponents, add an extra layer to the status quo, maintaining the same values and opportunities. It will, no doubt eventually, simply descend into plutocratic favoritism enabled by a quasi-monopolistic ISP landscape. It would be a rare and hitherto unseen thing that the corporate structure which currently handles Internet service and which would, under the proposed system, control the shape and speed of user access, that this structure should selflessly and virtuously refrain from abusing that power for capital gain. The abuse of this power is the essence of corruption and violates this country's social mores favoring fairness.
—Thomas Motter, Houston, TX

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=NAxMyTwmu_M that why pls dont pass it
—Frank Harris, Gary, IN

Net neutrality, is important so that large companies do not have more of an unfair advantage over a small business or website just because they have money.
—Chris Martin, Phoenix, AZ

Because it's just common sense.
—Brian, El Cajon, CA

i don't need the guys with the most money controlling what i see on the internet. everybody deserves an equal chance to get their content out regardless of who they are.
—Ernie Garcia, houston, TX

Its the only place I can be myself and keep myself together instead of breaking down crying everynight
—Tristan Swick, Shelby Twp., MI

Please protect the TRULY American Ideal that any and all entrepreneurs/inventors/artist s can have access to the tools they need to succeed or the permission to express themselves freely - America is based on the ability to start with nothing and grow your own success story, a free and open internet is part of the modern life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.
—Elizabeth Setlow, Seattle, WA

The Internet has allowed us as a society to accomplish some pretty phenomenal things. It's not just used for entertainment, but actually has the ability to create social change. For example, YouTube channels such as Khan Academy, TED Talks, and PBS Digital Studios have made it easier for people from diverse backgrounds to access educational materials, regardless of geographic location, income level, age, etc. Education plays a large role in a person's ability to achieve success, and therefore the Internet is increasing the potential of success for many citizens and residents of this country. Not only does the Internet contribute to the education levels of individuals, it is also a vital medium for communication. We use the Internet to communicate with one another in much the same ways as we use phone services. Therefore it would be appropriate to reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service. The FCC cannot accept any proposals which would allow Internet Service Providers to break the Internet into slow and fast lanes. Allowing such a system to exist would likely create unexpected loopholes which would inevitably be exploited in the future by Internet Service Providers and other companies or individuals who are interested in personal or financial gain and have no interest in the public good. Access to the Internet should be provided at the same speed for all content in order to maintain Net Neutrality and equality across the board. As a society, it is in our best interest to enable competition to the greatest extent possible. If the FCC makes it possible for Internet Service Providers to provide Internet access at different speeds, it would create a system which naturally favors already-established, well-funded companies, minimizing competition from less wealthy startups. This is completely unacceptable.
—Shelley Maclean, Gainesville, FL

The Internet is important to me because, student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Harry Wright, Kelakekua, HI

This is pure corporate greed. There is absolutely no other reason for splitting up the internet into a bunch of corporations. The internet is bigger than any of us, even you, FCC.
—Samuel Adelman, Chicago, IL

Since you old bastards are going to be dead soon anyway, please don't try to fuck us young people over so hard. I'm already running low on lubricant from Obamacare and a bunch of other shit that's been rammed up my bum, so please, for the sake of my rear end, quit fucking around. Sincerely, A Scarred Anus
—Evan Schwartz, Rolling Meadows, IL

This is by far the most terrifying thing the government has ever attempted to do! Stop this!
—Kelli, Staffordsville, KY

It worries me that we even have to explain why a pay-to-play internet is an incredibly bad idea.
—Christopher Quinn-Vawter, Corrales, NM

From my day to day life of waking up and doing the same shit over and over again, the internet is my escape. It unties me from this monotone reality which is relatively repetitive. For many like myself, I see the internet as a community which does not judge, discriminate or hate. Anyone could be anybody on the internet and have the freedoms they have on the internet in which they do not have in their day to day lives. Internet is love. Internet is life.
—Vincent Grap, Tucumcari, NM

The Internet is important to me because, as a military member and aspiring, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I may have to learn and keep up on. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies, how am I supposed to get an unbiased or objective opinion on what's going on in the nation? What's stopping companies like Fox, CNN, or MSNBC from paying the greater amount of money to make their "news" the only one available? Why deprive the next generation of a wealth of knowledge, information, and facts that is, and should remain, free?
—Andrew Marosok, Colorado Springs, CO

I believe I have the right to see, read, and hear whatever I want to, whenever I want to on the internet. Its practically why it was made. So people can have faster access to information that would have taken hours, days or weeks to obtain through any obsolete methods. Net Neutrality is important for students, teachers, self- employed workers and literally thousands of others. It must remain, If we let companies like Comcast or Verizon take control of this freedom we can most likely say goodbye to all of that. Sure, they can make deals that certain websites like Google and Wikipedia can remain as "basic cable" but that will destroy thousands of homemade websites designed for small businesses, family memoirs, etc. Also what of all the links of information that Google will lead us to would I have to pay just to go to a lesser known source? Net Neutrality has to stay intact or else the internet will come to pieces all because of a some hungry pockets.
—Elizabeth Rivas, Savannah, GA

This seems like an extremely shitty legacy to leave your children. Corporations already own all other forms of media and are even allowed religious liberties they use to deny their employees benefits, why would you allow them to take the last market of free information?
—Nolan, Burnsville, MN

Y u fuck with internet? I understand that the enormity of the world wide web may make it seem like a goldmine to you folks working at the ISPs but you seem to underestimate the residents of the internet. And no, I don't mean tweens and housemoms on Facebook, pinterest, tumblr, etc. I mean people who essentially spend their whole lives on the internet, who eat, sleep, and breath the internet. You may do your best to control the traffic of the internet, but they will find a way to circumvent and ignore your attempts, and they will distribute it to whoever needs it. All we are asking is for you to play nice with the netizens and do not treat us like children.
—Anon#666, LOL, NY

The internet should be free, not censored.
—Kaitlynn Riehl, Bend, OR

So why would you even
—J, ny, AL

Please protect me my friends :(
—Jamey, Las Cruces, NM

Greed shouldn't ruin what's left of value for the good American people. I think enough is enough.
—Kenneth Z, Sterling, VA

Because of the freedom of expression which it allows every person with an internet connection to enjoy. Removing net neutrality would obliterate the chance of start ups like tumblr, facebook, youtube, and countless other sites of ever getting the chance to succeed, thus hindering the potential profits of the future. Don't sellout the internet to the old corporations, instead please leave it be so that others may succeed.
—John Eggerth, San Ramon, CA

Protect the internet and shame on corporations hindering it.
—Ji, la jolla, CA

As a freelance illustrator, Net Neutrality is extremely important for me to make any sort of living doing what I love. If the ability to project my own voice and body of work on the internet is taken away, the years I spent in college will have been entirely wasted, since the net is the only reason I (and countless creatives like myself) have any success in the professional post-grad world.
—Kaitlin Baumann, Wabasso, MN

Creative thinking, originality, and innovation--each are fueled by the current internet. Do not supplement a new business strategy to extinguish these important aspects of humanity.
—Dylan Fehl, Lawrence, KS

The internet is best when it can serve all of us equally. If controlled by select corporations, it will benefit select interests most and everyday people least. I want to see the internet stay a fair place for myself and everyone else and not just a tool to make money.
—Tim Goble, San Francisco, CA

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Molly T, Palmetto, GA

Net neutrality is part of the "DNA" of the internet and "de-neutralization" would create inequality between the have and have-nots.
—Don, Irvine, CA

RECLASSIFY THE INTERNET AS A PUBLIC UTILITY. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS AGAINST THESE COMMUNICATION MONOPOLIES CONTROLLING THE INTERNET FOR THEIR MALICIOUS GAIN. NOBODY, NOBODY ELSE GAINS FROM THIS. TO SIGN AGAINST NET NEUTRALITY IS TO SIGN AGAINST THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.
—Anthony R, Langhorne, PA

Big ISPs have not invested in the internet and made it more competitive and brought faster bandwidth cheaper. Instead they mostly have each have small monopolies. Do not allow them to engage in unfair business practice to charge more to innovative companies. Innovation will go away.
—Cris, San Francisco, CA

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If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
—Alex Eaton, Chester, VA

It is as though as Americans, we are slowly losing our "freedoms" by infringement little by little because as a group, we're too afraid to do anything because we think big corporations will always win. But this has seriously got to stop! How much more money do people really need!? Net neautrality is important because it gives us the feeling that we still have control over our lives. It may be a leap, poor analogy, whichever, but our government and committees like FCC are pushing their luck. Keep your hundreds of millions of people happy, not the few up on top with the "big bucks". Last I knew, we were paying you big bucks too, already.
—Ashley Senske, Ashville, NY

We need internet more than you or any of these companies need their money. Please do not follow through with the plan of getting rid of net neutrality
—Jason, lake zurich, IL

The Internet is the epitome of global freedom and it should remain this way. People always find a way to circumvent pre-approved content and the Internet has been loved for that reason. If you hurt its neutrality, you are hurting everyone who is using in. Sellouts.
—Ani Ivanova, Provincetown, MA

HELP SAVE THE INTERNET
—Cassie Hawkes, Portland, OR

There is enough greed in our society. This is just more of it.
—Greg Pena, Shelby, NC

We want the internet to remain as free to everyone as it has always been!
—Jacob Ker, Albany, OR

This is nothing short of a violation of our freedom. We are quite literally going backwards. Cable becomes free and then internet (in a backwards way) becomes a corporate run entity? Thomas Jefferson would roll over in his grave if he knew what the "land of the free" had become. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Sellouts.
—Tarin Gibson, Royal oak, MI

The internet deserves to be a place where people can have acess to the info they want and not beholden to companies that wish to throttle user and content providers with paywalls, which will destroy innovation and free flow of knowledge
—Ryan Calimlim, Long Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is all that stands in the way of protecting the only true even playing field; the internet. If we remove this one golden source for creativity and wit, we doom the entire world to be a place run by the present. Passing this bill enslaves the future to the wills of greedy, money-grabbing corporations, rather than those who seek change for the good change brings!
—Conner Kleismit, White Lake, MI

I don't want small startups and independent artists to get royally screwed over because of the huge companies who can afford to monopolize internet traffic.
—Kelsey, Bellevue, WA

Taking away our choice and imposing control that comes from a larger group (in which we have no say) is against the American ideal. How far away is true censorship when a company can block something that it disagrees with or true statements that it finds defamatory? How long before a company could block a site that teaches about Tiananmen Square because it wants to? The other thing is that this type of policy has been brought up before, and it has been spoken against VEHEMENTLY. Why do you persist to pass a bill that the citizens DO NOT WANT? We have spoken numerous times, how many more times must we speak before our voices are heard and understood? I hope that it isn't pure greed that drives your motives, but as this happens again and again it leaves me with little hope. Giving the few and powerful direct control over the many without due representation is a terrible step to make. Stop doing this.
—Alexander Glatfelter, Adamstown, MD

I've grown up in a world with internet. I've met my best friends and found a support system online. I've never been happier than on the freedom of the internet. The freedom of the internet is incredible important.
—Jenna, Decatur, GA

We need a functioning democracy with a multiplicity of citizen's voices here, NOT a disastrous corporate monopoly!!!
—Kevin B Havener, Chicago, IL

fuck you fcc you piece of shit
—Ms. John Vahlkamp, chicago, AL

The internet does NOT belong to Time Warner/COMCAST. It was built by people like me, who gave it to the citizens of the world to improve the lives of all people.
—Joe King, anaheim, CA

Every day I struggle with depression. And my many websites I visit everyday help me through it. If any of them were affected by this...I....I honestly don't know what I would do. Please do not do this. From the bottom.of my broken heart.
—Billy Loper, seminary, MS

Protect Net Neutrality. Your proposed changes to the laws on the books will promote discriminatory business practices. By providing the legal framework for companies to charge for services that citizens are already paying for, you open a legal avenue for exploitation by ISP's. ISP's whom have grown comfortable improving revenue outlooks for stockholders, instead of bolstering their aging network infrastructure. The advent of streaming options for video have overrun the capabilities of ISP's, and in order to maintain the situation mentioned above, most major ISP's have resorted to throttling. This was understandable for a time, but this has been happening for years now. And ISP's have not done all they could have to increase their network capacities. Now, it could be possible that ISP's would use the fees they charge content providers or customers to upgrade their network infrastructure, but they won't. Why? Because they are corporations. As long as their customers experience some service, they won't see a need to improve. If the customer is forced to stick with anywhere from one to three ISP's, all of which are not improving their networks, there will always be a customer. That money will be revenue. The US lags behind other developed countries in regards to network infrastructure. Partly because of the vast distances that ISP's are forced to contend with, yes. But also because if none of them are making progress, none of them will feel overtly compelled to step above each other. If there's an unspoken agreement to not go above and beyond, no one will. The FCC may have the power to do so. Something to think about. In closing, please do not tip the laws surrounding Net Neutrality towards ISP's. Please. If anything, alter them to further protect Net Neutrality. Possibly consider laws to end the unspoken truce among ISP's. If anything please take action to spur improvements to the infrastructure barely holding up our nations internet services. Support the people paying for these services, instead of serving corporate interests.
—Michael Cain, Scottsdale, AZ

Net neutrality is important for the growth of the world as we know it. There are so many possibilities that would be missed if it's regulated. The idea of companies to pay for access to customers will only hurt newcomers and limit what we can see.
—Amann Islam, Katy, TX

America was founded on the freedom of opportunity and to stop the oppression of tyranny. To take away net neutrality is to remove those values from our culture. Keep net neutrality, stop taking away freedoms.
—Christine Lovas, Blacksburg, VA

The internet is a key piece in almost every US citizen's everyday life. How can we restrict access to something that is so essential in today's world? Simply put, you can't.
—Collin Ross, Portland, TX

A free and open exchange, not one 'supervised' is inherent to an open society. I support net neutrality.
—Sherri Marklinger, Bellaire, TX

Dear FCC, Please keep net neutrality, in place, forever. Awesome. Thanks. - Russ
—Russ Garwood, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is important in helping smaller businesses succeed.
—Harley Catt, Nashville, TN

I am strongly for net neutrality, it helps my family sustain ourselves through multiple start ups and websites/blogs. Freedom of the internet is a major factor in our life and how we live.
—Andrew Wladyka, Portsmouth, RI

Net neutrality is important to keep as it's unfair to extort others for your own personal gain.
—Savannah Faxon, Plover, WI

I want the internet to remain as it is, neutral and free for all, because it is the great connector of our world. Small startups and large companies alike deserve the same amount of respect and bandwidth. Do not mess with it.
—Juan Alvarado, Ladson, SC

Destroying Net Neutrality would be a devastating blow to humanity as a whole. The ability to be judged on the content of your speech and your heart has never been so tangible and available to the world. Any step which would hinder this, especially in the United States where we have built a society on the idea that all men are created equal, and that the right to voice our beliefs, opinions, or even complaints, would be immoral. We must stand as the heralds of the world that we want to see. No matter the mistakes of the past or the present, our future is still in our hands. We cannot control others, nor should we, but we can take a stand within our own houses and be an example of the greatness that is within the grasp of everyone who is willing to reach for it. Though my house is small, it is important. Though my neighbors house is small, it is important. FCC, your house is large but the importance of your house comes not from its size, but from the fact that you hold power, for better or worse, which will effect all of our houses. Do not forget that the houses you serve are not the House of Representatives (nor their roommates the Senate), the White House, nor the Court House. The houses you serve are those of every man, woman, and child on the soil of this beloved country. Do that which we can point to in coming days and say "This is what makes freedom worth striving for" so that one day our children will pass on the same message to their own children.
—Spencer Allen Eyring, Provo, UT

We have the right to a free internet. I state my protest against Internet Neutrality.
—Beverly, Huntsville, AL

I thrive on information I get from the Internet. It's one of the many reasons I'm so careful and responsible. It has helped me make better life choices, as well.
—John Svitek, Aurora, IL

Dear FCC, I'm Nero and I live in Sweden. 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 Adolf Hitler will have won. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because your daughters will start selling their bodies and get raped thanks to greed. The Internet is important to me because, as a human being, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed. Sincerely, Nero Sweden
—Nero, Eskilstuna, WA

What the fuck is wrong with you
—Wick, jdhehdh, OH

Protect net neutrality. It's the internet.
—Jason Yan, New York, NY

This is a turning point in America. If net neutrality is compromised, it will be one of the largest "fuck you's" powerful companies could throw at the American population. The United States has made some questionable, if not downright retrogressive, decisions in the past but this would be one of the worst. If there's any shred of a conscience left in the minds of those making this decision, the right choice isn't hard to see. Choose it, and let freedom reign a little while longer in the Land of the Free.
—James Zogran, Blacksburg, VA

The internet has had such a wonderful impact on the entire world. Please do not let providers or agencies limit what is available to all of us and keep cost of use reasonable for everyone Thank you
—Gloria Hardcastle, Austin, TX

i want to use the internet to further my education and if the internet is limited i wont be able to plan out my future. i cant afford "deluxe" internet
—Trevor McKern, Marion, IA

I have filled out so many of these forms over the past few years that I have simply run out of steam to rant and vent my frustrations. It's such a sinking, disappointing feeling to see these types of bills resurface again and again and again. The people have voiced our opinions on the bills each time, and it has not changed the minds of our politicians. Instead they change the wording of the same horrible idea to try and tiptoe around the desires of the citizens they represent. In history books, this encroachment on freedoms shall surely be highlighted as one of the darker periods of our government, and our politicians selfishness and greed won't go without notice.
—Kayla M., Clearwater, FL

Please don't get rid of net neutrality. It is needed to keep the internet a use full source of information. Without net neutrality many sites would suffer and the internet as a whole would suffer.
—Bruno, Longwood, FL

the internet needs to be for all
—Mario Hammer, Melbourne, AL

internet neutrality is important to me because it allows me to see beautiful things that i would never dream of seeing. it help me see new ideas and things that go against what i normal think.
—Bradley Roberts, winnamucca nv, NV

Net Neutrality is very important, not only to me, but to MANY people. Please think of others, and not only yourself. America is supposed to be land of the free, not land of the free* (*only applies to rich, spoiled people.)
—Natalie Ortiz, Hayward, CA

In a world without net neutrality, many of today's most important internet websites would never have come into being. A pay-to-play internet access system stifles innovation and as a result slows job growth.
—Brian Phillips, Washington, DC

Don't make the internet a terrible expensive place. It is fine how it is. Do not make it like cable TV with all of the things you have to buy. Sincerely, An American Citizen (That thinks the government should do a better job of upholding its duty to protect the people's rights, not the corporations' rights...)
—Luke, Lake Oswego, OR

Dear FCC, quit this bullshit. Net neutrality is important in that with out it, studying for school would take a lot of time and even more money. Having the right to create a website that can get a lot of traffic is essential to my industry as a graphic and web designer. If people had to pay extra to view my site, I would starve and die.
—Zach, seaside, CA

Having equal access to the internet is important.
—Nathan Cao, La Jolla, CA

If I wanted people telling me what websites I can and cannot view, I'd more to North Korea. You are making the US literally worse than North Korea in terms of freedom of information.
—Richard Pelkey, Lawndale, NC

I am able to learn how to do so many things that I have never been able to achieve before through the vast amount of resources available to me. If net neutrality would no longer exist, the amount of resources available for me to learn from would shrink those resources to a minuscule amount.
—Moosa Al-Nimer, Chicago, IL

I thought this was America! Huh? Isn't this America? I'm sorry, I thought this was America!
—Rachel C, San Jose, CA

ISPs should not have the right to limit my bandwidth to certain sites or services as they see fit.
—William Pearn, Oklahoma City, OK

I am currently a high school student who wishes to share his opinion on the FCC, it is wrong. You already know that, that's why your trying to hide it from public eyes. If you do carry out the FCC "act" I hope that in the future that there will be protest (that are peaceful) that will force you to change your mind and follow the will of the people. If you do pass the FCC you are having the internet monopolized by the current popular websites and increasing it's cost tenfold. This will be a bump in the road for technology to continue as it's been for the past 20 years and give new websites a harder chance at starting up.
—Daniel Christian Brown, Copperas Cove, TX

Net neutrality Is a staple of the Internet and needs to be implemented in order to ensure equality for anyone wanting to use the Internet. I am for net neutrality
—Imanouel Moshe Tsimchi, Tarzana, CA

I believe netneutrality is impprtant. It helps protect free speech and stops big buisness isp's from limiting what content i can view. What is speech without the listener? How can we claim to protect the freedom of speech if we limit who can listen to it. Allowing companys to limit or constrain what content or speech i can view is clearly against the first amendment and infringes on the basic right that i as an american citizen am entitled to.
—Blake c Washburn, San diego, CA

We need a fair internet, allowing the big companies to pay for traffic, when they get more than enough as already is criminal and if there's an ounce of decency left in you, you'll understand and act on our point of view, don't let our talents squander for your big fat paycheck!
—Sue, Tampa, FL

As a entrepreneur living in Silicon Valley, this is a really, really bad idea.
—Mr. Dustin Boyer, San Francisco, CA

I enjoy my freedoms. I don't enjoy having them taken away.
—Kurtis Eberhardt, Boise, ID

The Internet is one of the last few places where people can be free and new, amazing, life changing ideas can be made. We need to protect the Internet. It needs to be free and open for all.
—Ryan Coffey, New York, NY

I want net neutrality so that I may still go on the on an Internet where my voice will be heard and be important. I also want people to prevail over money, when it comes to the Internet, as it is the singular biggest tool humanity has ever had and probably ever will have. It deserves to go towards everyone, with privileges being kept to a minimum.
—Alexandre Hebert, Boise, ID

The internet is meant to be a place where everyone gets to say what they want no matter their status. If the net can't stay neutral and we lost our one place where our voice CAN be made heard, then we will lose a common freedom that is rightfully ours as people. The rich and powerful shouldn't be able to control everything. At least let us have one place where people can see each other as equals. Please don't take that away from us.
—Ryan, Tampa, FL

The internet is a place where anyone can find access to millions of other people. It is the last place where there is actually a level playing field for those with great ideas to contribute to society. Don't let businesses monopolize it like we have let them do to everything else!
—Stephen, Corpus Christi, TX

Please don't let corporation ruin another beautiful thing.
—Mike Mewada, sugarland, TX

This is about freedom. I won't let the FCC take away our freedom without a fight!
—Ella Mangini, Mesa, AZ

The internet is one of the last places where all people have and equal voice and equal chance to be heard.
—Rachel, Denver, CO

The internet is one of the few places left in the world not completely controlled by rich, white males who look only to promote their own agenda. Why give them the internet when they already own the rest of the world? We're supposed to live in a country where everyone has the opportunity to make it big and live the 'American Dream' and yet at every turn, this seems to be taken more and more by those who already have everything. It's ridiculous that one would think it would be a good idea to get rid of net neutrality. Who benefits other than the already rich? We already have a country filled with people below the poverty line, with a 1% that owns billions, if not trillions of dollars, and you wish to take away more from those trying to work their way to the top?
—Veronica Ellis, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet should be a place free of unnecessary, unavoidable, ridiculous billing. It's meant to be a place to share the high-points, low-points, and in-between-points of the creativity, freedom, and all around personality of the human race. Bringing big companies into the mix to make a profit off of something that all of us as a mutual community enjoy, is just... it's ridiculous, and horrible. Leave it be. Please, for the love of god, leave it be. That's all we're asking, just, take your business somewhere else.
—Devin Jones, West Jordan, NV

The maker of the internet intended it to be free for all people across the glob, KEEP IT FREE!
—Christophe, Wesley Chapel, FL

I support net neutrality.Internet provides access to news, culture, information and entertainment and is a key aspect of the country. Access to non-commercial content at a reasonable speed is a fundamental requirement for a democracy.
—Josephine Foucher, San Francisco, CA

If they were to discontinue net neutrality, I'd like to think that I would stop using the internet as a protest. But, most likely, I will ether stop using it because none of the sites that I like will load, or I will continue using the internet, but at what price? The things that made me happy will be gone. I will be sitting in a poor copy of what used to be so great. Please, please, I am asking you to continue with NN.
—Liz Lane, Maryville, TN

I like pictures of cats
—Luke, eugene, OR

Dear FFC. Please don't turn the internet into one of your little screw-over-the-viewer games. The internet is what made people happy. Not Survivor.
—Quinn Perry, Brisbane, NY

Net Neutrality should be protected from those who would exploit the internet and web services for profits and large cheques and payouts.
—Jennifer Newsom, Anchorage, AK

I feel that Net Neutrality is important to me because without it the Internet is no better than TV or the radio because it will be so heavily controlled and restricted that all innovation and creativity that is currently happening on the internet will be significantly impacted in a highly negative and potentially volatile way. If we lose this freedom then who's to say we won't lose more? And we've lost enough freedoms as it is.
—Adam Erickson, Lancaster, CA

Keep internet neutrality--it is for the people, by the people. Granting major corporations to act as gatekeepers will restrict and ruin it!
—Curt M, Los Angeles, CA

Because I want to have access to all the information I need, not just the companies that pay to have their information shown.
—Caleb King, Alamogordo, NM

Why should others have the right to control which content is the most readily viewed? Has anyone realized that if this passes, underground methods will just take over to the point where the internets eventually becomes obsolete? Anyone remember Napster? Clearly taking them down solved the issue of copyrighted content being downloaded.
—Stacey wood, Denver, CO

i want to be able to chose from all the options and make my own appropriate choices. you should trust us to know better
—Scott Glover, Fairfield, CA

Restrictions will cause problems to us as individuals, I'm sure billions stand beside me when I say we demand net neutrality for the better and not for the unjust.
—Juan Juarez, Everett, WA

Net Neutrality fosters ideas and innovation, while giving the gift of immense available knowledge.
—Whitney Sara, Philadelphia, PA

Freedom is the principle tenant that this country was founded on. When our own government begins to fight against those freedoms, we begin to draw dangerously near to the same conditions in those countries we have fought against for that freedom for so many years. There is no difference between financially engineering internet content to favor certain parties, and burning books. We are supposed to be the voice of reason, fighting those that would burn books.
—Chris Thompson, Seward, AK

You're proving why we can't have nice things in America anymore. You'll be stunting growth of the economy and creativity if you think charging more for upgraded internet is a good idea.
—Victoria, Woodland, CA

Because without the freedom to express ourselves on the internet we'd have to do so in the public, around your family, with all of our friends, isn't that why rich people live behind big fancy gates anyway? Besides, you're already taking all my money through the school system, the internet is the only part of my university that is technically "free," where I am free. I'm paying $20,000 a year to get a piece of paper which will tell me I accomplished something that is meaningful to the powerful people who will hopefully hire me, in the process of receiving this paper I will go through stressful parts of my life in which I will need to vent, in which case I have three options; the internet, the alcohol, and the friends. When even one of the two latter options fails I, and many of my colleagues, will turn to our first option, the internet. It is where we (most Americans) can express ourselves, divulge into new and interesting topics which can spark creativity the likes of which this nation has yet to witness. By revoking net neutrality you're destroying a life, not that of a person but that of an idea. Even more so you're taking away the one pillar which supports and drives the future generations of this seemingly failing nation of ours, potential. (Also, dick move shutting down the other site used to express our opinions that was very...Jong Un, of you). Sincerely, A college student, with huge dreams, no money, and a sh** ton of potential.
—Ray, Glendale, AZ

I support net neutrality. I have had serious problems with depression and anxiety in my past. The ability to connect with so many people across the world with the same issues is a blessing. I realize I am not alone; I have an entire world of support. You don't always find the best supporters in a chat room about your issues. Sometimes you find them on YouTube, on Reddit, on Imgur. Unbridled access helps connect people in th best of ways. And let's be honest with ourselves, not everyone in the world is rich. Not everyone has money. Some, like me, can't even afford our medical bills but we CAN afford to sit in a cafe and connect with the best therapists available: peers who go through the same issue. Trying to take away neutrality is like trying to make a person pay to enter another state. It's stupid, irresponsible, and so greedy you should all be ashamed of yourselves.
—Shelby Riddle, Providence, KY

How long are we going to sell our souls, principles and morals for mere profit? The internet is the future of all of us and it belongs to all mankind, not companies who think that if they wave money around to corrupt politicians and government officials, they can do whatever they want.
—Tudor, Washington DC, DC

The internet is something that cannot be tamed. Do no try to tame it.
—Meredith, auburntown, TN

Incredible startups and new technologies have been created by the open internet we have now. Technology such as social media, the Oculus Rift, and revolutionary 3d printing breakthrough. And either way, are you really willing to adopt such a totalitarian, evil means of control of the internet? Land of the free... don't shahttp://www.facebook.com/pro file.php?=743264506ckle lady liberty. This isnt china.
—Hannah Shepard, Aurora, CO, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows me and everyone else to express themselves, it is a form of freedom, it is a place to be discovered and recognized for what you're talented in. Net Neutrality is important for everyone.
—Alexandra Hamner, Selma, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because it a market that has not been ruined by money hungry individuals. If net neutrality passes there will be a decline in the overall worth of the internet. An increase in total costs to consumers and a decrease in start-up ventures able to succeed against large companies. ISPs as it stands today have more then enough power. With cable companies not competing against one another nor do internet providers. Would it really be a good idea to give these monopolies more power?
—Michael, Parma, OH

Nobody should be able to buy the internet.
—James, New York, NY

Internet is a place where the American dream is most accessible. Taking that away wouldn't be advisable.
—James Au, Roseville, MN

The internet needs to free, as in freedom. The internet belongs to the people. The service belongs to the provider and they should only be paid to maintain the service, that's it.
—Keith Watamura, Honolulu, HI

The free flow of ideas on the internet is one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen. Be it a video of a baby chinchilla or an educational science blog, I don't want that limited in any way.
—James Oleander, Deland, FL

Because the internet equals freedom.
—Narek Shahbandarian, Glendale, CA

Because corporation should not be put before the interest of the public!
—Gustavo Marquez, Aurora, CO

Freedom to look at any type of content i want is what the internet is all about.
—Andrew Brown, Leesville, SC

Net Neutrality means I have the freedom to choose what I want to see or not see, and doesn't leave that choice up to someone I've never met. I can't imagine how taking away net neutrality can be legal under the first amendment to the Constitution. honestly, it's gonna be a bigger waste of time than any sort of aide on the government's side. you know the internet is smarter than you, right? besides, we have laws against monopolies (though admittedly oligopolies are a loophole) and the Time Warner-Comcast merger is exactly that.
—Breanne, Pekin, IL

The Internet is one of humanity's greatest invention. It has to stay free of discrimination!
—Brandon Diaz, Jacksonville, TX

The internet should not be moderated.
—Damon Graham, Livonia, MI

Net Neutrality lets me access the content that I want, unlike anything else in the world. Ending net neutrality would end exactly what makes the internet great.
—Brad, Bozeman, MT

FUCK OFF YOU DUMB THAT'S
—Disco, fakecity, AL

The last thing we need is the internet resembling the same cable-style packaging nonsense that lost usefulness more than five years ago. The fact that there is a threat to internet access in this country by those who wish to profit rather than innovate is sad. Unsurprising, but sad.
—Brian Trieu, Newark, CA

News media is dying, cable TV is dying. In 10 years free and equal access to the Net will be the only way to ensure that Americans will be able to communicate with one another, to get updates on current events.
—Morgan, Hollywood, CA

It would be a shame to not treat ISP's as common carriers and let them double charge for the bandwidth provided.
—Kielen D Hobbs, Kailua kona, HI

The internet is the peoples form of free speech
—Rolando Salinas, wyandotte, MI

Having to pay to use different websites is basically a cable package, the internet is suppose to be used for good. Also theres some places that won't be able to get those providers, my friend has been trying to get comcast is his area for years, but he still has internet and can go wherever he wants. Sure it might take him longer since his connection is slow, but he doesn't have to pay for a FEE to use a site. The internet will probably be ruled by 4-6 companies, therefore fewer choices.
—Jared, Enumclaw, WA

When the current head of the FCC is a former cable lobbyist, and the former head is now a cable lobbyist, that's called a conflict of interest. I'm not interested in a pay-for-play system; I believe that it's unfair and unethical, and is not in the best interest of the customer. This is another ploy to make rich companies richer at the expense of the customer.
—Rebecca Tucker, LUFKIN, TX

fuck you i don't like you
—ELias, Stockholm, IN

The whole idea of taking away net neutrality is absurd. Keep the internet free and wonderful.
—Joshua Van Meter, Flagstaff, AZ

Taking away net neutrality is wholly unfair to small internet-based businesses and free speech rights.
—Maxwell Silva, north providence, RI

In my opinion, a free and open internet is the single greatest advancement of our time. Control and limitations put on this technology by the government is a crime against our free will and freedom.
—Emma, stratford, CT

As an animation student, I plan to use the internet to advertise and produce my own original series and what not. Without New Neutrality, I'm afraid I wont be able to get my animations out there fairly when forced to compete with big name corporations!
—Laura Motilla, Brownsville, TX

Dear FCC: I highly doubt anyone will read this since profit is far more important to you than freedom of speech. The internet as it currently exists is the greatest accomplishment of the human race. To slap limitations in the way you want to would be an impossibly cruel step backwards. I beg you not to take control of the internet, but that's all I can do: beg. Good day. - Tara B.
—Tara Bennett, Burbank, CA

Do not ruin the Internet
—Paul, huntington woods, MI

I feel that without Net Neutrality, it will be harder for students and schools to get access to the media and information that they need to succeed in the classroom and will limit their understanding and use of the internet, unless they pay extra money they might not have for access.
—Sara Dyess, Seymour, IN

If the FCC decides to put a limit on the internet, the only winners are the big corporations and the losers are us as a population and other companies that relies on the internet traffic. Please protect net neutrality.
—Jeffrey, Staten Island, NY

Net Neutrality is a must. If you allow ISP's to say what can and cant be on the Internet (or how fast you can pull said stuff up because a service might not have paid enough money, it takes away from what makes the Internet great. What if an educational service doesnt want to pay an ISP to have its content accessible faster and schools decide not to use that service becuase its always slow? It will cause large issues in the long run.
—Colin Hill, Austin, TX

As a media music composer and media consumer a diverse internet is important.
—Garrett, Madison, WI

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Lilly Rose, Salem, OR

Giving into companies with money is not protecting the public and will in fact limit the rights of the citizen of the United States of America.
—Abigail Bufkin, Seabrook, TX

The internet is a free domain that is unbound by domestic traffic. There are limitless possibilities and innovative ideas and thoughts floating around among the web including experiences yet to be had by the next big person in the world . Net Neutrality puts a limit on these unbound borders and in turn, on these ideas that will no doubt change the world if heard/viewed by the right person. Please don't put borders on such a vast space. Please don't put borders on the spread of ideas. Please please please reconsider.
—Farhan, New York, NY

Because Net Neutrality allows everyone's voices to be heard.
—Miranda, Columbus, OH

FCC, you are failing at your job so hard it is vastly embarrassing.
—Nicole, Lodi, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because without it, we have lost the level playing field that makes this country great. Our freedom to create content on the internet is snuffed out by short sighted people who have no interest in anything other than making a quick dollar. This same restriction of freedom is what our ancestors have fought and died for countless times, and by taking it away you spit in the face of the American dream.
—Miguel, Noble, OK

The internet is the last avenue for the little man to make something and not have their ideas held back by the small amount of money in their pockets. It's the last place for people to innovate and make something incredibly interesting. If net neutrality is passed without regulation, no one could attempt to make a site like Netflix or Hulu because Netflix and Hulu will purchase so much premium internet bandwidth that the little guy competitor will have such slow load times they'll never have a chance to succeed, regardless of how incredibl e their idea might be.
—Brock Sokevitz, Columbus, OH

Internet is one of the last place where we can express ourself freely. It have to stay that way !
—Kl, new york, NY

Equality when it comes to internet access. Its not fair if huge companies with a bunch of money can use that to get priority access to connection we all pay for. Also a business student I want to be able to create and innovate without barriers that will stop me from starting up in a market.
—Johnathan Lam, san francisco, CA

If companies have to pay more, that means I have to pay more. Money is tight as it is, and the net is to important to give up compared to most other forms of communication.
—Zachariah, Indianapolis, IN

I'd like the internet to stay neutral because Cable TV is a perfect example as to why this type of regulation is bad.
—Will E. Hash, Ovilla, TX

I am an artist and rely on social networking to tell people about my business. If you take away net neutrality, you put myself and other small artists in a position where we basically would be undiscovered and unheard of. It is hard enough to make a living at this as it is, but taking away my right to advertise myself and taking that away from the art community not only removes our rights to less vapid content on Facebook, but also sentences artists to short lived, unhappy careers in poverty. Artists are important too. Don't make us live in poverty. It's hard enough to get a name out there, it would be about a billion times harder without social networking. Also, I want to be able to explore artists - not to have someone who is completely clueless decide what to shove down my throat. It is and should always be my business to decide what to look up and share, and none of yours. That's the purpose of the internet, or at least one of them: exposure of small businesses, artists, and musicians that would never have been heard of otherwise. Take away that freedom and you'll put a serious dent in the world.
—Gabriela Cunningham, Muncie, IN

Please reconsider your position on net neutrality.
—Vincent, Airmont, NY

Putting the internet in the hands of a vested interest group will, in my opinion, be an attack on free speech. It is the equivalent to Only allowing Fox (Faux) news to be the sole provider of information. It will cause websites to be more concerned with political correctness, financial viability and litigation than with the free exchange of ALL opinion and information. The passing of this regulation will be, in my opinion, an incendiary act which may cause wide spread civil unrest. It may prove dangerous to the peace of the nation.
—DGair, Houston, TX

Dear FFC WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS??? The internet is one of the only places where I can be myself. Something like this is not acceptable and will not give any benefit. Find another way to earn money. This is a sin, you have started a war you cannot win. If you do this then everyone will stop using the websites ur charging on. I don't know all the details but this pisses me off. If you don't stop the will be a war and I can guarantee you that there are plenty if hackers who can breach your security systems. You may think otherwise but trust me. A website called 4chan hacked into a news website and changed the votes for sexiest man alive to Kim Jon un and gave him 12 million votes. This was only a prank, imagine the chaos of real anger from those users Sincerely an internet user
—John anonymous, NY, NY

Yeah, you won't get away with that mate.
—Dan, also not needed, AL

WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY!!! ALL OF US!!! STOP FUCKING AROUND!
—Joe, Denver, CO

The internet must remain neutral. Favor must not be given to anyone. Do not block the potential for intellectual growth.
—Ed Conlee, Franksville, WI

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth." Although words from Lincoln regarding a different circumstance all should remember that this Government works for us, the people. If "big business" believes they can entitle themselves to anything they want then this nation is not far off from failure. If FCC believes the can take anything that isn't theirs then only two words come to mind, fuck you.
—Jake, Alabama, MN

Stop this nonsense, your petty selfish demeanor year after year is becoming a bore. You lack any understanding of liberty. Having extensive amounts of currency should by no means justify robbing people of their personal freedoms. Leave the Internet open, leave it be.
—William Harper, BRANSON, MO

The internet is a vital utility like water or electricity, we cannot function or communicate or learn in the modern world without safe, reliable, quick and affordable access for EVERYONE. This is not luxury perk, it is for everyone.
—C Harding, cave creek, AZ

Keeping giant corporations from regulating the Internet is probably one of the few things America has actually done right in the past few years ... let's not screw that up.
—Victor Palmer, College Station, TX

It appalls me how absolutely greedy some people can be. The people who would try to control the internet are the same type of people I can imagine beating their wives. Let the internet be free, and prosper. Would you seriously consider passing a bill that would restrict the amount of customers that could enter a locally owned and operated sandwich shop? And if that sandwich shop reached it's maximum amount of clients, that it would have to pay to get more? People would march on the capital with guns in their hands. Yet somehow, the stir isn't quite as loud when you do it on the marketplace of the internet. Perhaps whoever is responsible for this bill is betting on people's ignorance of the law, or it's effects.... Perhaps even their apathy. I sincerely hope that any law restricting the otherwise legal use of the internet never gets passed. And if it does get passed, I hope the pricks that pass that bill live fucking forever.
—Ryan Washburn, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is the of the upmost importance, not just for consumers, but businesses, as they will not be able to collect the fanbase to become large enough to become self-sustaining. this is of the most importance to not just Americans, but people of all countries that use the the internet. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY
—Ana, beverly hills, CA

The internet is not really broken. You don't need to fix it. Anything you change Will end up as a cluster fuck of badness and everyone will pay. Anything you change will uneven the playing field.
—Jason, Mawson Lakes, CA

Freedom of speech is not something that should be abused by businessmen, and that's exactly what passing something like this would allow.
—Christine TenEyck, Weedsport, NY

what are some superior and in demand websites for blogs? ?? . bdaecdkdedee
—Johnk325, Oakland, VA

Wow that was odd. I just wrote an extremely long comment but after I clicked submit my comment didn't show up. Grrrr well I'm not writing all that over again. Anyway, just wanted to say superb blog! kddeddbdaded
—Johne820, Oakland, VA

Eliminating net neutrality may not technically be censorship, but to everyone without gold-lined pockets, it is. It most definitely is.
—Robert Dao, San Francisco, CA

Preserve the free and open internet as a utility, and not allow companies or organizations paying premium access fees. The proposed rules under section 706, create a hostile environment … that is totally screwed against startups that can't pay. How can a new start up company have the opportunity to compete with multinational companies and win? Their is a need for information to get as fast to the customer as it does to those who can pay for speed! The loss of Net Neutrality will have an impact on all micro businesses. A small business can't afford to pay for priority access and therefor will be forced out of the marketplace. According to a recent study by Ookla Speedtest, the U.S. ranks a shocking 31st in the world in terms of average download speeds. The leaders in the world are Hong Kong at 72.49 Mbps and Singapore on 58.84 Mbps. And America? Averaging speeds of 20.77 Mbps, it falls behind countries like Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Uruguay. Huge telecommunication companies such as Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon, and AT&T have divided up markets and put themselves in a position where they're subject to no competition. How? The 1996 Telecommunications Act — which was meant to foster competition — allowed cable companies and telecoms companies to simply divide markets and merge their way to monopoly, allowing them to charge customers higher and higher prices without the kind of investment in internet infrastructure, especially in next-generation fiber optic connections, that is ongoing in other countries. Fiber optic connections offer a particularly compelling example. While expensive to build, they offer faster and smoother connections than traditional copper wire connections. But Verizon stopped building out fiber optic infrastructure in 2010 — citing high costs — just as other countries were getting to work. High-speed internet access was deregulated 10 years ago and since then we've seen enormous consolidation and monopolies… Left to their own devices, companies that supply internet access will charge high prices, because they face neither competition nor oversight. My personal monthly cable, telephone and Internet bill all provided by Time Warner cable is $246.00!! This is outrageous! It's very expensive for a new competitor to come into a market, like telecommunications, that has very high barriers to entry. Laying copper wire or fiber optic cable is expensive, and if the incumbent companies won't grant new competitors access to their infrastructure, then the free market forces of competition don't work and infrastructure stagnates, even as consumer anger and desire for competition rises due to poor service. What we need is a new competition policy that puts the interests of consumers first, seeks to replicate what other countries have done, and treats with extreme skepticism the arguments of monopoly incumbents such as Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Verizon and AT&T. Across the country people have come out in support of reclassifying Internet service providers as common carriers, which is the only way to preserve real Net Neutrality.
—David Huber, Fontana, CA

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money. We would like to keep it that way.
—Tyler Weeks, Jacksonville, FL

Hi! Not an American but I wish you guys will keep up the good fight and stop this from happening! If this happens at your country, it will be just a matter of time before Europe might follow.. Please, please fight it!
—Janne, Sliema, AL

instead of a wonderful playground if innovation that the Internet is now, the Internet will become like cable TV. I do not want someone dictating what I watch. I want to be able to load an original weblog as quickly as a scientific website. This is not a form of policing the internet it is a way of filling pockets which are already to full to begin with.
—Russell Homan, Missoula, MT

You can't own everything. You don't get to decide what we see. You already do that with cable/the news/etc.
—Alyssa Allen, Fayetteville, GA

I am a senior citizen living on a very small income. Annually my health and medicare insurance raises higher than the increase in my monthly stipend. Food and gas prices also escalate, to end net neutrality would be like taking options away from me for health issues, entertainment options and fundamental ability to research whatever my assist me in my golden years. I worked for telecommunications companies for many years before retiring. Some of the companies were bought out by larger ones and the results speak for themselves today. Please do not end Net neutrality.
—Justina, Mount Laurel, NJ

the internet should be a level playing field. we are in an age of globalization.
—Monica Arora, floral park, NY

I should be in control of what I want to see on the internet. The internet is somewhere that gives individuals and small businesses opportunities no other media offers. Please do not take this freedom away. The land of the free includes internet freedom.
—Victoria, Adamsville, AL

Taking away Net Neutrality is unconstitutional. It's almost as if you're taking away freedom of speech. The spread of new ideas is what makes the internet such a great place, and no one would really like it if you took that away. Please don't make the internet like Direct TV, that would suck verily. Thanks
—Dylan, Utica, NY

The internet has become one of the biggest new industry standards for not only big businesses, but for small businesses trying to make a name for themselves. From online grocery to online entertainment, the web has allowed growth never before seen in history. One of the greatest things about the internet is that ANYONE can become a well known face, not just people who have a larger bank account. Great new talent and services are discovered every single day through the world wide web. I fear that bottle-necking the web in any way will do major damage for not only currently established business, but will destroy any chance for future businesses to blossom. Please, refuse these new rules and continue to encourage creativity, innovation, and freedom. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!
—Vinton Bruno, Foley, MN

I don't even live in America and I think this is totally unfair. Stop trying to own everything, and let it go.
—Darren, Durban, AL

Protect Net Neutrality. Thanks for doing your part to protect the Internet.
—Richecarde Alexandre, miami, FL

Please provide regulation that protects internet neutrality.
—Anthony Bradburn, Orlando, FL

The Internet is important to me because, quite simply, I need to know that I am the only one who will determine what my internet experience is. I WANT easy access to obscure music and video productions. I prefer it to "big name brands". These are only small exapmles of what makes the internet beautiful. The internet should be a revolving door of communication, linking people of every nationality, class, etc...not an outlet limited to content wealthy companies would like consumers exposed to. Without net neutrality, the internet will become no different from any other version of commercial "entertainment". That would be a significant technological step back.
—Brian Shane Wilkerson, Beavercreek, OH

Keep the net neutral as it should be!
—Samuel Christenson, Lake Elmo, MN

It is for the freedom of the internet!
—Jd, New York, NY

A neutral internet is the most American internet. Freedom to choose without someone deciding what you get to see for you.
—John Elster, Jacksonville, FL

Net Neutrality must survive. All the chaos created by the one percent is going to be enforced 100 times over if you take it away. I understand it may be a benefit for those companies. And if they want to purchase my time then they can. Provide me with services for my prefered attention. But don't take away what we are and what we do for money. This country was built on freedom. And if you take that away you will lose your country.
—Michael Barrett, Hot Springs, AR

This bill completely invalidates the idea of entrepreneurship that America so readily believes it supports. By approving this bill, you are only setting up a further downhill trend into destroying capitalism and establishing an oligarchy within the wealthy sector of the United States; thereby, once again, reducing the working class, the lower class, and those who are simply trying to establish themselves to a mere rubble in comparison to the fat suits that the government so readily supports. And to supplement that, this bill is forcing money into lobbying; when something that requires so much more focus and attention could be treated and cared for instead.
—Christopher, Wilmington, NC

Without the Internet I would not have access to life-altering medical information, much of which is hidden or muddied by an imperfect social system (to put it mildly). Do not take this ability away from me or anyone else. If we are free to think, then this means we are free to do so in any medium.
—Raphael Sirtoli, New York City, NY

So the FCC won't let me be, or let me be me, so let me see.
—Rachel K, Tampa bay, FL

Without net neutrality, many new and innovative ideas will not be able to be aired due to the mass control of ISPs that money-hungry companies would have. I can hardly afford my internet bill already; and everybody I know has trouble paying theirs too. You'll lose out on profit if you start enforcing extra payments just to use Youtube.
—Megan Tortorella, Anthem, AZ

Save the internet. Fuck FCC.
—Vera, Burlington, WI

Net neutrality is important to preserve the intellectual interchange that has brought or species so much prosperity and progress. Without the freedom of the Internet you, the FCC would not be as big as you are today. On top of not having many of the technologies you are so used to today. Among other major advances, without the internet, the smartphone you use everyday would not exist. The world would be a plethora different and worse place. Please preserve net-neutrality
—Brian, Tampa, FL

I don't want my internet content being controlled by a bunch of old rich guys.
—Kelly Maxwell, Naperville, IL

The internet should be a place for the free exchange of ideas.
—Jesse Cox, Sandy Hook, CT

So much for the freedom that is supposed to be protected. This is an abomination. Everything in this country is always about money.
—Justin Marzola, Salisbury, MD

My voice is more important than money. Net Neutrality is vital.
—Jess, Jamaica Plain, MA

There are people who can be themselves in public and within the physical presences of other people. Then there are people who need the privacy, the security and freedom to exchange raw feelings and ideas without the pressures that meeting in public or even just being in the same room as someone cause. The most recent generation, who have grown up within the unrestricted "safety" of the internet, have reached emotional and intellectual heights that past generations can only touch the surface of understanding; to take away their ability to tune into technological advance and grow with it is to cut off the potential of our youngest and most promising generation. Our generation, who will be your caretakers when yours enters the ages of incontinence, who will be the legs you stand on while you cannot stand on your own, monitoring you in a nurse's scrub as you draw your last breath, wishing you farewell as you draw your last breath in your hospital bed. I would wish, that in your life, you would wish for the young generation to exist in a far more advanced world and state of intelligence than you ever could have dreamed, and not wishing to stunt that progression of our race itself.
—Morgaine Inman, Castroville, TX

We deserve an entirely free internet with the ability to express ourselves with no extra costs, no matter who we our or what we like.
—Robert Cole, Palm Bay, FL

Eliminating net neutrality will, without a doubt, stifle innovation world wide and slow the progress of human culture and advancements in every facet of technology. This would be this century's equivalent to the burning of the Library at Alexandria. Do you really want to be remembered for that?
—Alex Carvallo, Miami, FL

It's clear from the recent strange behavior, not flat out rejecting attacks on net neutrality, that the FCC has some work to do (or maybe should announce 'no confidence measures.') I'm not sure why the FCC hasn't learned yet the value of Internet based free speech, or electronic communications freedom in general. Please send education representatives (from high schools or similar) to the FCC executive offices. Only after learning about the role freedom plays in markets like media, network, and software provision should executives allow the FCC to rule and decide on important issues like whether to damage or destroy Internet neutrality or introduce restricted IP routing law.
—Michael Christopher, Seattle, WA

Stop trying to pass this in various forms.
—Name, City, NY

Dear FCC, Net neutrailty is important to me for numerous reasons. It provides me the means to communicate with family from far distances. My young son is able to play games that enhance his learning. And I am able to get access to information that helps improve my daily life. I am a single mom, and I live four hours away from my parents and eight hours from my sister. We frequently FaceTime with one another so that they are able to see my son and he them. It also provides a great way for my dad to assist me in fixing things around the house. During the summer, my son plays many interactive games on our iPad. It helps him keep up his math and reading skills to prepare him for this start to kindergarten in the fall. Without net neutrailty, most of this would not be possible. I budget my life month to month to make ends meet. I cannot afford to spend more money on internet. If net neutrailty ends and I were forced to pay more for faster broadband, I would lose this precious visual communication with loved ones and my child would lose a great asset to improving his learning. Please consider the people when making your decision on net neutrailty. We are not corporations and CEOs. We are hardworking Americans. Please do not take away something that has helped improved our daily life. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Krisi Stauffer
—Krisi Stauffer, Ada, OH

Because the "rich guys" run this country already. I don't need them to tell me what I can do on the internet.
—Angelica, miami, FL

I like being able to find what I'm looking for with out having to jump through hoops and hoops to get there. I don't want to have to pay an extra fee to play games with friends. I don't want to worry that my internet provider will have problem with my friend's provider if we wish to do something together.
—Aaron Jozwiak, Kalamazoo, MI

All humans deserve equal access to the internet. The internet is the dawn of a new age of our civilization where all ideas can be exchanged instantly regardless of distance or status.
—Jacob Bruce, Windham, ME

If you have to pay for it, chances are less people will visit that website.
—Michelle, Maple Shade, NJ

If you have to pay for it, chances are less people will visit that website.
—Michelle, Maple Shade, NJ

The internet is a digital world of innovation and prosperity, it is not a place to bog down with bills, This bill will cripple mankinds advancments, just for a few people to make an extra buck, so please for the sake of mankind, do not pass this bill. It is time to save the internet
—Bryce, East longmeadow, MA

The Internet is the embodiment of free speech in this generation, and no one should have the power to limit what can or cannot be seen on it
—Katherine Duncan, TOLEDO, OH

It is important to me because I don't want my internet rights infringed upon.
—Dominic Barrasso, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is an open resource that should be available to all, both rich and poor. By compromising net neutrality the government will be inhibiting a basic freedom of the U.S. people and creating a greater wage gap between different economic classes.
—Elliott, Rockville, MD

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a wonderful playground of innovative websites. We need creativity! And new ideas! Please do not take this away from us.
—Ava Gomez, Westland, MI

Save net neutrality. It's what makes the internet so great. It allows random people on the internet to express themselves.
—Samuel Wightman, Spring Valley, NY

What you are doing will completely elimate the chance start-up business have of breaking into competitve markets. We need a neutral web, a place that is not run by old men who have no idea about 90% of what the internet is used for.
—Jonathan, New York, NY

Fucking asshats, fucking asshats, fucking.
—Gerald Nocentino, Casselberry, FL

Don't mess with the current system, I'm not about to change the way things are just so Comcast/Verizon/Time Warner can make even more money. Net neutrality is essential to the health of the internet. Imagine if a few large corporations controlled access to all the roads in the country. Without regulation they would be free to charge businesses any amount they wish to allow drivers access to those shops. The openness of the internet is just as important as the openness of our roads. Internet providers seek the freedom to charge certain websites more money to provide their content to users at faster speeds. Whether this means charging popular websites more money for the "base" speed, or offering higher than "base" speeds for an additional charge is irrelevant because they are essentially the same thing, with the latter wearing lipstick. In our current environment the largest internet providers are also the largest providers of television and telephone communication services. Allowing them the freedom to control the speed, and therefore the quality, of online-based video and communications services is blatantly anti-competitive. Ultimately, if there are claims that communications companies are unable to compete with similar online services, that speaks most loudly about an archaic business model that does not need to exist in the internet age. These companies inadvertently make a strong argument that ownership of the infrastructure that delivers the internet would be, like road infrastructure, better in the hands of the public than in companies trying to protect old business models. Short of that, strong regulation is needed to protect the openness and freedom of the internet from companies who would pursue their own interests rather than those of the public.
—Christian Broderick, Baltimore, MD

The internet is a resource we should use to strive toward innovation. We need to utilize it to its full potential. Suppressing information, restricting speeds, and allowing corporations to govern us is not the solution. In fact, it is far from a solution, it is a threat to our way of life. My children need to know of a limitless world, not a country that is governed by corporations.
—Raymond Lillibridge, Madison Heights, MI

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Arsene Muehler, Texas City, TX

I want to keep the internet the way it is. The wealthy should not have control.
—Frank D'Agostino, Ronkonkoma, NY

Even as the cute 10 lb. dog that I am, I realize how important net neutrality is to the importance of freedom of information. Don't make me pay extra to watch my beloved dog videos.
—Shiloh Artemis, Miami Beach, FL

Net neutrality has made the internet what it is today, and it would be absurd to jeopardize it. Without the ability of all services to reach customers equally, it would be impossible to ensure that a fair competition exists and capitalism can flourish.
—Carson Morales, Norfolk, VA

It's fucking fine the way it is. What's wrong with you morons?
—Travis Guile, Gresham, OR

The proposal to abandon Net Neutrality on the internet in favor of a multi-tiered content-biased system is deeply flawed. It would: 1. create a system that inhibits technical innovation by allowing ISPs to choose which technologies their customers can access. 2. create a system that protects entrenched companies while penalizing the start-ups that have been the life blood of the internet. 3. limit access of non-profit organizations that cannot afford "fast-lane" fees. 4. penalize media companies that do not directly own cable or satellite access to consumers. The Internet has flourished under the de facto common carrier ISPs held until recently. It is time for the FCC to declare that ISPs are Common Carriers and hold them to that status. I personally do Science for several BOINC based projects and feel that any limitation would damage many projects that help people around the world. Thank you,
—Mike Tremmel, altoona, PA

The internet is an important public platform, and every user deserves the chance to succeed for free
—Sarah, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is a must. On the surface it may seem like a good idea, the potential for abuse is too great. The net has served us very well for these many years. There is no need to foul up a good thing.
—SJ Doss, Port Jervis, NY

Freedom. It's not something you understand. do stay out of it.
—John Laffin, Lexington, KY

The internet is the last true bastion of freedom where big money doesn't dictate one's influence. Let's keep it that way.
—Aleksander Poniatowski, Crystal Lake, IL

The internet is one of the last vestiges of society where a person can express themselves or their beliefs without interference from big companies or government telling them how to live. Lets not change this...we need diversity and we need freedom to express opinions, talents, and beliefs. Make the right choice...greed is NOT the right choice.
—James Bull, Noblesville, IN

What better expression of the right to freedom of speech do we have than the internet. Keep the internet free and neutral.
—Mike Shepherd, Weiser, ID

Because the internet should be a place to spread all ideas, innovations, and creativity freely and openly. Not a place for big businesses to make an extra buck.
—Kevin Vorstadt, Dryden, NY

I, as a US citizen and rightful taxpayer, believe that it is in the best interest of me, as well as my fellow Americans, to keep net neutrality in tact. This administration has already done enough to crunch the job markets and stifle entry level competitors. One of the best ways to get your small business off the ground is by spreading it by means of the internet. You cannot deny this as truth, and therefore I think you will come to understand net neutrality only hurts the consumer and the American public. Thank you.
—Patrick Winschel, Lawrenceville, GA

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.
—Jim, toms river, NJ

The internet is a place where EVERYONE's voice should be heard, not just the highest bidder. FCC, it is YOUR job to protect those voices and not give in to greed and avarice. Please ensure the future of this open and free exchange of ideas and information by working to protect and preserve a neutral internet that does not discriminate against anyone.
—Lindsay Burkholder, Chattanooga, TN

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I love the internet,its a way to learn about anything you want. i want my kids to be able to have limitless power when on the internet, expose them to the world, how brutal and strange it can be, but also how funny and kind and diverse it can be.
—Roger, Kansas city, MO

I believe it is extremely important that we keep Net Neutrality.
—Alex Cutter, Danvers, MA

Dear FCC, I'm Joshua James Dambik and I live in Akron, 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 ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers. The Internet is important to me because, as a college student, I need to know that it will not effect my college tuition because my college might need to pay for the fast lane access for the college website. Other websites might be effected as well, like YouTube, Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, hotmail.com and gmail.com, which currently offer free membership might charge a subscription in order to pay for fast lane access or lay off employees in order to compensate for a fast lane fee. I have internet to look at what I want to look at, whether it's watching videos on Youtube, checking my email, doing research for a class, or playing online internet games. It would be unfair for me and others to be unable to do the things we enjoy on the internet because some of the websites we enjoy might be put in the slow lane and the service of those that were able to afford fast lane might be effected. Sincerely, Joshua James Dambik 77 Fir Hill Drive #6B2 Akron, OH 44304
—Joshua Dambik, Akron, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because it protects everyone and their rights. It prevents ISPs from reducing the speed to your site due to you opinions and thus protects free speach. It gives independent and startup company sites equal access speed. It would allow for advancement in Internet access rather than the current stagnant state it's been in the less regulations ISPs have.
—Pedro panzardi, longwood, FL

I need to be able to connect with like minded people, share projects with local artists, and have the FREEDOM to create anything I want so long as it DOESNT INFRINGE ON OTHER PEOPLES RIGHTS. Set
—Stephanie, Ypsilanti, MI

Because the internet is not a property of the guy with the most senators in his pocket.
—Michael D Black, Kent, WA

reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service under title II of the telecommunications act
—Fred Hickler, Chicago, IL

We can't trust the FCC to do it's job, so let's just ask the FCC to do it's job.
—Kaitlyn, Swarthmore, PA

How can you not protect the main source of American innovation, expression, and knowledge of the last two decades? The driving force of the economy? Every person's window into the world? How can you risk losing that by listening to some of the most hated - by their own customers at that - corporations in the world?
—Piotr Mankowski, Cambridge, MA

Failure to enforce net neutrality will impact America's ability to compete with the rest of the world by creating an additional barrier to entry.
—Thejus Chakravarthy, Baltimore, MD

Because the internet, as it is, has allowed for amazing things to happen that help improve the world as we know it. Limiting that is only going to hurt everyone in the long run.
—Ashley Daniels, Oceanside, CA

The internet might be messed up and weird. But it is a places where everyone's voices can be heard. By getting rid of internet neutrality this will be hindering the 1st Amendment, the freedom of speech.
—Bianca A Mathews, Warren, OH

I love my open, free internet the way it is; the internet where literally anyone can make their thoughts, opinions, talents and emotions heard. I don't want a world where net neutrality doesn't exist, it gives people the freedom to be who they are without major money making companies having any direct effect.
—Barbara Truman, New York, NY

The internet is a source of education and entertainment for the world. A tool for communication and self-improvement. This is something that should continue to be all-access for those who want to better themselves regardless of income. People will continue to fight for true net neutrality every single time it is threatened. It sickens me how greedy corporations have this much power in America. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Lindsey, Derry, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because we need the innovation and creativity that shines thru in each individual, apparent thru vlogs, blogs, recipe sites, parenting assistance, art portfolios, musicians' life work, historical documents.....the list goes on and on. One would theoretically be able to learn every minute of every day, and never reach the end of the amount of information that's on the web today. LET US HAVE OUR OWN VOICE
—A, oklahoma city, OK

Protect Net Neutrality!! Do Not let the internet become a pay-for-play industry that leans in favor of large companies/people. The internet is supposed to be a neutral zone where everyone is equal.
—Michael, Cleveland, OH

Please stop choking us out of the last bit of freedom that we have.
—Kylie, Kissimmee, FL

Dear FCC, As with many, my intentions are not malicious or selfish. I am here to speak my part, regardless with the fact that I am only sacrificing a few sleepy minutes of my evening time. I will keep this letter short simply because I feel it will be lost forever in the space of the internet, without a single person taking but a glance. I feel that the bill the FCC is pushing is a threat to what is supposed to be a free and open space in which everyone has the same access to. Imposing a tiered system gives way to a litany of dubious business behavior that can already be witnessed with a select few providers. I leave my thesis statement as is and wish that we do not commercialize something that should be evenly accessible to all. Money can be made elsewhere, just not here.
—Alexander, Boise, ID

Without net neutrality, the internet is vulnerable to greater and greater restrictions. The idea that content providers that are able to pay large fees are more deserving of being seen is a ludicrous idea and one that goes against everything the internet stands for. We live in an interconnected age, where the internet is the greatest tool for free and open exchange. It's a place where ANYONE can express themselves, or put up whatever content they've created, and be able to be heard. If you restrict that, if you make it an exclusive club, then that cripples the entire idea of what the internet is for.
—Matthew Sager, Lexington, MA

The internet is supposed to be a free ground. Net neutrality is important to me because companies should not be allowed to charge money in areas that do not concern them. I do not want my freedom of access determined by an old, out-dated bureaucrat.
—Andrew Meissner, Lawrenceville, GA

Don't let this big cable company control what we do in the internet like their control the content on TV.
—Francisco Diaz, harvey, LA

I am a human. I deserve freedom of information.
—Danny J Perdue, Indianapolis, IN

I know you are considering a new rule that will permit internet service providers to offer content providers a faster track to send content, thus reversing your earlier position on net neutrality. Please do not allow ISPs this level of control over the internet and its contents. Internet service providers already receive proper monetization for the service they provide. As a former enlisted military member, I ask that you make a stand and help the people of your country that aren't in the position you are, or have the power over this decision you have, to please save and ensure net neutrality.
—Kim Modica, Annapolis, MD

The Internet is an entity all its own that belongs to the people, and if these policies that deteriorate net neutrality are passed, we're one step closer to a government-controlled Internet and one step closer to losing the basic ability to voice ourselves clearly on the most effective, accessible, and favored outlet. We will be paying boatloads more for a ruined version of what was once a free and open medium.
—Alex Green, San Marcos, CA

I like my freedom and hate centralized control. Leave free enterprise alone!
—Jason Levens, Atlanta, GA

Don't fuck with net neutrality.
—Kelly, Manassas, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important to not only me but to our economy. Net neutrality is vital to small businesses and, as a business student, I someday hope to start up my own technologically integrated company. If net neutrality is taken away, I, as well as many other small business owners, will have to fight that much harder to succeed. Meanwhile, huge corporations will maintain their lobbying power and continue to fight for conditions that ensure their success- one of those conditions including barriers to small businesses and healthy competition.
—Natalie Happe, Minnetonka, MN

Protecting the internet is good for America. Innovation and creativity are what make this country great, and we NEED net neutrality to maintain those.
—Joe Deckert, Eugene, OR

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.
—Andrea Cronin, Medfield, MA

What has spawned from the invention of the internet? How many industries have simply sprouted from the open "playground" of the internet? You cannot standardized freedom of thought. You cannot control our content.
—Allison, austin, TX

I enjoy watching local musicians on the internet.
—Lauren Wright, timonium, MD

Don't mess with my internet because you guys just want something else to control, what ever happened to real freedom?
—Teddi, palm bay, FL

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The internet has become the frontier where the new and the strange have become successful. Without net neutrality, a fundamental resource for the expansion of human creativity and ingenuity will be destroyed. I support Net Neutrality so that a future of opportunity and countless possibilities can exist for thousands of people.
—Leilah Labossiere, Miami, FL

The Internet is important to me because we get all of our news, watch movies, and communicate with other people in our daily live. We have come to rely on the Internet to be fast and stable at all times. We should not allow big companies to interfere with our experience and price goug us for the internet sites we visit often. Other countries already have it at speeds a hundred times faster than us and we're already complaining of slowing it down even further, putting us farther behind. Please do not allow the companies to interfere with the Internet experience. Thank you
—JoGabriel Castañeda, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality, the principle that ISPs treat all data that travels over thier networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse internet. A pay-to-play internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers by 1) introducing new restrictions and fees for services we already use and 2) making it difficult for subscribers to gain awareness of new start-ups and technologies that dont have exclusive network access.
—Matthew Hemker, Kettering, OH

There is absolutely no valid reason for this proposed action.
—Linda Pisecki, South Windsor, CT

I realize you, the FCC, do not have the American People's best interests at heart even though you say that you do. The internet is the one place where anything goes. Where anyone can become anything. Net Neutrality would crush everything that the original American Dream hoped to achieve. A pay-for-play system would ruin so many places on the internet that cannot compete with companies like Facebook and Amazon. I also realize that all you people at the top of the FCC are corrupt, just like everyone in our government. We as the people must try and pick the best of all of that evil to make important decisions on our behalf. Please don't screw all the people who love the internet just the way it is. A concerned and scared 20 year old, Zachary Rachal
—Zachary Rachal, College Station, TX

I have only recently learned about net neutrality and have thus come to learn that it is part of my everyday life. I use it whenever i do my schoolwork and whenever i'm bored.
—Zachary Cne ault, des plaines, IL

As a creator and small business owner, Net Neutrality keeps the Internet open, and—generally—everyone on the same playing field. To get rid of it would mean I likely would no longer be able to do what I'm currently doing. Please support Net Neutrality!
—Ashley Ruggirello, West Allis, WI

We need Net Neutrality because if a group of companies are able to decide what content we're able to access and at what price, the quality of service we receive WILL be lower than what we have now. Anyone who has a shadow of a doubt about whether this is true or not only has to look so far as current cable practices.
—Kenneth Carver, Trussville, AL

Net Neutrality will be the death of individual creativity.
—Carl Berry, Rapid City, SD

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT. PROTECT IT!
—John Alexander, College Station, TX

Net Neutrality is extremely important because the internet is an ever expanding database of knowledge. Of course there will always be people trying to profit from it, but lets leave that to the people who are truly creative and use the internet for positive. Please don't try to make the internet another puppet of this once democratic, now leaning towards communist, nation
—Brett Snell, Broomall, PA

fuck off u maggoting maggot fuck u
—Bilbo Baggings, Shire, NY

I love the internet, and i hope it never changes!
—Jacob, Miami, Fl, FL

Net neutrality is imperative to human scientific and social advancement. If our information is limited, we may no longer be able to advance in ways not desired by corporations.
—Gary Therrien, Salem, NH

Save net neutrality! It's important that the internet stays free for everyone.
—Lindsey, gresham, OR

The Internet is important to me because, as an entrepreneur, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than me, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Mike Lindell, Issaquah, WA

So the FCC won't let me be, or let me be me, so let me see.
—Brady, EVANSVILLE, MN

We shouldn't have to pay to have better access to the internet.
—Kaitlin Coleman, San Diego, CA

Freedom of speech is a basic right on America. The Internet is the purest form of this expression, trying to control us un ethical. You can not say shame on China for controlling Internet access then do the same.
—Joshua matheny, North Las Vegas, NV

By controlling what the people of the United State of America can see on the internet we are becoming no better than other countries that are controlling their people. If Net Neutrality was to happen what makes us any different than countries likes The Republic of China or Cuba. Why take away the lively hood of people who are already established as faces of the internet just because big business doesn't agree with it?
—Diana Couch, Vandenberg AFB, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me
—Westonsouther@yahoocom, Mesa, AZ

We already pay higher prices for lower speeds as it is. Stop making it so that the internet is an unattainable and affordable resource. We use the internet for education, entertainment, employment, and pretty much everything else. But if we follow the current path, the internet will no longer be for everyone. It will be for the select few that can afford it. Please stop.
—Sara S, Hilliard, OH

Paid prioritization and censorship is bogus.
—Ashleigh Woda, Hartland, WI

With out an open and free internet great American ideals are lost. This is the land of the free, no? The internet helps spread new great ideas, and everyone has an equal voice.
—Jesse Galloway, Charlottesville, VA

The Internet provides an unparalleled range of information for anyone who wants to find it. Allowing ISPs the power to assign price tags to Internet aspects of their choosing would be a gross enabling of monetary profit over the encouragement to learn. ISPs should not be able to filter content for their subscribers. They act as providers of a service, not judge and jury over their subscribers' decisions and search engines.
—Dana Lopez, Rochester Hills, MI

I like being able to just read or look at whatever I want. I don't even use lots of high traffic sites that will get the most attention. I want to be able to get everywhere as fast as I do now, without anything being cut off or slower.
—Christina Miller, Des Moines, IA

I am signing this for current and future generations of interneters who have the right to access without limitation the vast collection of knowledge and beauty that is the modern day Library of Alexandria.
—Dillon Marlatt, Dayton, OH

Because poor people have just as much of a voice as rich people, there is equality on the internet, it is for everyone.
—Caitlin, Bedford, MA

Net Neutrality is an important part of fostering creativity and innovation for future technologies. Equal access to consumers allows the best ideas to succeed instead of just the most well funded ones. It is an integral piece of creating our future.
—Christa, Charlotte, NC

Because poor people have just as much of a voice as rich people, there is equality on the internet, it is for everyone.
—Caitlin, Bedford, MA

Net neutrality, is the thing making it possible for people to get success. If you take it away, you are taking possibility of success away from them. STOP this.
—Gavi, Buffalo, NY

Net Neutrality is important because it allowed me to learn two languages. I have friends from all over the world thanks to it. The internet should be free just like education.
—Helena, Leakesville, MS

Free enterprise is based on the idea that individuals have the right to fail or succeed based on their own merits. For a government agency to intervene and create any system that restricts that freedom will be detrimental to our freedoms. Allowing private industry to gain control over internet usage in any way is just as bad if not worse than imposing arbitrary taxes just to increase revenue. Instead of developing new ways to better technology and competition it will stifle growth of innovative ideas and our economy worldwide. Please keep the internet open and equal for everyone.
—Jarred Corley, Bald Knob, AR

Cable companies with monopolies in certain areas are already abusing their power by imposing data caps. If given the ability to discriminate between net traffic (no matter how carefully the FCC thinks they have worded it) they would continue to abuse any power they have. Please re-classify internet service providers as Common Carriers to prevent these issues.
—Heather Hubbard, Paducah, KY

America is not a perfect country, but the one thing that is understood by every person living here (citizen or otherwise) is that there is no such thing as a MORE IMPORTANT opinion or belief. An opinion might be ill-informed, based on wrong information, in the minority, or even utterly laughable, but it is the right of the person holding it to express it when and where they please. The internet is one of the only places left where the average US resident has the same standing as a multi-billion dollar lobby. There are many examples of simple men and women who host blogs or websites that have hundreds of thousands of readers despite not having the money to BUY validation for their beliefs. They are popular because people AGREE with them. If Net Neutrality is destroyed, money will become what dictates the "importance" of a belief or service, not actual demand by the public. Isn't the entire point of a free economy that people will buy from or listen to the people that provide something they want of their own volition? I have the right to buy my clothes from a self-employed website owner instead of a big-name company if I want, and I can do so just as easily as I could if I WAS shopping at the big name store. If companies will be allowed to "promote" their businesses over those of the average entrepreneur, it will destroy the very foundation of a capitalist democracy - the right of ANY person to strive and succeed, not just those that are already rich. Don't do this. Corporations are already screaming at us from every billboard, newspaper, and TV ad we see. They don't need the power to silence dissenters or remove competing services from sight.
—Lizaveta Boika, Flushing, NY

Please honor democracy and maintain net neutrality.
—Susan Jahoda, New York, NY

The fact that business and legislation believes that it has a right for how much information people can receive, at what rate, and what pace is beyond ridiculous- mostly considering of the decentralized, free port system that is the internet. Institutions like this (the one you are creating by ending net neutrality) are what promote online piracy. Give people an easy method to lawfully access private entertainment and they will do so; however, give them problems and they will find a way to pirate any and all of the information you are trying to slow down.
—Steven Herran, Elmhurst, NY

Net Neutrality is the only way that the internet should operate. In a country that praises its principles of freedom and liberty, the internet should be a shining example of what we stand for.
—Cody, Waterville, OH

How many times, how many ways, how many scenarios do the people have to go through for the FCC to get it through it's thick head that the people who they are supposed to be working for DO NOT WANT NET NEUTRALITY SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. We already know Tom Wheeler has been bought by the Cable Industry like the whore he is but we can only hope that his attempt to collectively fuck the entire internet out of the very quality that made it function will end if everyone all together yells "STOP" and "NO MORE". Maybe then he'll stop trying to rape everything we all hold so dear and do his actual job and represent what's best for the American people not just the lobbyists shoving wads of cash up his ass. And yes, though my language is at times graphic I feel it's a fairly accurate description of the situation so deal with it.
—T Robison, Somewhere, AL

I support net neutrality and the idea that all data transferred through the internet is treated the same. Thank you.
—Daniel Hsu, Princeton Junction, NJ

Please do the right thing and protect net neutrality.
—Jesse Evans, Burlington, VT

Net neutrality allows free and open competition of ideas throughout the world. To reduce neutrality would put content control in the hands of few rather than many and only further move our country down the rankings of "freest." I like freedom. Don't take it from me.
—Dan Gregg, Ypsilanti, MI

The internet is important to me because as a student and someone who creates stuff I like seeing what other people come up with and bouncing ideas off of them for different projects. Plus it has helped me research many different subjects for school.
—Kristina Nelson, Wildwood, IL

Because this is America, you twats. The USA doesn't have much going for it anymore, because men searching for a bigger paycheck have sold away most of the few remaining ideals we had. Our public education system sucks. Let us retain our freedom to educate ourselves, then.
—Teresa Zaffarano, nevada, IA

I wish for the protection of Net Neutrality. I do not believe that ISPs should be permitted to gain that degree of control over users for something that is so ubiquitous in today's society. The number of proposals that insist on encroaching on the premise of a free internet is alarming. Please protect the internet.
—Jeffrey Wang, Copley, OH

F You F You F You
—Mark Davis, Lancaster, PA

In our modern world, the definition of human rights is evolving as we constantly face new technologies and situations everyday that shape and develop our consciousness. The UN Declaration of Human Rights states that by simply being human we are entitled to certain rights including the right to life, freedom from discrimination based on race or gender, equal access to education and many more seemingly obvious human rights. Net neutrality is important to me based on the human right that we all deserve equal access and opportunities in education. If the previously open internet space is compromised it would affect an entire nation of people's access to knowledge and thus their development and improvement as human beings. I believe that in order to reach my full potential as a citizen of the United States and of the world, I deserve equal access to the contents of the internet and the FCC should not have the ability to infringe on my human rights.
—Stephanie Madara, Carrboro, NC

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—Stephanie Madara, Carrboro, NC

The internet has led to incredibly imaginative and innovative creations. But what truly helps these ideas spread is the freedom of the internet. Everyone from enormous corporations to band playing in their own garage has the opportunity to share their content equally over the internet. Destroying net neutrality will destroy these creations by discouraging the development of future content. People will be discouraged to find that what they have created is being limited by slow download speeds. The FCC's claim of the "fast lane" and the "faster lane" is utterly ridiculous. It takes just a cursory look at the cable TV industry to see that once a company can control the speed of content delivery, they will squeeze every dollar they can out of their customers with no regard for anyone's interests but their own.
—Scott Hare, Livingston, NJ

Leave the internet How it is, freedom for all!
—Micah Tallent, warr acres, OK

The Internet is an important extension of free speech. The greed in America is alarming and without net neutrality our ability to share and access Internet content will be increasingly limited by the amount of money corporate America can leech out of the masses. The lack of net neutrality will affect innovation, sharing of ideas, and one's ability to interact with the world on personal, educational, intellectual and economic basis. Grow a set - support net neutrality.
—Kenton Garner, Cicero, NY

It is important to me as a citizen of this great country that our ability to access the Internet freely is not compromised by those in power. I want an open Internet in which creativity, thoughts, and ideas can flow freely and uninhibited. I want an Internet in which I am exposed to varying points of view without alteration by greedy companies. The Internet is a place rich with information and innovation, and even of community. It is a place which encourages freedom of speech and freedom of thought. I urge you not to allow this essential part of modern life to be destroyed. Allowing gatekeeping of the Internet by the highest bidder would be an affront to American citizens and would stymie the free flowing of creativity, innovation, and ideas -- with negative consequences in the global community as well. I urge you to protect and maintain true Internet Neutrality.
—Lauren Powell, Columbus, GA

I am against the proposition that restricts net neutrality. It's a monopoly and it's unconstitutional.
—Tiffany Simmert, Painstville, MT

Please protect Net Neutrality, and you should stop execs from the FCC and the cable lobby from trading off...so often. Thank you
—Katie Jagel, New York, NY

Dear FCC, By limiting the internet, you're limiting the future. You're effectively putting chains on advancement for those too young to have a say in your politics. And you're doing it for profit. YOU are supposed to protect us from things like this. Please, support Net Neutrality.
—Justin Graffa, Troy, MI

The government, and corporations, have no right to restrict access to free information just because they want to make more money. It isn't fair, and it violates the freedoms set down by the constitution. And while I understand the Constitution was set down more than 200 years ago, the freedoms it provides to the citizens of the U.S. are translatable into the current era of this country. Stop being such greedy selfish pricks!
—Erik Wollum, Coon Rapids, MN

The internet is the only thing that connects the world without borders, without the fear of persecution, its the only thing that keeps millions of lonely people company, its the thing that lets families talk to one another without the fear of running up a bill, and they can see their faces when that wouldnt have been possible almost twenty years ago. The fact that this is even trying to pass again lets me know that nothing the government or any government agency really has no interest in the best road for this country, just incredibly selfish monetary reasons. Always has been. You've already tried this twice or so before, oh and thanks to the FDA scare about the cigar industry I lost a very nice job that also supported America, and various other countries, but of course, thats going to be messed with again. So get out of the internet now. Leave it the hell alone, there is nothing you people can do to make it better. Focus on things that actually fucking matter, like running the country and making sure that works, since in the past 50 or so years its seemed to be pretty screwed, and no one wants to do anything but point fingers. So just leave the internet alone, go find something else to ruin further.
—Kelsey, okc, OK

We the people need some help. For-profit corporations are ganging up on us. Think of the bullies on the playground, to illustrate, or the gangs in a cartel. Invest in us.
—Mr. Colonel Williams, new bedford, MA

The Internet is not something that should be commercialized for economic gain. There is already enough killing of creative thought in this country, we don't need one of the last venues in which we the people can speak to be choked down
—Scott Burker, Lawton, OK

We need the internet ok
—Yaniris, belle chase, LA

The internet is the current information stronghold that is actively advancing our world's technologies through communication and idea sharing. To throttle and monopolize this information is unethical and retrogressive. What this world needs is an open source to share ideas equally and efficiently, not having it impeded by greed.
—Josh Petty, Burlington, KS

The internet helps me keep my memory after age 65 The internet helps me maintain my health through research and information available to me. The internet lets me connect with my relatives who are not in the same area. The internet allows me to share my creativity, which I could not afford to do without it. The internet allows me to grow and build my connections to and with others. The internet allows for me to have my small business which means I can eat which means I am not a drain on our economy but an asset. The internet makes me happy and connects me to current events I would not have financial access to otherwise. The internet allows me to pay my bills and shop where I would not have access without it. The internet is my education tool, where I could not learn many things or take many courses without it. Please keep it neutral, for all our sakes.
—Diane, Boca Raton, FL

Make the internet common carrier because it is our common carrier of communication….Unless you steal it from us for your pals, old bosses. You need to resign today if you cannot in all honesty do your job for the people rather than the old bosses some of you have had in the past. We need to see who does conflict of interest suits against public employees if you set up this fast lane for those that are clearly people that have paid you more then you get working as a public employee and likely will again in the future. DO THE RIGHT THING! Make the Internet Common Carrier and ask Congress to introduce Tim Berners-Lee's Magna Carta /Bill of Rights for the Internet. HE UNDERSTANDS IT BETTER THAN YOU! There are two honest regulators on the commission and three with past close ties and earnings from the industries this commission regulates. ALL THREE WITH PAST TIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON ANYTHING AND SHOULD RESIGN! That includes Commissioner Wheeler who is either too stupid to realize what he is doing or too corrupt to do the right things and /or thinks the public it too stupid to know what he is up to. STEP DOWN!.
—Monica Seymour McFeeters, baldwyn, MS

The Internet is a place of creativity, innovation and inspiration. It doesn't know any sort of filter and its beautiful that way. Please don't subject the most free space on Earth to the whims (read: expected profit margins) of executives. It is a forum of freedom. Please leave it that way.
—Jennifer Bourlier, Livonia, MI

Don't touch my internetz. Get your filthy, corrupt money out of politics, and your filthy, corrupt politics out of net neutrality.
—Johan Lindegren, Norwalk, CT

Net neutrality is important to me be because I don't want to be stuck seeing what YOU are PAYED for ME to see. Also because the change would take place as I am leaving college/grad school with tons of debt and no actual money to my name, which means I probably wouldn't be able to use the internet at all.
—Hannah, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be an open and free space for people to spread their creativity and ingenuity, and be able to explore without the constraints these massive companies plan on implementing. STOP THIS NOW.
—Melissa, Winter Park, FL

I have friends that create funny short videos. They have been doing it for almost 10 years now, the internet has given them the opportunity to share their funny ideas with people who have a similar sense of humor. It is a way for them to express themselves outside of their mundane jobs. An outlet to be creative and share with other people to enjoy. Removing that will not only strip away their creativity but take away the videos their friends, family and fans enjoy watching.
—Tory Cordero, Philadelphia, PA

Why are you so greedy, is the huge amount of money you have not enough?
—Alex, Dallas, TX

I think it is horrible that people are even considering to change Net Neautrality. This is just a scheme to make sure the rich stay rich and the poor just get poorer. Right the the internet is place where any voice can be heard. Anyone can create their own website to start-up their own business. What will happen when all of the big companies that have the money to pay for faster speeds take over? The little guys will be kicked out and be unheard once again. This is by far one of the stupidest things i have heard in a while. Isn't the FCC run by a former CEO of a cable company? All todays cable companies are big monopoly's. The fact that no one can compete with them; they can make you over pay for their shitty services and all of their "bundles". The same thing will happen to the internet if the FCC gets their way.
—Brett Legendre, Patterson, LA

I don't want a gatekeeper. I don't want someone to have to filter through and approve my content, I don't want a Pay to Play system. What is this, Combat Arms? No thanks.
—Andy Castillo Porres, Palmdale, CA

Net Neutrality is the principle that says ISPs can't discriminate between different types of traffic.Instead of a wonderful playground of innovation that it is now, the Internet will become like cable TV where you can only get stuff that's been pre-approved by a bunch of old rich guys. The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money. Please keep it that way
—Ryan Roark, Stroudsburg, PA

No other generation has had something as open, exciting, or full of potential as the internet. It allows expression, community, growth, and learning. Let it do what it was meant to, freely, without restraints, and the world will be better for it.
—Ryn Duncan, Corvallis, OR

Net Neutrality is a cornerstone for the future of internet innovation. All is lost without it.
—Josh Eadie, Pittsburgh, PA

On the internet it does not matter if you are rich or famous, everyone has the same voice. With a pay-to-play internet companies like Google would not exist because services like Yahoo would be too big to dethrone. It literally stops all evolution of the internet because only the richest companies can buy service, and anyone running a start-up site is doomed to fail. Can you imagine a world with out Google?
—C V., San Francisco, CA

This is more than an issue of free speech; it's an issue of censorship and free expression. If I choose to express myself via the Internet and a company can deter my thoughts because they do not support it, this violates my freedom of expression. Not just as an American but as a person, I should not need to pay to have my expressions "unfiltered," or even made easier to express to the level they are now. Net Neutrality guarantees me and all other Americans our rights to express ourselves without any deterring censorships. Please consider what the people want and what we're willing to fight for. Thank you ~
—M Wolfe, Carmel, IN

To Whom It May Concern: I believe the internet to be a free-zone even more so than reality. A business closer to the home will get more business from you than one 3000 miles away. However, on the internet everything is a click away and distance doesn't matter. Music, videos, news all of that is right there. Taking away net neutrality is the equivalent of censoring our content and we may as well be no different from the world's communists and dictators. Sincerely, Jhonny Almeida
—Jhonny Almeida, Hackensack, NJ

The internet is where everyone voice can be heard, mot only of the rich people. Dont kill our right to express ourselves.
—Michelle Montiel, Laredo, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is one of the last forms where speech is freely spoken and many ideas are formed. Don't disrupt our free-thinking!
—Tegan Donnelly, Nashua, NH

FUCK YOU SO MUCH YOU ARE THE ANTICHRISTS
—Hans, hans, ID

Giving people fair access to the internet is much more important than earning a few extra dollars.
—Charan Gibbs, Colorado Springs, CO

As a heavy internet user who also works for a startup, Net Neutrality is vital to me being able to let people know my business exists, and ensure I am able to succeed.
—Tom Larkin, New York, NY

Retaining net neutrality is essential to allowing equal access to what has become a central, global information network. Allowing corporations to dictate access through financial barriers will only add to corporate influence and income disparities, further eroding democracy.
—Dr. Laura Maciuika, San Ramon, CA

Net Neutrality is absolutely important to me as it is the ONLY platform left where ALL individuals are able to be equal. Small, large or corporations are all equals on the NET, where each business can grow. It is also important for all citizens. Individuals with lower income are able to use the internet as it should be. ISP's are only concern with maximizing profit. ISP have continued to show profits and there haven't been any reinvestment in the economy.
—Kojo Holman, Brooklyn, NY

Equal access to the internet is the best way new talent can be get the public's attention. Don't squelch the hopes of artists for the sake of shareholder profits.
—John Whyman, Vivian, LA

There is no morality in profit-driven corporate domination of communications. Are populations to be transformed into commodities to be manipulated and controlled by corporate interests soley on economic basis? This is also the banality of evil. We the People require at least as much access on an equal footing with any commercial interest.
—Barbara J Sliger, Montpelier, VT

Please leave the internet a free service for all without restrictions and limitations, HELP us prove that this country is founded and run by its people and not major corporations
—Andrew Bross, livingston, NJ

With the proposed changes, big corporations will effectively silence independent or small entities, which threatens the First Amendment.
—Sara Zalkin, San Francisco, CA

the internet should be FREE, as is primary education in this country. The only sites that should be banned are hate speech and child abuse/rape/porn.
—Jennifer laporta, Oakland, CA

I recently launched my own small business in Washington, D.C., for which online presence is a key componenet. Additionaly, the majority of the know-how needed to start this business was learned online. I cannot be more excited, but also cannot stand for this opprunity being limited or removed to other aspiring entrepreneurs due to a lack of net neutrality.
—Kevin Vanarsdall, Vienna, VA

I am enraged and DEEPLY concerned that this is even a possibility. The short-sidedness of these actions is so obvious people need to FORCE themselves to ignore common sense that this is a terrible idea. Doing away with Net Neutrality will only create a stagnent and sterile enviroment that will discourage growth, flexibility, and creativity. I am dumbfounded that currupt buisnessmen and lobbyiest are once again trying to tie the hands of free people, not just Americans. These persons should be placed on trial and their ideas and actions be placed under scrutiny.
—Cole Riedel, Clovis, NM

The internet as it is now. Is possibly one of the greatest things ever made by man. Sure it has corners of nasty and gross and bad. But there's far more good to it then bad. People can receive support from possibly thousands of people. Any reasons from just normal stress, possibly reaching for a promotion of a job and is seeking opinions. An aspiring artist looking for support. You cannot make this into a controlled system. I stopped watching cable TV for the garbage they call entertainment nowadays. With thousands of reality shows all featuring the same things. Give me people who use Twitch.tv to broadcast and youtubers who are entertaining and good people. Please do not change the internet. For the sake of millions of people and their voices.
—Adam Metcalf, Mansfield, OH

Don't fix something that is not broken. Stop giving more control to superpower corporations such as Comcast. They have enough power already and look what it has done...terrible customer service and lack of acceptable alternatives with an extremely high barrier to entry. They finally have a competitor who is detracting market share and now they want control over their internet speeds? Net neutrality is the only way!
—Brett Dugan, Denver, CO

Please save net neutrality! Keep the internet free!
—Linda Sue Kocsis, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it.
—Paul, Chevy Chase, MD

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.
—Aydin Sekban, Killingworth, CT

Please keep net neutrality. The internet is the one place money shouldn't speak louder than words.
—Kevin M. Hall, PINCKNEY, MI

I don't think anyone who can look at this objectively could honestly think that getting rid of Net Neutrality is a good thing. Do the right thing.
—Wayne Welbeck, Durham, NC

Dear FCC, Do not make a pay for speed internet. Net neutrality must be a guiding principle for the FCC. Keep it free and open. Sincerely, Tom L
—Tom Lapor, oakland, CA

We need the internet to be open and accessible to everyone.
—Luis Orellana, Los Angeles, CA

My wife and I run a company as a non-for-profit. We use our own money to host a website to keep in contact with local makers and crafters in our community. The fact that our outreach is treated equally works to help lighten the load, since we don't hold our vendors hostage for high up front fees. Please treat us with the fairness that we treat each other with in our community. Take the time to really sit down and think about the decision you are making, we are begging you.
—Mathias Noble King, Medina, OH

Keep the internet free and where anyone and everyone has a voice, and NOT just the richest 1%.
—Tia Broadway, Higden, AR

Net Neutrality is important for equal opportunity for everyone who uses the internet to create, innovation, and explore new ideas. By limiting access to certain sites and favoring some over others the FCC will greatly decrease the potential that the internet holds, hindering creative progress and social progress too. Additionally a pay-to-play internet will never work because there is simply too much content on the internet. Keep our internet equal.
—Bryony Brown, Pittsburgh, PA

The freedom to access others' ideas creates a collaborative platform unlike any other; without Net Neutrality, we are limiting our potential to find solutions to personal and global problems.
—Ardyn, Brecksville, OH

Under no circumstances should access to information, goods or services be restricted by corporations and the inevitable censorship that follows. Consumers do not need their choices limited - they need them expanded and maintained!
—Saban HESS, Manassas, VA

The internet is my safe place. You cant just changr something so drastically like this. Stop.
—Katie, marietta, GA

The internet is where I feel like myself. I don't have to play politics with any bozo if I don't feel like it. Take that away and an entire generation will feel like they've lost a part of themselves... It's the equivelant of forcing all tumblr users to log into 4chan before they can access their blogs.
—Thias Light, Eagan, MN

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Brandon Newberry, Acworth, GA

This "Fast Lane" plan is not fair at all. It will make new, just now starting, sites unusable, and I, like a lot of other people, can't afford the new fees. The internet is fine just the way it is, free and fair. So please, restore Net Neutrality, DON'T destroy the internet (which this will), and for the love of God, STOP doing this.
—Skylar LaFond, Clarkesville, GA

The internet is one of the most important technological advances this world has seen; On par with Gutenberg's movable type. Net Neutrality is the only approach that makes ANY sense. Equal treatment of ALL packets MUST be Mandatory! Creating "fast lanes" (and de facto "slow lanes") will cripple the robust health of this emerging technology. The beauty of the internet, is that nobody knows where exactly everything is going. Engineers and Entrepreneurs are finding new ways to utilize the internet on an almost daily basis. "Watering down" Net Neutrality laws will cripple these advances. Thank you for your time.
—Paul Lange, MASON, MI

The internet, as it is now, is a fair playground where even those without millions of dollars can succeed. I don't want that to change.
—Frank Paschen, Cinnaminson, NJ

The Internet isn't broken. It is the only representation of pure Freedom of Speech. Any changes would just muddy the waters.
—James McDaniel, West Haven, CT

When the power of love, overcomes the love of power, (i.e. money) the world shall know peace.
—Michael Clark, Vero Beach, FL

Hey FCC, protect Net Neutrality!!!
—Raabe, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality give a voice to everyone. There is no prejudice, no control. Net Neutrality gives us freedom. This is a freedom that should not be taken from the people.
—Will, Traverse City, MI

It's a matter of freedom of speech. Everyone should have the same volume of voice no matter where they come from or how much money they have.
—Lena K, Brooklyn, NY

Keep net neutrality. I dont wanna pay a metric fuckton of cash just to see porn and play games and watch youtube and all the different things I use the internet for.
—Andy Papadakis, Fort Wayne, IN

Are you seriously trying to pull 'Big brother is watching'? This totalitarianism will NEVER work. You are trying very hard to be like China and hopefully American citizens and the rest of the world will stop you. I am sick of you.
—Vik Machacku, Burbank, CA

I would like access to ideas that aren't filtered through commerce or the government.
—Vanessa Bedford, Sacramento, CA

Who know who will figure out the problem you need solving that so many others share with you. And you want to silence the voice of the person with the answer?
—Emanuel Pichardo, New York, NY

No selling a faster track internet. Please keep the system neutral.
—Susan Dent, San Rafael, CA

Dear FCC, I hardly think this will change the minds of your incredibly corrupt and self serving heads. I almost find myself not bothing with this sort of thing because the people who are trying to make this ridiculous stuff happen know what they're doing is wrong they just don't care but here ya go. Leave the internet alone. It does not belong to comcast, time warner, or the fcc. Pay for play style internet will not work.
—Edward Collier, Marietta, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me as a small business owner to ensure a fair playing field for companies and consumers.
—Nick Spagnuolo, Peoria, IL

To take away Net Neutrality is to take away the freedom of information. The Internet is an important resource for information and I don't want anyone deciding what I can and cannot view and learn.
—Stephanie Wilson, Turtle Creek, PA

In order to foster a more democratic society our Internet needs to be free.
—Huzefa Mun, west chester, PA

There is little competition between ISPs already when you look at the local level so customers will get stuck with really high fees if net neutrality is not enforced
—Mark Deering, hanover park, IL

I don't want the internet to become the playground of the "select few" who can basically setup digital bouncers to do their bidding.
—Levi Roan, Lansdale, PA

Cable companies deciding for me which internet is the most important can not and should not happen. Your energies should instead be forcing cable companies to create faster internet. I mean look at South Korea's speeds, it puts us to shame.
—George Burlo, BOISE, ID

Net neutrality is essential for good honest capitalism.
—Joshua, provo, UT

Because of the very simple reason of that I like this idea of a place where I can share and gather thoughts, help build up a sizable number of contacts and friends and that should this come to pass not only will you LOSE money in the long run by people choosing to use other services, but frankly, you will be remembered in the history books as the cocksucker that ruined the place of free speech. Do you REALLY want that?
—Harrison Feinstein, Weathersfield, CT

The Internet is important to me because, as United States Soldier, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my access to information and ability to create products or services will be greatly diminished.
—Aaron Sotzen, Fort Bragg, NC

Do not allow Tom Wheeler's proposal to pass. This is Not in the interest of the American people. Please oppose this harmful proposal! We MUST maintain Net Neutrality.
—David Gistelli, Napa, CA

The internet is the single most important contemporary innovation. By limiting how it can be used, you limit the future progress of humanity as a whole.
—Will Schultz, Glenwood, NJ

I believe in supporting net neutrality because the Dingo head of the FFC will dramatically limit the potential of the internet.
—Charles Martel, Claymont, DE

FCC, please keep net neutrality. If the global events of the past few years have shown anything, it is the important of a free and equal internet to ensure freedom of speech.
—Daniel Flynn, Rome, NY

For civic engagement and exercise of our rights it is currently more important to have access to the internet than roads. We would never allow a city to charge for driving a specific make of car. We can't allow anyone to curtail the free flow of information. Additionally, by allowing the payment from content provider to access provider you are essentially taking ownership of my internet connection from me and giving it to the content provider. The internet will become one big Facebook where the end-user is the commodity being sold. You are better than that.
—Charlie Moses, Canoga Park, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in a free internet. A place where freedom of speech is the foundation and anyone with an idea can spread it. The internet is a place where the economic cost of entry into an industry is almost nullified. The only benefit that permitting ISPs to control traffic based on content will provide is to the businesses willing to pay them for privileges. It will not help your constituents. It will not help the economy.
—Jakob Breving-Johnson, Calumet City, IL

We need a vibrant, and level playing field when it comes to the information super highway. Remember those words, INFORMATION super highway. It is not a telecommunication highway, it is an information highway.
—Daniel LaPlaca, Cranford NJ, NJ

By any measure, the middle class has had a rough go of it the last few years. I'm an ivy-league educated 27-year old working for a state college, and somehow can still barely make ends meet. I don't believe anymore that I can persuade organizations like yours using things like "principles," or "morals." I'm not that naive. Instead, look at us - the middle class - as what we are: the biggest lobbying group in the country. We've had precious few wins lately, and if that continues you're going to end up with exactly what you're most afraid of: the middle class getting off the couch. Take away our free and equal Internet, and we'll have one less reason to stay on the La-Z-Boy.
—Daniel Benz, Cicero, NY

The internet makes up a great deal of my daily life. This scope of entertainment is enjoyable, but it doesn't need to be regulated and discriminated upon because someone wants to make more money. All this does is hamper the mode of communication, and ruins the free expression in the name of capitalsim. The internet is a network of information, and just as the porn sites proclaim, it's a mode of expression. What this does is no better than what China does, in making expression and the speed of information more muffled and censored depending on your societal privilege.
—Dakota Owen, Alexander City, AL

The internet is a tool of unlimited exploration and and it provides more possibilities then there has ever been before. Do not let Capitalist influences ruin this for future generations.
—Margaret Curran, Amherst, MA

Dear FCC, What ever happened to the American Dream? What happened to the notion that anyone could be successful despite where they came from. When did we become an exclusive club? If you take away net neutrality, you are encroaching upon our freedom of speech. I know a budding musician who posts his music to the internet. He lives in a rough neighborhood and without this outlet, he would probably be out on the streets causing trouble. Please keep net neutrality for other kids like him, and for posterity. Thank you.
—Rachael, Fort Collins, CO

My small business will not be able to compete with the toll, as with many others. This is true of many small businesses, and will only serve to strangle innovation and new sources of revenue. It is of great importance to humanity of present and future to set precedent for the internet as a free an open space.
—Patrick Todd, Winterville, GA

It's what we want--FREEDOM. Enforce our criminal laws and then mind your own business please.
—L, Camino, CA

Our country was founded on civil liberties. It must preserve those liberties at all costs, not sell them to the highest bidder. Maintain net neutrality.
—Christian Camerota, Colchester, VT

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money.
—Claire Gould, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a young chemistry graduation student. If I have been taught one thing in the public school system, it is to keep learning. Without net neutrality, I will have to cut my food budget even tighter in order to just browse scientific articles in my free time. The scientific community needs an easily accessible open forum to share articles and ideas across the globe. With net neutrality, science is flourishing. Ideas and thoughts can be spread around the world easily. Science is for everyone. Don't make it just for the privileged. Keep the internet available to everyone. Thanks.
—Thomas P. McGuire, Amherst, NY

The internet is the most valuable tool I have. it allows me to experience a depth to the world that I would otherwise be denied. If net neutrality is not maintained, it's not just small companies that lose their voice, it's me. When money is the strength of your shout instead of the merit of your ideas the laymen of the world will smother.
—Taliaferro Wiatt, Bowling Green, KY

The cable companies having free reign like this constitutes a complete monopoly, why is this being overlooked like something is not. Elected or nominated officials should have no affiliation with companies or be allowed to enter rolls where their area of profit does not directly correlate to laws they are attempting to pass. We make India look incorruptible at this point.
—Miriam Keaton-Howell, Austin, TX

Please protect net neutrality. I don't want my ability to find new technologies, do research or understand new environments to be held back by decisions of others..
—Randy, Boyds, MD

Net Neutrality is REQUIRED for continued innovation on the web!
—Brad Shaheen, New York, NY

Its wrong. Simple as that.
—Cailin, Shingle Springs, CA

I know it's pretty tempting to use your connections to keep the game going up there and make many times over when I will make in my life, again, but you are elected to a position to help represent us and protect our interests. Please do your job, we're paying you a lot for it.
—Joseph Ream, Newark, OH

Save net neutrality. We need to keep the internet open and prevent cable companies from creating monopolies that will harm the consumer. Thank you.
—Nate Drag, Buffalo, NY

Dear FCC, Fuck you you rich assholes. Serve the people not the corporations. seriously fuck you
—Thomas, Schenectady, NY

Please keep the net fair for everyone. Do the right thing! Don't turn the internet into anymore of a mess that the cable companies have made it.
—Stephen JEz, Shaw AFB, SC

Because it's fucking greedy and horrible that companies would pay money to be the "first ones" noticed when it's the small companies that keep this country alive and kicking and free. Don't fuck with our last outlet for true freedom of speech and creativity. Just don't.
—Caitlin Gray, Coldwater, MI

Please stop, nothing good will come from this decision.
—Alex, Bemidji, MN

I want to continue enjoying the many personal or small team websites that I regularly visit that might not exist anymore if we lose net neutrality. Giving larger businesses monetary control of what is on the internet seems like an infringement on our right to freedom of speech and expression. I may not be an expert on this, but I know that Net Neutrality is something that we need to protect.
—Adam, Dallas, TX

The internet is the one place where voices speak louder than money and it should stay that way.
—Eva, Washington, DC

The internet is a place for freedom and should not be dictated by people with money, screwing over everyone else.
—Jessica Edwards, Newtown, CT

I want to binge netflix in HD without waiting for it to buffer because I can only afford slow internet
—Michael Chaplin, Cambria, CA

Correct the Title II designation so that internet service providers are "common carriers". The only content I get from Comcast is a monthly bill! By the way, that bill creeps up though performance degrades.
—Rob, Alameda, CA

"The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money." "So the FCC won't let me be, or let me be me, so let me see"
—Tessa Pantaleone, Bloominton, IL

To: FCC Protect the freedom of information and the public's right to access to information. Reclassify the internet as a Title Two Telecommunications Service. Failure to do so is a violation of the responsibility you bear to the American people.
—Beverley Walter, Riverside, IL

The internet is the only place dinner people can express themselves or get recognized for their talents.
—Ahnna-Leisha Stover, Athens, GA

The internet is the final frontier of completely free market media, the last place where information exists free of capitalist regulations. Knowledge and equality should be more important than money.
—Brennan DePew, Leawood, KS

FCC: GO FUCK YOURSELF YOU GREEDY FUCKS.
—Ari, Howe, TX

Free enterprise, Free market, and the freedom to share our ideas with others, so they might build upon them and expand America.
—Cynthia Marren, denver, CO

I'm not a very rich person and would like to have equal access to the internet without having to pay extra for faster access to my favorite websites. You may say that you will only charge for already faster speeds, but we all know that your internet monopolies will take advantage of the public and make standard connections even slower to give us incentive to pay for faster internet. That's how business works; the world revolves around money. We the people are not your puppets.
—Visaal Sivakumar, CHATTANOOGA, TN

Please dont silence our voices. Net neutrality is important.
—Aaron Bridges, Woodbridge, VA

I am a writer of only fifteen years old and a student in high school. I rely on such sources as Wikipedia, YouTube, Gmail, and other popular services that give me new ideas and information to help jumpstart projects and new pieces. If you take away net neutrality then you are limiting the number of ideas one can take on and therefore diminishing my supply of new ideas.
—Andrew Dugan, Morrisville, PA

The Internet has become one of the most important utilities in the United States of America, and was originally developed by DARPA, a defense department organization. It is without question that it should be classified as an open, public utility. Is the Eisenhower Interstate System a private roadway? No. Neither should the Information Superhighway be. This is a no-brainer, and anyone against it is clearly not in support of "We The People" (and if you're a government official and against it, it means you're also not doing your job).
—Merle Armstrong, Culver City, CA

Keep the internet Net Neutral please.
—Brian Von Bork, Bandon, OR

The Net should remain neutral. If this bill is to be passed this would create a new environment that would stifle innovation, creativity, and progress. Start-ups and new small businesses will not be able to survive in this new landscape. The only party that would benefit from this are the ISP's. Re-classify ISP's as common carriers so we can save the Internet as we know it, not so it degenerates into a locked down media channel that can be altered by large corporations on a whim.
—Nick Strenk, Royersford, PA

net Neutrality is very important to us as a society. We have become reliant on the information highway also known as the "Internet". Please don't be evil and allow evil to be. We should get what we pay for and not be restricted any more than we already are...
—Mr. Jason Mesker, Pendleton, KY

The internet represents unfettered human creativity and passion. It's a place were no matter who you are or where you come from, you can express yourself and have your views challenged by others. Never in human history has such a place been established, and I will fight with everything I have to keep it here for future generations.
—Alexander Higgins, Tampa, FL

The internet must remain open and not controlled by corporate interests , it should be granted Title 2 status .
—Mr. Dave Haymaker, Santa Rosa, CA

I would just like to say that I am a huge proponent of net neutrality. There is already enough of a monopoly on providing internet service. On that note, ending net neutrality would be a huge blow to what makes the internet popular. The internet is such a popular place because it is so indiscriminate. If that is taken away, the internet would become streamlined television, and that isn't what users are looking for, that isn't what I'm looking for. I want net neutrality to remain in place, to keep the creative, and sometimes strange, internet I love, and I hope my opinion is taken into consideration regarding this proceeding. Thank you for your time.
—John Young, Defiance, OH

The internet is what gets me through all the hard times don't make this masterpiece into something disgusting
—Madeline E Webb, Egale lake, ME

We want the Internet to continue to live up to its promise, fostering innovation, creativity and freedom. We don't want regulations that will turn our ISPs into gatekeepers, making special deals with the few companies that can "pay to play" and inhibiting new competition, innovation and expression. STOP trying to turn the internet into something that big business can profit from by taking away our freedom. STOP trying to manipulate my consumer experience. Allow me to make my own decisions about what I want to see and what I don't.
—R Ditrolio, PORTLAND, ME

For a country that claims to be the leader of the free world it is a shame that our "leaders" are attempting to throttle, and limit the often wonderful world of the internet. Fact is, ISP's are common carriers, laws have been passed to that effect before, yet somehow they found loop holes around it, that isn't right.
—Grant Conquest, Longmont, CO

To whom it may concern, Having previously lived and worked in the People's Republic of China, I have seen just how restricted an internet can become. If, we as a country, truly value the ideal of freedom, then we must allow the internet to continue to be as it is. The restrictions you are proposing would not only limit expressions, but also hinder the development of new art, businesses and exchanges of ideas (all of which are potentially beneficial to the economy in the long run). By prioritizing the interests of companies, you devalue everyday people who use the internet for a number of purposes.
—David Pantaleoni, Iowa City, IA

As a senior citizen, Net Neutrality is extremely important to me. I look for work, schedule appointments, pay bills and communicate with my family. I do not have a lot of money and the possibility of having to pay for something that I already paid for, as a tax-paying citizen, is only unfair, its unconscionable and downright immoral. The cable companies DID NOT pay or build the internet, we as taxpayers did and they have been getting a free ride. There is no doubt in my mind that as an oligopoly, they will use whatever means available to increase their prices and crippled the basic services. Please, do not implement this lethal plan to end Net Neutrality.
—John Churylo, Arvada, CO

Allowing the wealthy websites to control content on the internet directly violates our first amendment rights. We will all be squelched and blinded.
—Van Harrison, Nacogdoches, TX

It gives the internet providers even more power to suck money out of both ends when truth be told they already receive too much for their inferior internet infrastructure. Most cable/internet providers already run a monopoly on what services are available to you depending on where you live. I know in my area (Houston) all of the large providers are here but you can only choose the one that owns the rights in your area. Even if there is an AT&T hub on your block you can only get Comcast! Now they want the right to charge the media providers for faster service? that cost will just be handed back over to the consumer who already pays too much for the internet received. I propose that if the internet providers want to operate outside of the common carrier status then they should be held liable for all traffic that flows across their lines.i.e. child pornography, criminal violence, criminal destruction of property, virus', any malicious software, hacking.....and the list goes on. If they want to control what content gets through and at what speed then they need to be held liable for the content they control.
—Zane Grider, friendswood, TX

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 users have fewer options and a less diverse internet experience. ISPs SHOULD NOT act as gatekeepers to their subscribers and limit any services.
—Jonathan Basso, York, PA

A free internet is good
—Anthony, Doraville, GA

Its my only escape, please don't ruin it.
—Perla Verdeja, New Castle, CO

The internet is a place of creativity, learning, exploring, connecting, and fun. Not a place to make more money.
—Sarah Baker, Chesterfield, MO

free speech - free creativitly don't limit our internet.
—Celeste Didio, tampa, FL

The internet is not just a picture on a screen. It's a voice for us. A place of interaction. A way to get out of the grind of your normal life and be who you want to be. It gives us the ability to make something from nothing. Anything from making a website to starting a youtube channel. Please do not take this ability away from people. I personally know how many this would devastate. Please do the right thing and not be persuaded by the dollar. Thank you.
—Matt Rand, Colorado Springs, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because of the uniqueness of the internet. I have a small DJ company and website. I may not be able to have that website if Net Neutrality is abolished.
—Pat Louden, Malvern, PA

I am a young artist. Internet neutrality is important to me because it makes it possible for me to buy, sell and/or browse for art on a level playing field with bigger companies. As an artist, it would be much harder if internet neutrality became compromised. Protect Net Nuetrality,and that's all I have to say about that.
—Amber Davies, Omaha, NE

Save the NET!!!!!!! Leave it Neutral!
—Christina Pickeral, Washington D.C, DC

The internet is meant to be open as to allow everyone's voice to be heard.
—Joey Bietz, Magna, UT

I am a concerned student that wants the Net to Remain Neutral
—Marco Lucatero, winton, CA

Internet Neutrality is important for small businesses to grow and compete.
—Kimmy Ellinwood, Myakka City, FL

Your fuckery of the internet will bring down our country. Fuck the FCC.
—Bradley Taylor, Midland, TX

Dear FCC, I came from a country where the masses were kept down for long before I was born and continue to be done so today. I am an American citizen now. Me and my family came to this country because we believed that freedom was more than just a word or an idea. It is a perspective. The internet is still the wild west, where anything is possible and where people can and do have a voice. It is of the outmost importance to keep that neutral in order to keep creative innovation in this country growing. It is not a commodity that is to be controlled and manipulated by ISPs, to make even more money then they already are. As an internet user, it is important to me to be able to connect with young innovators and start up companies to promote capitalism - not monopolies. It is important to me to know that possibility is out there, when or if I choose to do it myself. To know that I wont be shut out by ISPs with their additional fees. The internet is neutral. This is America. Protect internet neutrality.
—Dmitri Frolov, Bell Canyon, CA

Eliminating net neutrality is infringement on freedom of speech and is unconstitutional.
—Sondra, Akron, OH

The government needs to protect the interests of the people rather than those of the highest bidder. Ending net neutrality would take the power of the internet away from the people and put it into the hands of companies that will destroy the internet as we know it to help their bottom line. The internet provides an even playing ground for both small and large entities, and it needs to remain that way. There used to be a time when the government put its constituents ahead of corporations and lobbyists. Please, do what you were put into office to do and help protect our rights.
—Jon Long, Evans, GA

The internet is too important to be censored by greedy companies. It destroys any innovation and thus cripples the world.
—Nicholas Gracey, Bay City, MI

I WILL NOT sit here while these heartless, big businesses destroy the world! USA USA USA USA USA
—Colleen Fordham, Salisbury, MD

Net Neutrality allows me to exercise my rights as an American citizen. I am able to access information that informs me of what those rights mean, and how I can protect them and change them. As an LGBT member of society, the internet is especially important for my rights. Without equal access across the net, attempts to maintain and fight for equal rights will be heavily damaged, which in and of itself seems to me in contradiction of my Constitutional rights. Taking away Net Neutrality would thus limit my rights. All the more so since I live in Utah, where my rights are already considerably limited. Without the internet being neutral, changing my environment for myself and my people will be nigh impossible. Please maintain Net Neutrality. It is critically important to the citizens of the USA.
—Andi Boswell, Provo, UT

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—Micah Segal, Ellicott City, MD

The innovations of the internet must be kept, and free from corporations control. Taking away Net Neutrality is taking away our freedom.
—Douglas Nguyen, Arlington, VA

It is important to keep the internet freely available to all so that ideas and products can continue to be shared globally. There is nothing quite like the internet, as it connects people from all over the world, and having that community no longer be freely available will stifle creativity that could benefit mankind.
—Alison Leth, Fort Collins, CO

Net Neutrality is a first amendment right. Once you loss this the internet wont be free anymore. The cable companies will have free rein over who gets the best internet. Then they can charge the people of this country massive fees to go to certain websites like Netflix, Facebook and Twitter. They will also slow down the nonprofit companies that can not pay the fees to the cable companies. Facebook got its start because the internet was free, because there was nothing that could slow them down and stop them from gaining popularity. compared to websites like Myspace who quickly dissipated from the quick and efficient way that Facebook took over. What will give small start ups a chance to grow when a cable company is charging the massive fees to let there website run? The small start ups wont be-able to run at the same speed and efficiency of larger companies that have more money.
—Blain Wakefield, Wilsonville, AL

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Seriously man, I need the internet to stay as it is. Don't let it monopolized.
—Austin Heriman, Reedley, CA

When every other aspect of media in our lives is controlled, the internet serves as an outlet for those of us who aren't famous to have our voices heard. In the internet we are all equals with the same access to knowledge.
—Lizbeth Maldonado, PROVIDENCE, RI

we dont want your nonsense !
—Kevin Huntink, Doetinchem, CA

Net neutrality is essential for our democratic process, for our right to know, to find information readily to keep our representatives accountable. With the decline in the printed newspaper, internet access is even more crucial to have to remain informed.
—Mrs. Noelle Gillies, San Jose, CA

Please do not end net neutrality. The internet may be the last truly free place in the world. Lest we become like North Korea in this respect, please respect that Americans, and the entire world, want the freedom to decide what we can and cannot see. It should not be filtered through the morality or immorality of another.
—Logan Gratehouse, Taylor, TX

Net neutrality is paramount. Protect the rights of free speech and the people, not big business and censorship. Do the right thing.
—Stephanie Meehan, Coupeville, WA

Because access to information should be a human right, not something we have to pay extra for.
—Matthew Trezza, Moriches, NY

Its our right to have free internet!
—Joe, boulder, CO

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The net is vastly far more than just a delivery device for movies and television, but if you don't act immediately to make identical access for everyone, then all that the net will become is one big commercial with television and movies delivered in between. YOU MUST PLEASE PRESERVE *NET NEUTRALITY" NOW
—Bru Bru, Stockton, CA

Remember our rights to free speech and expression. In this age that should include unbiased access to information.
—Colin Buckingham, Brooklyn, NY

Leave my internet alone you greedy fucking bastards.
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The Internet is at its core free, equal, and democratic. Anyone can be on it, anyone can talk to anyone else, anyone can get their idea out there. Because of that, innovation has flourished, dictatorships have toppled, and former strangers the world over have become wellsprings of support and relief. Ending Net Neutrality will kill all of that. Allowing providers to give specific sites "faster" access is really allowing them to give everyone else slower access, or even take them offline completely. We know they will do this because they already have, like Comcast did to Netflix. As the cable providers have become an effective monopoly, they will be able to decide who gets access and who doesn't. Who gets business, audience, expression, etc. and who is silenced. It will create a power disparity that undermines everything that makes the Internet great. Please preserve Net Neutrality. Please preserve the Internet.
—Stephen Kloder, Mountain View, CA

Pay-to-play internet would be a travesty towards the American dream, where everyone can be treated equally. If net neutrality is lost, how long until we've set up a caste system, where wealth is the only thing that dictates a person's status? We'd be just the same as Saudi Arabia.
—Robert W, Corvallis, OR

How will small business owners get their ideas out if they're pushed out by large corporations? We see this with Wal-mart putting small shops out of business, and now we'll see the same with the internet.
—Amelia Allen, Harrisburg, PA

Dear FCC, I'm Mike Gill and I live in Fort Worth , TX. 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. I have learned more from the internet than I have from undergraduate studies and law school, for roughly $19 per month, due to Low cost/unlimited access to news sources/content of all kinds. the unrestricted landscape of the internet as it is now allows users vast opportunities to explore and learn. Please, do not restrict this freedom of access. Sincerely, Mike Gill 3725 Bradford Creek Drive apt 518 Fort Worth, TX 76116
—Mike Gill, forth worth, TX

Please allow the internet to remain the creative powerhouse that it is today. Please require internet providers to treat traffic equally!
—Alex Charles, Orlando, FL

Because the internet is where I spend most of my time and is my passion.
—Andy Stephens, St Louis, MO

This is online discrimination! The net should be neutral, not something that businesses have the right to own! Keep the playing field fair.
—Kyle, Fort Worth, TX

Ending the net neutrality is anti-democratic. Also, it is very expensive for or/and to the poor people. Only those who are rich can afford it.
—Estrella Ponce, sylmar, CA

As a content creator, I rely on Net Neutrality to get my content to the public--when Net Neutrality is protected, my unique content has every chance to reach its audience, and the internet becomes a viable venue for my own small business.
—Jenna Sutter, Barrington, IL

If the internet was America, Net Neutrality would be freedom. So if you take away Net Neutrality from the internet, you're taking away freedom from America. If you take away freedom form America, you know what that makes you? A traitor. You do know what we do to traitors in this country right? Don't be a traitor FCC. Keep Net Neutrality safe, keep freedom safe.
—Wesley Stochel, Milltown, NJ

It is the one thing in America that works and I can rely on. If we are paying so much more money than other countries for such shitty service from these twats, excuse me, Comcast, TimeWarner, Verizon, etc. I would at least like to keep the courtesy of being able to explore the web on a level playing feel of equal shitty service.
—Andrea, Penfield, NY

The internet is one of the most important technologies this world has seen. Please don't take away the rights of our unrestricted internet and leave it as it's beautiful self it is right now. The people of the United States shouldn't get this as a right.
—Brian Pick, Daly City, CA

Net neutrality is vital in ensuring that smaller, potentially great start-ups are not stifled.
—Colin Schmidt, sun prairie, WI

The FCC MUST protect net neutrality in order to preserve the open free nature of the internet that has created innumerable opportunities for innovation and progress for Americans and others across the world. I urge you to take the appropriate actions to preserve Net Neutrality and allow the internet to continue to act as an open forum of communication and innovation.
—Madison Rogers, Phoenix, AZ

The internet is a more-or-less level ground for budding Youtube celebrities, web startups, and musicians. This makes the internet a great source of innovation in content and technology. Without net neutrality, we'll lose the greatest source of innovation of the last decade.
—Raghav Subramaniam, Ithaca, NY

in america we have the right to free speech and we have the right to have freedom. With the FCC trying to ban what we can see in what we do over the Internet any more than what they already have is criminal. I want my freedoms & I will have my freedoms. And you can take anything else from Americans from my cold dead fucking hands. just try and censor me.
—Nicole, Burton, MI

As a musician attempting to make my name somewhat respectable, this would drastically hinder any efforts I'd put forth, as social media and emailing is my primary source for contacts.
—Chris, Lancaster, PA

Fuck you very much, the FCC.
—Mr. Gabe Alvarez, Austin, TX

Freedom of choice and individuality
—Tyler, Lancaster, PA

Being a student is increasingly difficult with the upward trend in educational technology, but if you restrict access to parts of internet, certain research, learning, creativity... All will be lost to those who can't afford it. And believe it or not, sometimes to really ace a report, or project, or thesis, you need access to internet pages that only net neutrality will continue to support.
—Julia Bevington, Plymouth, MN

People need their voices to be heard, net neutrality must be upheld so that we are still free to decide which mediums we consume without having certain companies decide for us!
—Louise Blair, Kissimmee, FL

The internet should be free from restrictions
—Jonathan Leuck, Mulberry, FL

Net neutrality is extremely important to protect the ability of every person to express the views and opinions that they would like, without corporate intervention or interference. KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL.
—Nathan Williams, Seneca, SC

Do not get rid of net neutrality.
—K, Ames, IA

Read the definition of New Neutrality. For all of those reasons, it is important to me. Quit trying to control everything.
—Harlan Ricks, Weatherford, TX

Internet neutrality is important to me because I am a struggling college student trying to pay my own way through college and money is limited. The internet is possibly the most important aspect of my life. It lets me do open, free research and communication between long distance friends and family. It aids me in school work as well as gives me life lessons. It is my playground for relaxation after a 12 hour serving shift at work. I would not be able to afford to pay for the internet if this merger were to go through. The internet should and always remain a free and open source for everyone to explore.
—Rebecca Welch, Cedar Rapids, IA

STOP TRYING TO BLOCK MY AWESOME FREE WILD WILD WEST STYLE INTERNET FROM EXISTING. I DONT CARE NEARLY AS MUCH ABOUT YOUTUBE OR GOOGLE AS I CARE ABOUT MY RIGHTS TO EXPLORE THE DEPTHS OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE!!!
—Anthony Zampi, Glen Allen, VA

The Internet is important to me because, as a student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Karan, Hawaiian Gardens, CA

Everyone on the internet deserves an equal chance. It's one of the only forums where small ideas can become big ones. We need to maintain the equality.
—Ellen, Vancouver, WA

Net Neutrality is vital to the Internet. It has allowed for the growth of progressive movements around the world and has allowed the public to connect as equals. Dismantling Net Neutrality has the potential to destroy this progress in communications and it could very easily go so far as to create a class system on the Internet. As education is a human right the Internet has been one of the most important tools available for my generation (I'm 30) to learn about the world and find new perspectives. While new perspectives might still be found even with a loss of Net Neutrality, when these new perspectives are given the unfair precondition of fundraising it severely limits educational opportunities. Ending Net Neutrality could make education and information inaccessible; similar to how student debt interest rates can make traditional education and information inaccessible. The difference though is where getting rid of student interest rates would require legislation from a defunct Congress, restoring Net Neutrality would only require the FCC to change a classification. This does not require legislation; it just requires the FCC to do its job. Dare I say it; ending Net Neutrality has a similar theme to closing down all the libraries world wide and replacing them with for-profit bookstores. Libraries contain resources which are classless and paid for by public tax dollars (likely donations as well). For-profit bookstores, while usually offering affordable books do also require one to be able to afford a purchase. Now imagine this price tag for books is instead a fee to ensure Comcast, Verizon, or AT&T wont throttle or block internet traffic to a site where a person simply wants to express themselves (as they are guaranteed the right to do so under the First Amendment). One such example of this is expression is blogging. One of the benefits to independent blogging is its affordability and accessibility. Furthermore, the readers of such blogging sites appreciate said affordability and accessibility as well. What happens if Comcast, Verizon or AT&T decide they don't like particular content and want to throttle a signal when they don't get their desired fee? The blogger, as well as the blogger's audience, has just been subjected to very unfair treatment when all people want to do is engage in conversation. The loss of Net Neutrality would seem to be the final blow in a general corporate takeover of the channels of information. The first great blow was to diversity in telecommunications when President Reagan overturned the Fairness Doctrine. When he did so it became legal for news channels to present only one side of an issue with no counter-argument for comparison. One result of this has become an extremely biased media and a high percentage of Climate Change deniers in both the United States and Congress. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was another serious blow to Democracy as it took away monopoly restrictions and allowed for media corporations to expand their influence, buying competitor media entities, for greater profits; and less competition. Less competition leads to less Democracy. When you have less Democracy, and less opportunity for smaller media entities to grow, the nation takes a serious blow as far as its potential for information dissemination and social growth. The Internet was the last great tool for diversity, communication, Democracy and discussion. Net Neutrality was something that actually made the overturn of the Fairness Doctrine and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, manageable. We finally had another medium for free, fair and open exchange. If it's even necessary to mention; the Internet's neutrality allowed the world to become more connected and it helped the global, as well as national, economy as well. With no requirement for balanced content in media; with the permitted monopolistic growth of media corporations; and with an internet now controlled by those same monopolistic media corporations who can now freely discriminate against particular content… Well, there's only one way to put this: Mass indoctrination of the mass communications… It's the end of Democracy.
—Jennifer Dana, San Rafael, CA

A closed internet is an assault on the fundamental principal of freedom of speech.
—Galen Travis, Oakland, CA

I'm Andrea Godoy and I live in Amarillo, TX. 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 Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Andrea Godoy, Amarillo, TX

The internet is much bigger than people think, the internet is a depository of all human knowledge and experience, not just for USA, but for the entire human race. By getting rid of Net Neutrality, what the USA can see of the internet will be redeuced from what it is today, to what the Internet Service Providers what you to see. By restricting this amazing resource, you are doing nothing but preventing people from seeing the whole picture, but merely what they can see of it through the cardboard tube that removing net neutrality will provide. The arguments against net neutrality hold no weight, except that of the dollar. The negative that comes from the internet is outweighed by the vast amount of positive that it provides, and by restricting it, you are hindering the advancement of the human species as a whole. The Internet is not something that is limited to America, the Internet is common ground for people from all backgrounds to talk to eachother and discuss world events. The internet is a gigantic melting pot, much like the original United States of America, people from all over with differing ideals and beliefs can discuss anything on even ground, and that is what you are threatening to take away. Neutrality is Freedom for all those involved. Limiting it because of a few negative impacts is like outlawing cars because people can get into car accidents. Let the internet remain neutral territory. Let the internet live. Let the internet breathe.
—Eric Corcoran, Knob Noster, MO

The internet keeps me connected and informed on a lot of things. Don't take this away from us!
—Ramon Romo, Napoleon, OH

The internet is a beautiful mishmash of everything from academic how-to videos to gifs of cats sleeping. But most importantly, it's a place where even the most common person can share what they love and actually reach a substantial audience. No one should ever force them, amateurs as they are, to pay for an audience. Those who don't have the money to buy viewers often also wind up as the most talented, quirky, unique, and awesome content creators. The internet as it is now is built on giving access to almost anyone, and showcasing the world's combined creativity and knowledge. Please don't take that away from the many millions of us. Thanks <3
—Kona, Bellevue, WA

I would prefer to not have my career hindered by limits on network traffic
—Mr. Charles B., saint marys, GA

Net Neutrality is important for the small internet news media that would get overlooked if you allow Providers to charge for faster speed. Let the internet be free so that the people can have the choice to choose, and not the Providers. Please keep the power of choice with the consumers.
—Holly Trauth, Hewitt, TX

To create a fast lane for the internet, is like putting a fence around a public park and telling me that if I want to play I have to pay... Your logic only makes sense to your wallet, why would you allow greed to guide you to do this?
—Josh, san bernardino, CA

please keep the internet neutral. Our phone and cable are already ruined. don't allow the same for the internet.
—Mike Young, Covington, TN

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money. We need to keep it equal and keep it safe.
—Ami Coulibaly, Providence, RI

Do we really need to stifle the eclecticism of the internet just to further fatten the wallets of major companies? I appreciate the right to choose what content I want to see and when, I despise cable for assuming they can make that choice for me.
—Crystal Savell, Panama City, FL

The internet is a big, beautiful, weird landscape where we can finally have some freedom to look at, watch, enjoy, learn, literally do whatever it is we want to do. Isn't this supposed to be the land of the free? However, it seems as if you're trying to tell us what we should enjoy. Calm down, Stalin/Hitler/Un.
—Eric, DeLand, FL

This is by far the most terrifying thing the government has ever attempted to do. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Vanessa, sylmar, CA

Protect a free and open internet.
—Eli Schroeder, Glen Carbon, IL

The free exchange of ideas and expression is an invaluable thing. The end of net neutrality would have a huge negative impact on this and that's why it is important to me.
—James Hill, Tulsa, OK

This is important because for too long bank-rollers and lobbyists have controlled the government for the sake of personal gain. The FCC is one of those that don't understand the power they're holding all because they want to make more money on top of their already-enormous salary. As a coder and programmer, you jeopardize not only my well-being bu everyone else's who wants to use the internet for profit or for leisure. Seriously, think with your heart more than your wallet
—Dan Collins, Satellite Beach, FL

The internet is a tool that allows everybody to share and develop a sense of knowledge and creativity.
—Tyler Kaminsky, Milford, CT

The Internet is important to me because I believe in the free flow of information. Only an open internet can guarantee the entrepreneurial spirit and freedom of expression that has proved vital for the internet's growth so far. Allowing service providers to discriminate or charge more for certain kinds of content is the first step in allowing them to discriminate or even block content they do not like. Internet service providers should be exactly that: a provider of an informational service, not judges of content. Deregulating an open internet will not help and will frustrate millions of users simply for the benefit of a few large internet service corporations. We need the FCC to require no discrimination in internet traffic.
—Joshua Jones, Los Angeles, CA

Please maintain Net Neutrality, as this is a violation of freedom of speech, one of our basic rights in America. Allowing internet providers to control which sites we view, or the bandwidth. This destroys the growth of the internet as start-ups like Google who had small, and humble beginnings. Imagine if Google had floundered or never grew past it's small user base because of these paywalls that the FCC is possibly going to allow. Imagine a world without Google. I hope you will vote against this bill, and continue to maintain Net Neutraility.
—Elliott Sturgis, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is far too important to allow ISPs to censor it.
—Elizabeth J Dedman, Longview, IL

I would prefer if the FCC didn't try to control another part of my life.
—Scott, St. Louis, MO

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Mike Peterman, FORT WORTH, TX

I do not want cable companies running the government. This is not fair, to anyone. Many of us can barely afford cable and internet. There has been nothing like the internet and we will fight to protect it.
—Jason Q., Albuquerque, NM

I prefer the internet the way it is now. Free and open. Changing it will only make things worse.
—Jamal Ince, Brooklyn, NY

Pay to play internet makes no sense.
—Matt, Avon, NY

The internet was based on a democratic principle that access to all should be equal. By artificially constructing a two tier system you are forcing the majority of American to have substandard service to a system that has become essential to communications and commerce. I am demanding that you maintain net neutrality
—Weaver Haney, Canton, NC

Allow Net Neutrality Today, Tomorrow and forever!!!!!
—Rachel Nolan, Atwater, CA

The internet is one of the last places that doesn't discriminate against anyone. To take that away is to take away our FREEDOM. The whole point of the government and the FCC is to protect our freedom. And if net neutrality is taken away, our freedom will be violated. Keep and protect net neutrality!
—Kevin, radford, VA

This is going to only affect us in a negative way. A government cannot be run by the rich for the rich. That is corruption and if it continues things will get very dark.
—Richard Thompson, Vancouver, WA

To the FCC: My name is Nicole, 18, living in Mesa, AZ. And I have many concerns about the "Net Neutrality" that I have heard recently. First off, it takes away freedom for people online. To have to have permission to make a website, and to be restricted from others? It seems like you are taking away free speech. Delivering sites and messages that only you approve. I don't want to have to ask permission to make a website, or write a blog, and I don't want to have to ask to go onto some of my favorite sites. Second, you should listen to what people are saying. Famous Youtubers, bloggers, artists around the internet are in protest, and I for one agree with what they have to say. You would think that you should listen to the people WHO ACTUALLY USE THE INTERNET. I'm just saying it would be nice if you could hear our side of the argument. Third, I realize this isn't the only time that you've tried to take away something valuable from me. And by this I mean television. No, really. You've tried to block out and take away shows that I've liked, (My favorite Family Guy) because of the jokes, smut and vulgar that you didn't like, not taking into consideration about how the rest of the viewers would feel. Anyways, I'm just asking you to stop budding in on our sites. We the internet people made something fun for others to enjoy, making art, random and sometimes weird stories, and we would like to keep it that way. No changes are needed thank you. -Nicole
—Nicole Milbourn, Mesa, AZ

The internet, and it's various websites, gives me countless ways to solve problems (E.G: Car fixes, how to solve math equations, what to do in situations, etc), it gave me ways to communicate with my friends, and it has entertained me for days and days on end through Netflix, Reddit, and other news sources. Net Neutrality would maintain all of that, and possibly make it better. Having our internet services be kept like a prison will only cause riots and more petitions. Without the internet, I would have lost many friends, I would have not a whole lot to do as I live sort of in the middle of no where, and it's just a fun place to coexist with other internet users. We need this. We need the internet. Other countries- no, other whole /continents/- live in a world where the internet is a public utility. It's the 21st century... We need to be connected, now more than ever. -Cole
—Cole Hintermeister, Rochester, MN

This is a simple First Amendment issue. Do you bureaucrats sit around and think of ways to undermine the sacrifices our military makes everyday? Stop being so worthless and instead be beholden to the people.
—Sean Warburton, Tucson, AZ

Why would you change something that is already fantastic. this is not freedom this is the FCC being a Asshole.
—Dayton, New Prague, MN

because the internet is freedom
—Charles Henri Olivier, houma, LA

The internet must be neutral to protect everyone.
—Matthew Woodward, Denver, CO

The Internet is important to me because, as a PC tech, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than a new innovative product, there’s no way that others will be able to compete or succeed.
—Will Arnold, lombard, IL

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—Joshua Pollack, Hurst, TX

Net neutrality is among the most essential elements to freedom in information. Please help the American people free.
—B Hancock, Birmingham, AL

I'm outraged to think corporations or my own government could be stealing history from our children, the thought is criminal. Our public libraries will be obsolete, if not incredibly outdated within the decade. So please don't kill/ruin/change the one thing that makes life so great, internet isn't a privilege, it should be a right, and thus protected under the constitution as free speech/freedom of the press. It's disgusting to think government or corporations truly have my (children's) best interests at heart. Don't destroy what we have created.
—Christopher Miller, Everett, WA

I don't want my internet restricted or filtered by lobbyists and corporations who don't have my best interest at heart. I don't want to have my internet split up into multiple sections like my cable bill.
—Megan, Northridge, CA

Letter to the FCC: The internet needs to be left as open as possible and all information and content should be equally accessible. This allows for innovative problem solving at a time when we need it the most. The proposed system of fast lane access would hurt everyone and should NOT be adopted. The FCC should reclassify Internet Service Providers as Title II common carriers to ensure this fair and open access to our society's powerful tool. Thank you very much for your time.
—Paul Krokidis, Englewood, CO

We need net neutrality now
—Victoria Hutchison, Georgetown, TX

Equal opportunities for small businesses are essential to American industry. The internet is also a place of beautiful, free self expression, and should not be confined, taxed, and manipulated by corporations for the purpose of increasing their already enormous profit margins.
—Matthew Kliethermes, Kansas CIty, MO

Save the internet, please ~~
—Claudia Garza, Hidalgo, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because of the type of research I do for work.
—Grace Cook, Netcong, NJ

I, as a citizen of the United States of America would like to say that net neutrality is worth preserving and that any action that would act against it would be both unjust and unwanted.
—Caleb Zalaznick, Bronx, NY

The free flow of information is a basic right in a democracy. Restricting the speed, and availabiltiy of information for cerain groups or corporations, while others will have faster flow of information will create an unlevel playing field that favors only a few. Power and profits will not be fairly distributed. The same opportunities should be available to all.
—Vincent Fugere, Cranston, RI

Actually putting this bill in place is a direct breach of the US Bill of Rights. The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments; and the freedom of the press, as one of the great bulwarks of liberty, shall be inviolable.
—Jodie, Maumee, OH

The Open Internet is now entwined into the fabric of my life, at work and at home. It is fueling my small business and driving the economy. It is bad enough that the price of "access" has been allowed to climb to outrageous fees and be throttled for no tangible reason...for God's sake don't allow this to happen to the content. If it were not for graft and corporate greed, this would not even be an issue.
—Greg, Raleigh, NC

1) Fast lanes hinder the spread of information. 2)The internet should be a federate asset, much like potable water. 3)There's no reason this should not apply to mobile devices as well. We're at a crossroad where old people and old ideas are on their way out. We need people and government institutions that are technologically literate, that can understand and embrace new technology and ideas. Having access to the internet is a basic human right. The excuses behind data caps, fast lanes, and digital distribution have fallacies and these models are based on old notions that people WILL always invent ways to circumvent. We don't need the digital equivalent to a war on drugs. Get behind Net Neutrality and let's discuss ways of making it work for everybody.
—Reina Godeck, Olympia, WA

The internet needs to stay neutral. The united states has become a disgusting cesspool ruled by the rich instead of the people. Ending net neutrality only gives more power to the fat cats. End lobbying, end paid politicians, protect the internet!
—Anthony Noe, Ashburn, VA

Fast vs.Slow Lanes = Degeneration of the Internet Dear FCC Board Members, I watched your May 15th meeting, on the internet, with great concern. I particularly agree with a comment made by Ajit Pai regarding how it is that we do not even fully comprehend this great invention of the internet that we (or your group of five) may now adversely change forever with a vote to permit some form of "fast and slow lanes". It is imperative that as we seek ways to live productively together that all voices have an equal chance to be heard. Indeed, those who first created the internet were not the richest among us. An open frontier thankfully allowed for these early voices, but that open frontier is now threatened by those who would seek to dominate for self interest. The FCC should not be bending before a powerful minority, whose biggest motive is their own profit. There are many important issues shaping and threatening our world. If boards like yours continue to bow to powerful minority interests rather than seeking the well being of the Whole, I fear we are doomed. Thank you to Michael O'Rielly and Ajit Pai for your insights, knowledge of pertinent laws and courage to vote based on principled beliefs. It is my hope that other board members will give greater attention to these points and reconsider their position. Amy Lohmolder
—Amy Lohmolder, Highland Park, IL

Because the economic engine that is the internet should be equal access.
—Amy Shelton, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, I'm OCTAVIAN BLAGA and I live in SAN JOSE, CA. 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 users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet. 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 Internet is important to me because, as a college Computer Science student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed. Sincerely, OCTAVIAN BLAGA 2050 MCKEE RD APT 131 SAN JOSE, CA 95116
—Octavian Blaga, SAN JOSE, CA

Could you just not ?
—Zach Burnett, seattle, WA

Who do you think you are helping to destroy such an amazing outlet for creativity and communication through monetary gains for your friends. Shame on you and your family.
—Jared Carpentier, East Nassau, NY

This will do nothing short of hinder future innovation in internet technologies that have helped sustain and grow the US economy for the past thirty years.
—Alex Liberman, San Francisco, CA

The internet is a place for people to be who they want to be and for ideas to spring and be critiqued and grow. Limiting the internet to make more money or satisfy some selfish goal is completely unnecessary and will break down this system that has naturally grown. Not only this, but I'm sure the government would receive some incredible backlash from this.
—Elias James Gilbert, Bolivia, NC

The reason I went to college for Computer Engineering is becauseI felt that software development was a broad, and open landscape for me to be able to be creative, explore, and learn as much as I'd like. Net Neutrality has the potential to crush the very freedom and openness that attracted me so much to technology. Please allow the internet to remain free, open, and available to everyone.
—Henri, chicago, IL

You should preserve net neutrality because I'd like to live in a world where I can at least pretend to believe that the FCC isn't in bed with big corporations, ignoring their duties to the people while their pockets are lined with money from their ISP friends, instead of being blatantly slapped in the face with that truth. But we all know you're not going to listen to the people, so congrats! You've done your part in the destruction of what made this country great, just at the cost of your soul.
—Will Cafasso, Fairfax, VA

I honestly do not understand besides you wanting more money makes net neutrality a good idea. You're just going to make more of the people who are innovative and have so many great ideas and make it harder for these ideas to come to light. You are seriously the lowest of low of what being an American is. Home of the free right? So we should have that ability while being online. Do the right thing before the nerds like myself decide to do something about it.
—Marcus Montgomery, fort walton beach, FL

I like the fact that no matter which site I go to I am assured the same level of access for the same amount of money I pay for my connection and to the end site. By letting ISP's charge more to give faster or tiered access innovation will be affected as will my ability to enjoy the sites of my choice with the level of connection I am paying for.
—Damon Stone, St Paul, MN

I want to browse the internet without having to take a number. I feel the internet should be, and stay, anonymous and equal.
—Kevin, DC, DC

The internet has evolved into so much more than an endless database with a wealth of information. The net has provided endless opportunities for start-ups, small businesses, and individuals with true talent to obtain the support and funding they need to compete and collaborate with large and established businesses. Allowing businesses to bribe the government to showcase themselves above all competing players means that the government is promoting the existence of monopolies. The convenience of companies who can pay will be put ahead of competitiveness and innovation. The US is world-wide competitor for innovation, how embarrassing would it be to allow our own private industries squander our use of the greatest tool for invention? On the other corporate side, ISPs already have a great deal of control over bandwidth, i.e. how MUCH internet you can use. They don't need to control internet content as well. Some argue that ISPs will lower their rates because of increased revenue from these companies; however, I don't see any measure holding them accountable to this naive projection. ISPs do not need to hold more power and wealth in the telecommunications/information services.
—Sara, Salt Lake City, UT

I generate jobs through my internet businesses. It's important that I can compete with the big guys and that it is innovation that makes a company successful, not cash in the bank.
—Brandon Miniman, Media, PA

You are not running my Internet into a product of your hierarchy.
—Crystal, New Albany, OH

Don't let the sleazy and corrupt politicians who have been bought out by major ISP's of this "free" country control the internet that we all use, and should be able to use as equals.
—Will, Nashville, TN

Keep Net Neutrality! Keep the Internet free!
—Nicholas, Austin, TX

Work for the public, not the already rich enough companies, they are still making plenty dough from what they currently are doing, they don't need more from the PUBLIC we.
—Herman, Yonkers, NY

Net Neutrality is important to keep us ahead as a society. Don't let money decide what ideas are good.
—Sara Smith, Toledo, OH

The internet was created for the free exchange of information. Let's keep it that way.
—Veronica Elizabeth Raj, Oologah, OK

Don't ruin the internet by making it about money.
—Justin Anderson, Rochester, NH

It is completely outrageous and inappropriate for a group of incredibly out-of-touch, wealthy, aging (40 plus), non-milenial men to exert control over a domain of communication they have little understanding of both as a concept and as a tool in their personal lives. The pro-corporation, anti-personal liberties bias of the United States Government is already out of control, so let us not add more fuel to this inferno of gross inequality and monetary based favoritism.
—Garrett Collie Irvin, Fort Worth, TX

As a recent graduate of design school and young professional, I need Net Neutrality so I can discover new, inspiring things everyday that I may not be able to should pay-to-play be allowed. Net Neutrality allows many of the small, but brilliant companies I work for to be discovered and share their ideas with the world.
—Kameron Fehrmann, Tomball, TX

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—Kameron Fehrmann, Tomball, TX

I am a student. I believe in net neutrality where students like me all around the world can look up to America as a new standard to provide internet fairly in this new digital age, to learn, to help, to a a bright future for us all.
—Joshua, Boston, MA

The future of humanity can go down two paths. One where the best tool we have for improving our civilization, the internet, is stifled by damaging net neutrality. The other path allows unrestricted creativity and fairness and infinite room for improvement. This is a slippery slope that will ultimately harm all of us. Don't make a short term decision that will harm all of us in the long term. Don't sacrifice the good of the many for the good of the few.
—Alexander Braylovsky, NY, NY

I support an open internet. Please don't destroy that.
—Frank Valentine, Jersey City, NJ

The internet is arguably the greatest invention of all time, and the most important source of information of our, and hopefully future, times. It got to where it is now with Net Neutrality. Do not let it be ruined by slowing throughput of all but those that pay the largest ISPs essentially extortion money.
—Jim Otto, Cherokee, KS

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money...whether you're a bedroom music producer, a couple on an amateur porn site, or just someone with a start up idea - you get access to the same users as Netflix, Facebook or Amazon. On the Internet, anyone can succeed.
—Hannah Gilbert, DeKalb, IL

A limitless internet is vitally important to global communication, knowledge, small businesses, and the expression of opinions from the people. The internet demands a limitless internet, and we will get it. "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." Martin Luther King, Jr
—Garrett, durham, NC

Because the former chairman of the FCC (government agency that's SUPPOSED to protect you) is now the cable industry's head lobbyist. And another former cable industry lobbyist is now the CURRENT head of the FCC. So we can't trust the FCC to make the right decision on their own.
—Dennis Duarte, Absecon, NJ

Net Neutrality is needed. I mean LOOK I already pay a internet fee which is not even needed.. Since the internet was intended to be free and help the people for information. Everyone is always looking at a way to control and make money off something that is just best left alone. The internet is not ment for mr rich dood to control what I already pay for. I pay for my speed and my isp. I should be able to browse and do as I please. If you do mess with our internet you will pay. That is a promise. You will be hacked or possibly killed. Americans are sick of big wigs fucking shit. Try us... I dear you smucks.
—Freedom, dont worrie about it, FL

It just doesn't make sense that a vast network should be limited in ways that would prevent us from all reaching the full breadth of the internet, wether it be for work, school, research, entertainment, or any other need or desire. At this point in time, the internet has become a sort of necessity for everyday existence, and limiting any aspect of that is cruel. Respectfully, Corey Rausch
—Corey Rausch, Arnold, MD

I want freedom of speech. Freedom from being monitored every moment of every day. I want the internet to remain a venue that any person, regardless of money or ideas, can go and express themselves.
—Amber Rouviere, Kearns, UT

The internet is not a thing to be bought and sold. It belongs to all of us and needs to remain that way.
—Kiera, Brush, CO

The free flow of information is the basis of democracy.
—Samuel Elberts, Evanston, IL

Destroying net neutrality would be a violation of the First Amendment right to Free Speech.
—Peter Conrad, East Grand Rapids, MI

Net neutrality is one of the the great equalizers of our society today, giving millions of common people the ability to speak their voices. We cannot let these voices go silent by censoring the internet as we know it and placing the web's messages into the hands of major corporations. To do so would be to challenge the very tenets of democracy, upon which this great country were built upon. Any politician who opposes net neutrality will certainly lose my vote and the votes of millions of like-minded Americans across this country.
—John H., Kansas City, MO

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These 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. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.
—Nathaniel Little, Eagar, AZ

As a young person intending to start a business in the future without external financial backing, I want to be able to start a professional website and be taken seriously. If Net Neutrality fails, by the time I get to start my business I will be unable to afford a website that would run at the speeds my potential customers would expect of a professional business. Net Neutrality is important to me, and many other future small business holders.
—Christopher Couture, Cromwell, CT

Everything on the internet needs to be treated the same. Stop prioritizing data. Everything should be equal.
—Carl Dellose, Wilmington, DE

As a graduate student, the internet is a huge resource for learning, networking, and discussing ideas. How we treat the data and information on the internet is vital for the success of those seeking a higher education, which as a nation, greatly hinders the progress already (student loans). Don't make this more difficult for yet another money-making scheme. Do what is right.
—Walter, Ozark, AL

I need the internet because I am a student who likes to play video games, use netflix, study on khan academy, and do research without having to go to 3 different libraries to look for the right material. All in all, no one will even read this comment, and you'll end up fucking everyone in the states over because you want to drive everyone into poverty with your idiotic quest for money.
—Rachel Brinich, metairie, LA

Net Neutrality is a right to the people and citizens of the USA. Our founding fathers had a dream of a land of freedom where the people made the rules and the government are to protect the people from unjust parties (corps.). Today our founding fathers would be ashamed of the FCC as to how they approach this matter. We need to treat big corporations (Verizon,twc,att,Comcast,etc) as big corporations by not letting them control or take advantage of us the people. What type of model and influence are we setting up for our children? We must stand up and fight these no-good corporations. We must classify isps as common carriers today!!!
—George Galan, Sylmar, CA

As the FCC, you should be primarily concerned with keeping the Internet a continuing dynamic system which does not stifle creativity, which is the economic driver in our economy, and not just allowing those with an abundance of cash to own you and the internet. Please forgo the opportunity for large and monied corporations to take over the internet to the detriment of those who have paid for its development. This would be unjust and I expect you to not follow the money, but to do the most beneficial thing for the country. You have a responsibility to us all. Thank you.
—Thomas Hasson, Burlingame, CA

Internet is the only freedom of the digital age. I would like that to be secured for my future.
—Kushal Vora, Santa Clara, CA

Because I am starting a business that will be based largely on fair and balanced use and access to the internet.
—Joseph Nicolia, Herndon, VA

Net Neutrality is important because it allows people freedom to choose what they would like to view rather than be told that this is what they can watch.
—Kimberley, Thief River Falls, MN

Net neutrality is extremly important for my local economy and society in general. The silicon valley is known for innovation, but these new measures would stifle any more progress. Additionally, these measures will make online sucess a matter of monetary investment instead of offering the best content or services.
—Elise M McDowell, los gatos, CA

Because information, and the internet, is a right, not a privilege. Any step away from a playground of free ideas and entrepreneurship is a step away from progress.
—Erick Berg, Prospect Heights, IL

As an IT professional, a consumer, and an American, an internet fast lane contradicts many of the offered securities in the "social contract." I need access to websites at the same speed as others regardless of the websites ability to pay a premium. The internet is a digital breeding ground for innovation and collaboration. Let's keep that ground level for any potential to blossom parallel with more funded developments.
—John McDaniel, Madison, MS

The internet was created by the people for the better of the people. Not to be controlled by our new era "government" of sorts.
—Ricco, Elgin, OK

A free internet allows for a freer exchange of information, from Twitter users live tweeting important events that the press cannot or is not allowed to report on, to giving the people a voice through blogs, petitions and more. If net neutrality did not exist, censorship would be much easier and democracy would similarly be easier to attack. Destroying net neutrality would go against everything that this country was founded upon.
—Luci Cook, New York, NY

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would be able to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Jenny, New York, NY

Keep the internet free. The last thing we the people want is Comcast and Time warner Satan to be in control. It will come out of YOUR pockets too. Think about it.
—Alex Gallor, Irvine, CA

Equality and Rights. Anyone should be able to use it and have the same fair and equal access without censorship, so ANYONE can succeed and not just those in corrupt positions of power doing it simply for the money and enslavement of others it brings. You have no right to control people in such a way.
—Jessica Flores, San Marcos, TX

The end of net neutrality would mean the end of the small scale innovation that eventually grows and improves the lives of millions. You'll be cutting off this important pipeline of ideas.
—Eric Withee, Vancouver, WA

With all my heart, I plead that you do not remove Net Neutrality. Without it, the companies that can afford the fees to get faster speeds will have more traffic, sales, ad revenue, etc. Meanwhile, the companies who can't afford it will be drowned out, having less traffic not because they have worse content, but because they can't pay ISP's fees. Net Neutrality is what allows there to be such a variety of material on the internet. Competition is the key to capitalism, and removing Net Neutrality will remove Capitalism.
—Jace Fairis, Alpharetta, GA

Greedy bitches, back the fuck off my internet.
—Hannah Sullivan, Merrimack, NH

INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHOULD NOT BE FILTERED AND FETTERED. AMERICAN SHOULD NOT BE FOR SALE!! THE HEAD OF THE FCC HAS DEEPLY CONFLICTED INTERESTS AND SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION IMMEDIATELY! FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND INFORMATION IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT FREEDOM MEANS!!!! LIKE LIBRARIES, THE INTERNET SERVES THIS PURPOSE. THIS IS AN AFFRONT! THE UNITED STATES CANNOT CONTINUE TO CALL ITSELF A FREE COUNTRY IF THINGS LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN. WE ARE TURNING INTO A COUNTRY OF FODDER CREATED BY SELL-OUT POLITICIANS AND OWNED BY GREEDY, SOULLESS MONEY-WORSHIPING PIGS! DON'T MAKE ME HATE MY COUNTRY!! WE NEED TO KEEP WHAT LITTLE FREEDOM WE HAVE LEFT! WHERE IS OUR REPRESENTATION? WHY ARE YOU ALLOWED TO AFFECT THE FREEDOM OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THIS WAY?? THIS MUST BE STOPPED! I AM ANGRY!!!
—Candice Rowe, Easley, SC

Freedom of expression. In describing its opposition to the Federal Communications Commission's Net Neutrality rules, Verizon claimed it has the First Amendment right to "edit the Internet." Like other telecoms, Verizon insists that because it controls the broadband connections we use to get online, it also has the right to determine what we do and say online. Meanwhile, the NSA's domestic spying programs — which are anti-democratic and unconstitutional — are some of the most serious attacks on free expression we've ever seen. To put it simply, state surveillance chills free speech. When we know we're being watched, we self-censor. We close down blogs, watch what we say on Facebook and forgo "private" email for fear that any errant word will come back to haunt us in one, five or 15 years. Access. Everyone has the right to access the information they need to stay informed and engaged. The Internet is the primary way most of us connect and communicate. Yet thanks to the telecoms' stranglehold on the broadband business, millions of Americans — not to mention most of the world's people— still lack affordable and high-speed Internet access. Openness. An open Internet enabling everyone to connect to everything without corporate or government interference could become a relic of the past. Without robust Net Neutrality protections, Internet service providers could become self-appointed censors, blocking or slowing down content and applications at will. Meanwhile, lobbies like the Motion Picture Association of America continue to push SOPA-like bills that would criminalize acts of sharing online. And the revelations about NSA surveillance show how, in the absence of true privacy, we lose the openness that's long defined the Internet. Innovation. All the evidence shows that the open Internet is good for businesses large and small. But companies like AT&T and Verizon see the Internet as their private playground, where they can pick the winners and losers. For innovations in business and technology to flourish, the Internet must remain a level playing field where anyone can compete and succeed, and where companies respect users' right to privacy. Privacy. Internet users have the right to control how their data and devices are used, and should have the right to use the Internet anonymously and privately, without fear of government or corporate intrusion. But very little of what we do online is truly private. The government is colluding with AT&T, Verizon and other companies to snoop on our emails, search our browsing histories and collect vast files documenting our personal lives. Internet companies like Facebook, Google and Yahoo are working with companies you've never heard of to compile profiles of millions of us, sell the data and make billions.
—Kalan, Port Orange, FL

This is unconstitutional stop it now!
—Evan, Lake In the Hills, IL

The people of the world need an easy way to share ideas, feelings, and all sorts of information that is open for everyone and can't be censored.
—William Bartlett, charlton, 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 users may have fewer options and a less diverse internet. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers. There should not be barriers to entry to the internet for any persons. We all should have the ability to share new ideas and bring innovative services to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than start up businesses, there is no way that the little guys will be able to compete or succeed. This is corporate bullying at its finest.
—Jessica Petty, Parker, CO

Net Neutrality is an essential concept/function to be maintained. Use of the internet should be available to everyone. Data speed should not be able to be bought or used up by the richest or the corporations who can afford to pay more than most individuals. Knowledge is power and all peoples must have as much equal assess as possible. Thank you.
—Patricia DiLuzio, San Anselmo, CA

The internet is a wonder, and beautiful place where millions of people can share their discoveries, artwork, music, anything. That should not be taken away from the people of America. The internet should be as it is, and not owned by major companies.
—Celeste Byrd, New Stanton, PA

Because I don't want people distorting reality
—James Ramsey, st petersburg, FL

The internet is a tool to help make this planet a more knowledgable place. To help bridge the gap from all parts of the world. It's a way for everyone's voice to be heard without having to be rich or loud.
—Dylan, PA, PA

Because disregarding net neutrality is a DIRECT CONTRADICTION to the way in which America, and FREE ENTERPRISE (which if you morons have forgotten is one of the bases on which the American economy is founded) is supposed to work. Also, America doesn't own the internet. SO GET OFF YOUR F*CKING HIGH HORSE and stop trying to control something that you don't own.
—Ben Means, LOVELAND, CO

Are you fucking kidding me? Why is net neutrality important? Because while, yes I understand that America is a capitalistic society, its also supposed to be a democracy. Not an Oligarchy run by the seven wealthiest companies. The fact that so many important members of the federal government are the lap dogs of industries shows that America is in its essence dead. Replaced by a system in which money equates to control, and only the wealthiest are represented. Net neutrality is the epitome of what "freedom" is supposed to be. The internet is an unlimited entity, pure, and un adulterated. If you fuck with that, then the only fair assumption to make is that you hate America. If the FCC allows providers to take the internet and make it their personal online tole road, then you will have a revolt on your hands. If you don't support net neutrality, you are an evil, secularistic, drone who will forever be condemned to knowing that you had a hand in destroying true beauty.
—Joe Gordon, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is the foundation of what has made the internet great. A tiered system hinders creativity and growth. Please do not allow a few companies to make the internet an uneven playing field!
—Eric Pavlov, Kettering, OH

Please don't steal the internet.
—Josh Chiang, Los Angeles, CA

Please do not allow for the creation of a tiered internet, this will stifle innovation and competition while simultaneously creating hurdles for start-ups and not-for-profit services. Allowing for a tiered-access internet will fundamentally change the nature of, and access to, a resource which continues to propel technological progress and social change. Ensure the internet remains a truly neutral resource by classifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Brent Smith, Portland, OR

Please maintain a free and open internet.
—Kris Loman, Cross Plains, WI

Please do not sell the internet out to big money. Leave the internet the way it is.
—Amir Badri, chicago, IL

Net neutrality is something that should absolutely be upheld. If not, it threatens the fundamental principles of country: equality. When the internet first appeared, it bridged the gap between social groups. It was the first time ever in which all users were treated equally. No matter rich, poor, liberal, or conservative, people had the same access to knowledge of the webs.
—Arnold Zahn, San Marino, CA

This policy is based around greed and needs to be stopped.
—Adam Figenser, Thornton, CO

I see no benefit to restricting the internet and giving more power to corporations and their intrusive advertising. The internet isn't to be sold but given to all without worry of skewing and limiting the information that empowers us all.
—Anthony, shawnee, KS

The Internet is important to me because I use the internet everyday and I do not want to be restricted by the rich and powerful.
—Lauren, Columbus, OH

To ensure that non-profit and not for profit organizations get a fair chance to organize
—Don, Castro Valley, CA

PLEASE support Net Neutrality! Anything else can effectively KILL the internet as you know it today. The Internet is important to me because, as a 30 year old professional, I know very closely what the internet means to us. As a 30 year old, I remember what life was like before the internet, and now know life after it. I know the improvements it made. I am also an educator and it can have severe implications for my students and how we ALL consume content. PLEASE stop catering to big businesses!
—Jonathan Martinez, Totowa, NJ

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is very integral tool for my learning experiences, my education and my link to other parts of the world. It is a tool of Discovery. To take this away would stagnate everybody as a whole where only the rich will have a chance and the internet will cease to exist being what is now. All because the rich want to be richer. Stop the greed. Keep the Internet the way it is and continue watching the world grow.
—Jason, Beaufort, SC

As an engineering and computer science student at Mercer University in Georgia, much of my learning outside the classroom comes from random little corners of the internet, and I am far from the only one. The students that do research and find alternative resources on their own are the most motivated and the ones that make the most valuable contributions. Do you really want to take the chance of stopping that? Of withholding resources from the people that are destined to keep America great?
—Laila Wise, Macon, GA

Net neutrality is important because it prevents censorship over the internet (i.e. service providers deciding what content is most readily available to end users).
—Jonathan Amacker, Denver, CO

You can't take away our rights this will ruin everything the Internet is about and waste it's currently flourishing potential.
—Julia, Youngsville, LA

As a educator, net neutrality is vital to critical thought and academic freedom.
—Judy Hoffman, Chicago, IL

Corporations already have too much influence. Keep the internet an equal platform for everyone to use and transfer their information.
—Tracy Scholl, Louisville, CO

Freely available information is the great equalizer for the poor who don't have the financial means to travel for information or communication. The internet is such a boon to those living away from large libraries. Net neutrality is necessary.
—Georgia Macey, North Hollywood, CA

The internet was created for free and fair use, please do not intervene.
—Christopher Southard, Haleiwa, HI

The Internet is the only avenue for efficient economic and social activity in our society at this time. It MUST be maintained as such to nurture the recovery of the US as a signicficant social and economic force in teh future of the World
—James Stone, Los Gatos, CA

The Internet is important to me because, as a college student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Shelby Lawson, Edgewater, MD

Because if they take away the one place where everyone's voice can be heard, just for the sake of more money for themselves, they will further prove that they are bloated monsters.
—Chelsie Davenport, high point, NC

So much of our world if controlled by who can afford to promote. Everything from consumer items to politics is driven by the heavy hand of advertisement, with the one exception being the internet. I frequent quite a few sites and I heard about none through ads, or went to any because they pay more. controlling internet speed would put a choker collar on innovation, on new ideas, and on creativity. Please, please don't ruin the closest thing we currently have to a form of communication where people are judged for who they are and products are judged by the populace, and not a board of people who are only like-minded to eachother
—John Allen, San Francisco, CA

Keep the net free of govt control. Fire any govt official that has close ties to on line providers. Any former lobbyists need to leave govt at once
—Curt Kimsey, South Beach, OR

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—Steven M Borne, Laveen, AZ

I want to keep net neutrality, so the internet continues to be a tool for innovation and spreading information. I have a small business, and many of my clients find me through my website. I may not be able to afford a website if net neutrality is hampered.
—Elizabeth Coleman, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet open and net neutrality in place as it is and do not approve 2 tiers of internet speed with paid fast lanes that could leave to discrimination against users, consumers and entrepreneurs. I'd like to think that someday I'll come up with a big idea, and I'll need to use the internet to make that big idea a reality. Creating two tiers will tilt the system in favor of large, established corporations and against my future hypothetical big idea and I think everyone should have equal access to the internet at the same speeds. Thank you.
—Heather Keen, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Do not mess with the internet.
—Nathan Hale, New Boston, TX

freedom for internet. always. forever
—Carmenpanuta@gmailcom, Brussels, MD

My name is Stephen Black from levittown, I love the entire culture of the internet. I love its strangeness, its sadness and Freedom. DO NOT let big companies take over just because they can pay a little more.
—Stephen Black, Levittown, NY

Net Neutrality is important because this is fucking America. Every day, the freedoms this country were founded upon are being distorted, twisted and warped to benefit those who want to make a quick buck (I'm talking to you TWC, Verizon and Comcast.) The internet is a safe haven for many people. Stop trying to limit it. I doubt this will ever reach your eyes, but if it does, do the right thing.
—Nick U, Tallmadge, OH

It is important that net neutrality remains in order to keep the internet free and democratic and functioning EFFECTIVELY, EFFICIENTLY, AND JUSTLY.
—Gabriel Sirkman, Miami, FL

I am a FiOS customer paying for a 300Mbps plan. For a while now I have watched Netflix stammer and stutter. Having a networking background I ran tests and found the clog happening at Verizon's alter.net peering point. This is no surprised to you as many many people have complained that Verizon is allowing its ports to overload while it wrings more money out of Netflix. This is a prime example of why ISPs should not be allowed to charge for a fast lane. Netflix pays for its bandwidth from its provider, I pay for bandwidth from my provider. So why should my provider demand more money from a service that I am requesting? To put it another another way - Let's say the highway you take to work (and pay for with taxes) had three lanes touting no speed limit but they all had potholes and rough patches which caused you to drive slowly but the local government said you could take an elevated road that is very smooth, level and free of congestion if your employer paid tens of thousands per month but it would do nothing to improve the ordinary path you traveled every day and already paid for… would that be fair? You as an employee (consumer) have no control over that and it's you who suffers first and then the large employer because you just stop coming to work. Essentially it's the same rules you are proposing. Allowing laws which permit ISPs to ignore degraded performance from content providers because they can sell them on an upgraded fast lane is essentially indirectly forcing content providers to join that fast lane or fail. It's also a death sentence for a medium sized business that becomes a high traffic content provider - they may be unable to afford paying EVERY ISP a fast lane ransom. I plead you to, for once, be on the side of consumers who are frustrated with having content held hostage by greedy ISPs. We need someone to fight for us - so say no to a fast lane and change the wording to say not only can ISPs intentionally throttle third party content but it cannot allow connections to degrade. Furthermore you could build in a speed reporting tool into your mobile apps which help users point out ISPs who violate this rule. Please save the internet from becoming a 'pay twice to play' environment.
—Nicholas Daley, Seffner, FL

I'm calling to let my representative know that the future of the Internet matters to me. Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. I want my representative to publicly and loudly oppose any such rules, and send a message to the FCC that Congress and the public stand united on this.
—Patrick, Clearwater, FL

The internet should remain an open forum for people of all walks of life to share content freely among one another without elitists dictating what content people can have access to. We could kid ourselves and believe that in doing it your way it would act more as a quality control letting people see only the best content the internet has to offer but in reality this is solely to serve your own interests. The more regulated the internet becomes the more I will ultimately be deterred from using it altogether. I am sure that applies to a considerable amount of other people as well making your whole effort in that direction to be fairly counter productive.
—Xarkenzia Vae, REDFORD, MI

Ending net neutrality is essentially proclaiming that the FCC cares more about corporate interest than it does the common people, and that is an asshole thing to do.
—Edward Temple, New York, NY

The internet is a form of communication, to end net neutrality would be to end freedom of speech on the web.
—Dan, Pembroke Pines, FL

Please keep our freedom on the internet. If we lose the freedom that we have on the internet what freedom will we really have? I love the self starter aspects of putting content that the world can discover and see on the internet. This self promotion is a beautiful depiction of the American way. It would be a shame if we were deprived of it.
—Hayden Crow, Meadville, PA

Please preserve Net Neutrality for all!
—Mr. Stephen Senatore, South San Francisco, CA

The Internet is a place of true freedom. Don't try and take that to make more money. Its selfish and rude.
—Alayna Davis, Pheonixville, PA

Stop rich white men 2014
—Joey Brown, LA, CA

Please, protect Net Neutrality, please. This is all I have
—Jane, Miami, FL

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Some colleges depend on the internet as a means for students to check their grades, submit assignments and other purposes. If net neutrality is dead, there will be no way for college students to succeed. Please don't let the greed of the corporate lobbyists take power.
—Andrew Behnke, Hastings, MN

Protect net neutrality and save the internet.
—Connor, Billerica, MA

The internet does not belong to anyone
—Sheri Hanks, Kalispell, MT

I'm an aspiring musician that doesn't want to pay big corporations for work that I try to complete
—Christopher Lemus, Aurora, CO

' The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money"
—Crystal Dion, Sanford, ME

Online, everyone holds equal access to everyone and everything else. It's entirely democratic and unsullied by discrimination based on wealth, class, or appearance.
—Phil Clark, ewing, NJ

It's the only place where equality can be at its best.
—Taylor, Lake Villa, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.
—J Smith, Omaha, NE

The internet is the only place I feel safe. Don't take that away from me.
—Gina, Glen Rock, PA

As a creative person, whose peers create content that is 90% of the time shared on the internet, Net Neutrality is LITERALLY the only shot they have at their voice being heard. Don't stifle great comics, musicians, actors, writers and filmmakers, just because they aren't your buddies lobbying to make their pockets deeper.
—Julie Wunderlin, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important because it means everyone has a voice. Like how America is supposed to be.
—Alisha Bottomley, Del Mar, CA

Net neutrality is really important because its the only place where money doesn't govern the thoughts, its the only place where people are genuinly free and if you take that away what else is left but a world like those described by authors, predicting distopias where people are dead inside cause their freedom is striped by the likes of those who want money and power. ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE AMERICA? ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE THE LAND OF THE FREE?? IT ALREADY ISN'T EXACTLY THAT FREE SO DON'T MESS IT UP EVEN MORE??? ITS JUST NOT FAIR!!!
—Nancy, sarasota, FL

So let me get this straight, you want to not only want to charge an arm and a leg for internet but you also want to shoot yourself in the foot by allowing a monopoly to take place. Hm... I don't think someone's thinking clearly.
—Angel Gonzo, San Antonio, TX

Please stop listening to corporations and listen to the general public who want and need net neutrality. We have lost so much of our free speech and diversity in our media, please not another loss. We demand net neutrality.
—Valorie Van Dahl, Mill Valley, CA

Information for all is more important than money for some.
—Stephen, barboursville, VA

The internet allows me to get all of the knowledge I crave from the comfort of my office chair or home. It allows me to learn and experience things generations before us only dreamt of.
—Antonia, Royal, MI

Because everything's terrible already with recent news, the least we can do is try to keep one apocalyptic event from hitting people. That, and some people would prefer having normal people occupied so that they can blindly ream them in the ass.
—J, brooklyn, NY

You people need to keep your noses out of the internet. You people have NO right touching the internet and charging for it. Stop stealing from people or your going to get in trouble!!!!!
—David, Leonard, MI

I like how the internet is today. I don't have a lot of money and the only other entertainment I have is the internet. Please, don't take this away from me as I have always loved the things I find online. If you take that away from me, I'll have nothing to do and be bored on my days off from work. Don't gouge the pockets of the working man, leave us with our small pleasures.
—Jazzmin, Wooster, OH

Because Net Neutrality ensures that all businesses, people, etc, get the same access to not only people looking for them but each other so everyone benefits.
—August Kraus, Summerville, PA

I want to have my internet free from companies charging me for accessing something that should, and always be free to everyone.
—Jacob morgan, lake zurich, IL

The internet is supposed to be our free place. Don't take that away.
—Sarah Beschler, Barrington, NJ

Net Neutrality is Important not just for me but my kids and their kids. You already EFF'd up cable and Dish monopolies.
—Jeffrey J Chaves, Manchester, CT

Please keep Net Neutrality the way it is. It is a free and open space for every human being on this planet that should not be sectioned and separate like some kind of Orwell horror story. If you want to change how the internet works, you should evaluate why you want to change it in the first place. Do you want money? Are you really so money grubbing and greedy to chain such an endless potential that is the Internet? Please don't be. Thank you.
—Isabelle Rodriguez, Bellingham, WA

Net Neutality is a terrible idea! Just because you have money doesn't mean you get to change the way things work. Everyone, EVERYONE, should have access to everyone at the same rate. Letting a chosen few who can afford it, skim the cream off the top is unfair and only serves to make the internet into an arms race.
—Dyese Harvey, Collierville, TN

Don't the cable companies make enough money already? Couldn't they just leave this alone?
—Gabriel Evans, San Antonio, TX

The FCC has obvious problems if they think this is an appropriate thing to do.
—Zac Halfhill, Saint Joseph, MI

Fair access to the internet in the changing world we are living in is essential if we wish to continue being a democratic society.
—Patrick Savage, Arlington, VA

the big companies will want people to pay extra money and not everyone will beable to afford it because of the economy
—Holly, Blaine, MN

"The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money."
—Madison, San Bernardino, CA

The first amendent guarantees everyone free speech. Please protect nect neutrality to guarantee free speech.
—Daniel English, Kansas City, MO

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—Raven Brascoupe, Hull, CA

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money. So protect Net Neutrality
—Sam, Franklin Park, IL

I can communicate with my family and friends who live miles away, get in touch with my boss and enjoy the things other people share online. Do not take such freedom away from us.
—Auberne` Fox-Hughes, Keyport, WA

Net neutrality should be protected at all costs.
—Anthony Barone, Parsippany, NJ

Dear FFC, 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 users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because locally unpopular websites will be less likely to pay for viewership. The Internet is important to me because, as a college education student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and viewpoints that I hope to bring to the classroom. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of their choosing, students will not have access to the full range of ideas and viewpoints that our global culture creates. Without this unfettered access to the ideas of the world, students will be set back and locked into one-sided mindsets that leaves them unfit to compete in the innovative global atmosphere. Net neutrality: for the students, for the future, for America.
—Elizabeth Polk, Lake Panasoffkee, FL

The web is the last bastion of freedom left. Big Brother must be stopped!
—William Glass, Austin, TX

The internet is the last pure source of free content, and ideas deserve to be shared, don't ruin the greatest thing humanity has done in a very long time
—Tyler Kmiechick, seattle, WA

The Internet is essential to my livelihood, not just a past time. My wife works from home 100% of the time. I work from home 50% of the time. Our home broadband connection is mandatory in order for us to do this. My wife's income is important to our family budget, and without my work-from-home time I would lose precious hours commuting that could be spent with my family. If ISP "fast lanes" are allowed by law, or FCC ruling, or any other federal mandate, this could severely impact my family's ability to work and provide for our children. My company uses level3 for our corporate Internet connection. A dispute with my ISP and level3 over a third-party could hinder my ability to work. It could completely prevent my wife from working. The end result is a loss of income, not just for my family, but for everyone caught in the middle. Regardless of person needs I still believe that ISP "fast lanes," and other strong arm tactics should illegal. The Internet has become just as critical to the US economy as electricity. Can you live without electricity? Yes. Would you live without it? Not likely. Our lifestyle and livelihoods are just as dependent on the Internet as we are electricity. Furthermore, I pay my ISP to provide me a data service. The terms of my service are a throughput limitation of some kind. They promise to provide service at or near the contract value. Plain and simple. By hindering my, and their other customer's, ability to obtain Internet services The Internet is essential to my livelihood, not just a past time. My wife works from home 100% of the time. I work from home 50% of the time. Our home broadband connection is mandatory in order for us to do this. My wife's income is important to our family budget, and without my work-from-home time I would lose precious hours commuting that could be spent with my family. Not to mention fuel and transportation expenses. If the United State federal government fails to protect an open Internet through law, FCC ruling, or any other federal mandate, this could severely impact my family's ability to work and provide for our children. My company uses level3 for our corporate Internet connection. A dispute between my ISP and level3 over a third-party service could hinder my ability to work. It could completely prevent my wife from working. The end result is a loss of income, not just for my family, but for everyone caught in the middle. Regardless of person needs I still believe that ISP must provide an open Internet, and any strong arm tactics that force Internet services to pay ISP’s directly for improved access should be illegal. Hindering an Internet connection would be like a city (ISP) forcing a power plant (service provider) to pay them money because the power company (Internet backbone provider) delivers electricity to too many houses. The Internet has become just as critical to US residents and the economy as electricity. Can you live without electricity? Yes. Would you live without it? Not likely. Our lifestyles and livelihoods are just as dependent on the Internet as we are electricity. Furthermore, I pay my ISP to provide me a data/information service. The terms of my service are a throughput limitation of some value set in megabits per second (Mbps). The ISP contracts to provide service at or near this contracted value. Plain and simple. By hindering my, and their other customer's, ability to obtain Internet services at the contracted throughput violates the terms of service. It also amounts to false advertising, breach of contract, and very likely fraud. As all of those are illegal, ISP’s should not be allowed to forces services to pay for the ISP’s access to the service. We already pay for that access. Please add my comments and concerns to those in favor of an open Internet. ISPs should not be allowed to force, or in any way manipulate, service providers to pay for improved interconnects to the ISP. All data should be treated equally and the ISPs should, by law and/or FCC regulation, be required to provide quality Internet services to their customers. I do not believe that ISPs and the Internet should fall under simple Title II regulations. The regulations around Internet-based data services are unique to this industry and as such require a unique set of rules and regulations in order to maintain service. An ISP’s failure to provide quality Internet services to their clients should mandate fines and penalties from the FCC, up to and including, loss of monies and invalidation and/or ineligibility to hold governmental contracts for information services (government employees work from home too, after all). Sincerely, James Kehr
—James Kehr, Lake Wylie, SC

The internet being open allows for independent artists to have a space to grow. Indy artists are more likely to be able to represent marginalized groups and tell those important stories. Please don't kill internet freedom.
—Clare Smith, Chapel Hill, NC

ISP should not be the gatekeepers of content.
—Ross Blanchard, Healdsburg, CA

As silly and 'lifeless' as this sounds, the Internet has been my life for a long time. It's my escape, my place to relax and let off steam, and my place to have fun. It's where 95% of my friends are, and it's where I met the love of my life. The internet is connection, a million doorways or windows to open, freedom and diversity. It's a path to knowledge. To take away the internet would be to put us in the dark ages, to limit our use would be imprisonment. Don't make us pay more for freedom.
—Gwen Donovan, Dubuque, IA

Stop giving old rich men more power than what they have already have or even deserve.
—Josh Diaz, NRH, TX

Because the internet is a place where people can show their creativity to others and make people laugh, cry, and inspired. When you try to set up a "toll booth" because you want to make your already obese wallet even fatter, that doesn't make you a good company. That makes you capitalist pigs who are just as bad as other companies. You are killing inspiration for more money. Which you already have a lot (if not too much) of. You are one of the reasons this economy is trash. Not to mention millions of people have already opposed this so stop shoving it down our throats you greedy children.
—Alexandria Rose Hulon, West Columbia, SC

Don't make our freedoms any more less than they already are. Just because there are some bad people out there doesn't mean you should be able to take everything away from everyone else.
—Emily, Austin, MN

Net Neutrality ensures diversity and the ability for smaller sites/services to have equal access to Internet consumers.
—Cory T, Minneapolis, MN

As an aspiring animator, game designer, journalist, author, artist, and comedian, Net Neutrality is crucial to me. Without it, people will never know that I exist or share the same aspirations and interests as them, people will never give me the encouragement, suggestions, and basic fanbase I need to become successful, however famous I may get (which, realisticly, may be not very, but that's still success.) I speak not only for myself, but for others who share my aspirations and interests.
—Kellie Moore, Eugene, OR

The internet, a place with access to the whole intelligence of the human race. A land of FREE SPEECH, liberty, global communication, jokes, videos, FULL systems of education! I could go on and on for days about the benefits and wonders this grand tool has given us, but it wouldn't be enough. To explain the Internet's importance, we have to go back a little further. Before the Internet, the world was dark in it's communication. The world was separate, we couldn't exchange culture without actually being there. The human race is meant to expand by means of unification. With the creation of the Internet, our world was able to unite; our planet was able to be whole. Among these days, we can perform endless tasks, talk to almost anyone around the world, we can finally stop looking to eachother as nations, but as the human race. This dream, this way of life is going to be crushed if we tear away fractions of this extensive and limitless tool called Internet. The more abilities we take away, the more we hurt ourselves. If allowing providers to choose what They want us to see, what They want us to hear, what They want us to know, we are being oppressed. With oppression there is no freedom. We can't go to our favorite unpopular site, that we get our special lumber orders from. We won't get to see that street performers website. He won't get to webcam chat with his wife across the country. You won't be able to find the right research for your final essay. This is because, it's not the site we are supposed to buy from, that's not the site the provider supports, that's because he doesn't have AT&T, and that's because the only website that has the information isn't supported by your provider. I have my own problems with this grimly proposed bill. I'm a carpenter and craftsman. I want to run my business online and share my art with the world, but how can I do that when cutting access eliminates chunks of the traffic. How can I set out into the world if I am cut off? We can't do this to ourselves. This is OUR planet. We have to think about this. Without network neutrality, we will send ourselves back to the dark ages. We will kill the free man. This world can't be suffocated of our rights. The killing of network neutrality, is the death of freedom.
—Aaron Hoelle, Daytona Beach, FL

because we deserve at least one thing in this country that hasn't been ruined by your selfish greed.
—Michelle, selden, NY

I want everyone to have an equal chance at getting their voices heard or their small businesses out there for all to see. The internet is a place for people to freely express themselves, not just a place to make money.
—Meagan Wingrove, Winter Haven, FL

FCC, Please do not fix the internet that is not broken if you fix it to line the pockets of big companies like COMCAST then you have given into greed and now all small business and us non-important people will be broken with the only fix being more money to them that we do not have. For the first time ever my Comcast Cable bill was more than my Electric bill. So Comcast is already taking advantage of us just in current pricing for their services. Leave the internet standing for all, at one speed and make it the equal ground it is. All blood runs red and rich corps need to treat people like people and not account numbers and dollar signs. Leesa Jo Schenk
—Leesa Jo Schenk, West Palm Beach, FL

The introduction of the internet into mainstream society has changed our global lives forever. It allows millions of people to come together who would never have otherwise been able to communicate; we now have the opportunity to see things happening in parts of the world we may never visit. Our eyes have been opened to the visceral realities outside of the U.S., much like the publicizing of footage from Viet Nam. We are more aware of what is really going on. We have the right to talk to each other. To restrict net neutrality is akin to institutional racism. Restricting the use of certain sites or privileges based on MONEY is just another way to expand the gap between the rich and the poor, while weeding away the middle class altogether. If you have to pay extra for certain sites but can't afford it, you don't have access to the same information as someone with more MONEY. Restricting net neutrality won't help our society, it only serves the people who stand to gain profit from it. It is laughable to me that we have come to such a point in our nation's history that the powers that be would so boldly suggest such a heinous piece of legislature. We have to laugh to keep from crying. This is a pitiful shame. STOP TAKING AWAY OUR FREEDOMS!!
—Ilene Aron, Los Angeles, CA

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—Sean Fitzsimmons, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because having the internet be a place where everyone starts on a level playing field allows for anyone with a good idea to present it to the rest of the world without having to worry about not having the funding to tell people about it. It lets the internet be that magical place where anyone can succeed. Having a 'pay to win' system destroys that idea, and says that only the people with lots of money get to share their ideas and products at a reasonable pace, making it even harder for the people without as much funding to get their ideas out there.
—Tyler Williams, RICHLAND, WA

I'm writing to let my representative know that the future of the Internet matters to me. Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. I want my representative to publicly and loudly oppose any such rules, and send a message to the FCC that Congress and the public stand united on this.
—Lyndsey Dorough, Litchfield Park, AZ

Dear FCC, I feel it is very unfair to charge people for certain grades of internet. There is already enough division in everyday life; the Internet should not be one of them. Listen to your citizens and leave things be. Sincerely a poor college student who is already paying the government for an education.
—Joy, New Haven, CT

Because it's a basic freedom, which America has promised to uphold.
—Urvija Rishi, Delaware, OH

The internet needs to remain an open and free environment to further its innovative and creative atmosphere.
—Elaina Formichella, Washington, NJ

Keep everything equal and fair, internet is place where everyone learns and grows.
—Tasha Newton, Sedalia, CO

Do not allow companies the right to sell information. Do not deny the people access to information.
—James McCue, Henrico, VA

You can not do this. The internet was not meant to be policed by people who do not understand it and the importance of it. The internet was not meant to be policed by anyone at all. This is just an asinine idea.
—Cody, Pardeeville, WI

The internet works the way it is, stop trying to make it more expensive.
—Marian Hansell, Bend, OR

I can be who I am unapologetically and live each day to the fullest!
—Ernest, Fort Worth, TX

Cable companies already have a monopoly on everything they touch, they don't need even more power.
—Kathryn Donatelli, Saint Louis, MO

The internet was created for the people. We already are forced to pay too much money for technology that should be free to all. It would be even more corrupt to force everyone to fork up more money. The internet should be open and available to all.
—John Marshall Diffey, Long Beach, MS

DON'T SELL THE INTERNET YOU STUPID CUNTS. You'd be surprised what the backlash may be.
—Keir Sullivan, San Diego, CA

I don't pay for cable because it is a legal monopolized scam. The internet is still a place where voices and ideas are more important that wallets. Keep it that way.
—Owen, Toledo, OH

Freedom was once an abundant source and now it is slowly being swallowed for the sake of making money. Do not let this wonderful place of free thinking and sharing be sucked in as well.
—Kenneth Huiston, Oradell, NJ

How much do you think you can take before we don't have anything to lose?
—Amy, monroe, MI

Net neutrality protects our freedoms. We're sick or big corporations controlling various forms of media, lobbyists, protecting laws that hurt the people. Step up to protect our liberties.
—Nikki, Bradenton, FL

Net Neutrality is important for every artist out there. Don't take away something just because you want more money.
—Leslie Villagrana, Chicago, IL

The Internet, as a whole, does not discriminate so why does my government? Since we live in a country where all people are created equal, including corporations, then my mom 'n pop ISP (a California corporation) has legal access to just as much bandwidth as the monopolizing internet companies do. The first five bullet points on the FCC website under "What We Do" will instantly become false advertising if you fail to keep the Internet as a neutral element in the Country's communications infrastructure. As a US government agency the FCC is supposed to serve the public. I challenge you to start doing that. Good day.
—Drew Innenkraft, san rafael, CA

Because the internet was made for everyone and it shouldn't be limited.
—Shauna, Doraville, GA

The price of internet should not vary or be throttled for specific services, it should not be altered to make companies more money, it should remain neutral and prevent the further destruction of the freedom of the internet.
—Nathan Ridge, Hull, MA

Innovation and the development of novel ideas and services REQUIRE a free, neutral, unrestricted internet.
—Quentin CAUDRON, Lawrenceville, NJ

Because the internet should be the ONE tool that is not swayed in favor of the huge, rich companies that already own every other opportunity! MUST you be that selfish? The internet was created by the free people, for the free people. (Similar to the United Sates, but I think you guys already forgot about that)
—Christina, Mechanicsville, VA

It is imperative that net neutrality exist for me and many others to run small businesses which in the long term benefit the United States economy. Furthermore, it is dangerously close to fascism not to keep this neutrality intact.
—Dana, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I need free internet so I can talk with my friends, watch TV, keep up with the news, play game's with my friend's.
—Quinn Heward, plains, MT

The internet costs average people enough as is, companies claiming that they're not making enough profit from this space is like yelling down at a person with barely any money from a mountain of cash that they are ruining the economy.
—Jason D Dillon, Portland, OR

The internet should always be free. It is already controlled too much through service providers. I am sick of corporations having more rights an individual american. This is suppose to be a country for the people not big business. Please keep the internet open and free.
—Rose Fairchild, aiken, SC

Net Neutrality is necessary for freedom. The preamble of the Constitution states, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." Dismantling Net Neutrality threatens the very essence upon which this nation was founded. In the absence of Net Neutrality, you will be placing control of the information highway into the hands of a few powerful corporations. We the people are growing angry with corporations that purchase politicians who then work for the corporations rather than the people who elected them. As things exist right now, it appears that we no longer live in a democratic republic, but rather in the land of a corporate oligopoly. See, e.g., the following: "Report by researchers from Princeton and Northwestern universities suggests that US political system serves special interest organisations, instead of voters." http://www.telegraph.co.uk/new s/worldnews/northamerica/usa/1 0769041/The-US-is-an-oligarchy -study-concludes.html#disqus_t hread WE THE PEOPLE are objecting to the corporate oligopoly that has a strangle-hold on our government--we want our democratic republic restored--we want that NOW.
—Debra K. Ganske, Minot, ND

Because it isn't yours to control, it belongs to everybody.
—Ben Knapton, Fort Collins, CO

The open internet has transformed our society from the bottom up through democratization of information. It has made our democracy stronger. The media already hold a stranglehold on information Americans have access to due to mergers and acquisitions. Please do not do away with the only thing we have left that can keep us as an informed society.
—Jh, Brighton, MA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality seems like just another step toward censorship. If I wanted that, I might as well move to China! FCC, please make the right decision and protect our rights to the sometimes weird, chaotic and awesome place we know as the internet.
—Carolina, Odenton, MD

net neutrality is important to me because I see the internet as the last truly free place on earth. where people are free to express themselves (for no cost) and without any type of censorship. what abolishing net neutrality may do is take away the freedom that we have to do whatever we want, when we want. If we are not doing that somewhere, where else? The internet is an amazing innovation on communication. don't make us pay for our freedoms. keep them free.
—Michael, Stillwater, MN

Give me Freedom or give me Death.
—Stephen Trac, San Jose, CA

Dude we need net nuetrality
—Khaleel, Ellicott City, MD

Can't we have ONE nice thing, FCC? Can't we have one place where things are equal? Jesus Christ. You know what's right to do here. You just don't want to because you're only interested in what benefits YOU.
—Katherine Tomchuck, Ypsilanti, MI

To express myself without fear of judgment. To research for school. To further my education. To promote my business. To connect with friends. To meet new people.
—McKayla Donovan, Austin, TX

I don't want my music and writings to become part of a corporate machine that isn't going to approve my ideas. I want to express my creativity the way I want to.
—Jenna, Island Lake, IL

It allows creativity that tv producers and cable doesn't allow. Taking this away is taking away new ideas and creativity.
—Garth Corbett, Branford, CT

Because I like having a place to connect with my peers and speak my mind freely. I like having a community.
—Katarina Greenslade, Newark, OH

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—Jessica Falls, Gladwin, MI

Because when I was trapped in an abusive home with no one to talk to, I could enjoy the conversations, art work, story telling and video imagination of people who felt similarly.
—Jackie Iuliano, Boone, NC

Net neutrality is fundamental to freedom of information and choice. To promote paid-for fast lanes would be detrimental to small business, independents, innovation and would be Orwellian in nature! It would reduce competition, and the costs would be passed down to consumers. Access to information and venues of one's choice should be consistent with the rights afforded to him/her as a citizen of the United States. Stop allowing big Corporations to own and control everything!
—Amy Avila, Pocatello, ID

The bulk of the internet will transfer to "fast lanes" should the new regulations pass. This will in essence make paid tiers similar to cable, thus stifling innovation that has led humans to be closer to ever before. The new rules are terrible.
—Daniel Klass, Richardson, TX

Was The destruction of RADIO as a broadcast medium not enough for the FCC, must we now see how much damage the FCC can do to the Internet?
—Joseph knibbler, Henderson, NV

Yes to interznet neutrality, but this is a customer service problem within Comcast. I have the similar issue with customer service within Fios/Verizon. To make this perfectly clear, the bottom line is the service providers are the true villains here. Google. You. Me... Everybody! Wants the internet to be a public utility. It is a public utility and will remain so. Only the providers want it privatized. No one, but no one! Wants that! So they can nickle & dime us to their hearts content for every aspect of this incredible gift that is the free flow of information. A global library that hasn't existed since Alexandria. Pick up your arms & FIGHT!
—Anthony, Lynn, MA

Because it's important for everyone to be able to access information for one flat price.
—Emanii Stryker, Lawrenceville, GA

Dear FCC, 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 gatekeepers to their subscribers. We know that the ISPs will use this to control the distribution of content which will eventually lead to the control of the content itself. I am sick of being sold down the river so the pockets of a few in the government are stuffed full of goodies. The future of the Internet matters because it is where the innovation and advancement of services for people come from. It should not be up to the ISPs to decide what gets attention and what doesn't. In a country that claims to be "free," the government knows how to squash that freedom when it doesn't agree with whoever lining your pockets. Actually listen to the people you claim to represent and keep the ISPs from controlling something they will most certainly abuse.
—Robert Nash, Atlanta, GA

Don't' let big business control us! This is the free world.
—Leona Rossi, Rochester, NY

A company who can't run a comment section shouldn't run the internet. Let the voices of the little guys be heard. Don't give more power to the powerful. Money trickles down, but power doesn't.
—John Paul, Wesltake, OH

The internet is important to me because it is one of the last places in our society that is left untouched by big corporations. The government has a lack of understanding for most of the common man's needs. Please vote to keep our internet free.
—Caroline Blyskal, Baltimore, MD

Please don't change how the internet functions. The internet has made me who I am today in various different aspects. I use it to bring attention to my business, I use it for community, and I use it to gain knowledge that wouldn't otherwise be available to me. The internet is a free place for anyone to post, view, and share almost anything, and people all over the globe can connect with just a click, and it should stay that way. If the FCC changes how the internet functions, it would inhibit our rights as human beings to put ourselves out into the world, and it would hinder so many people from succeeding in their own respective field. Please consider the people. Thanks.
—Kirsten, chicago, IL

The internet is a wonderful place where I can escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Please don't ruin it.
—Edmond, Bronx, NY

Broadband internet should be classified as a common carrier. Americans need access to the internet to help shape a free world for the future of mankind.
—Elan Lift, Wyomissing, PA

Stop the move towards tiered paid levels of internet service! It should be a utility like electricity, all customers should have equal access to equal quality service!
—Mark M Pepp, Forest Park, IL

Net Neutrality is the most important last bastion of truly free expression that exists in our country, and by proxy, the world. Everything that began as a way to express one's self (and was, often, eventually regulated and driven by profit instead of culture)--visual art, literature, poetry, cinema, music--culminates on the internet. If culture and civilization is something to be valued, which it is, than Net Neutrality needs to be ensured.
—John Tully, Baltimore, MD

Honestly how do you sleep at night knowing everyone hates you
—Austin, Lenexa, KS

net neutrality a beautiful thing, where a small website with a great idea can have as much of a chance as one of the corporate assholes who are threatening net neutrality. if we lose net neutrality than the diversity of the internet (which is what makes it so great) will go with it. plus the corporations (where looking at you time Warner) are gonna be able to charge you for certain websites. i don't want to see an internet with content only approved by old white guys.
—Roscoe, louisville, KY

The internet is supposed to be a place where everyone can post and talk and upload and download and chat and discuss and HELP people and spread the word about topics JUST LIKE THIS. There are many things, like scholarship sites, donation sites, things that people NEED to know about, like the PIPA and SOPA that already tried to do something similar to this. But we, the internet, as a team, prevented this from happening. I hope we can do it again. Because so many people makes friends, loves, ideas, businesses, and memories on the internet. It has become a part of how we grow up and it can NOT be taken away. We already have to pay for internet access, don't make us pay for websites too. You'll be tearing apart all the friendships that exist here. People will lose each other. You don't know what they could have accomplished. Don't. Do. This.
—Calli-Jo F Lovern, Buchanan, VA

Please make Internet ISPs into a Title 2 Common Carrier!
—Jenny, Topeka, KS

To me, having Net Neutrality means communication with my family, especially my father who is Active Duty Air Force and deployed currently. Not only this, having neutrality means I am able to partake in online gaming, and the viewing pleasure that is offered from Imgur/Reddit. Giving corporation power to control the flow of information for prophet will only further corrupt what is known as freedom to the American citizen. This is the age of information and technology, where anything and everything can be known, no matter who you are. Take that away and what does it become? The Age of Corporation? No one in their right mind wants that. Please, think about this before you make a terrible decision you will regret.
—Hunter Snyder, Baton Rouge, LA

I don't need to write anything about how awful stopping neutrality is, because you already know/have heard it. Just please understand that, if any anti-net neutrality legislation were to pass through Congress, 1 of 2 things would happen: 1.There will be protests for all of your immediate resignations, which will go heeded, trust me. OR 2.It will face a hand-signed veto from the President himself. You will not win here either way, so just shut the hell up and stop trying to force bullshit policies down the throats of the American public, you consumerist trash spewers.
—Will, Wilmington, DE

I own a small business. We would not be able to afford to sign to one of the big ISPs. Because the end of net-neutrality would bring pay-to-play, my company's website would be viewed by only a fraction of its current audience simply because I don't have as much money as larger companies.
—Dan Hitchcock, Chester, NY

People controlling the internet and it's content is just mad. The internet is for everyone!
—Brittany, Sylvania, GA

If you guys don't want to instigate a revolution, it might be wise not to fuck with people's internet. It's too late to try and put this under your thumb so you can make more money. We the people might be separated by religion, by politics, sexual orientation etc but you know what could easily bring the world together? Having a common enemy. You fuck with the people's internet and net neutrality and guess who our enemy will be? YOU. Leave our internet alone!!
—Elaine, los osos, CA

I don't trust the FCC.
—Eric Garcia, Edinburg, TX

We want the Internet to continue to live up to its promise, fostering innovation, creativity and freedom. We don't want regulations that will turn our ISPs into gatekeepers, making special deals with the few companies that can "pay to play" and inhibiting new competition, innovation and expression.
—Dillon, denver, CO

This is completely ridiculous -- the government needs less control over the people and not more. We are fighting back. Get away from our free internet!
—Kate Howard, Felton, PA

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 stops the invisible hand of laissez faire capitalism from working at its maximum potential. 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. Google. Amazon. Twitter. Netflix. Today these are giant companies worth billions of dollars and are cornerstones to a relatively new economy where the internet plays a large role. However, if there were no net neutrality 20 years ago, none of these influential corporations would exist. Why would you potentially stop future companies that will rival Google, Amazon, etc.? By limiting net neutrality, you are taking away the entrepreneurial spirit that has defined America for so long. I didn't know that congressmen and senators lacked the foresight to realize how much this will negatively impact the economy.
—Ethan Flicker, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet neutral and open to everyone equally the same
—Denise Reid, AUSTIN, TX

I love the internet the way it is. Don't touch it *Hissss*
—Chris E, Marietta, GA

During the era of political apathy, the internet is the closest medium to a public forum currently available. By allowing ISPs to regulate what users see and interact with, we will be destroying the integrity of an open, equal place for discussion by limiting options.
—Alexandra Orth, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want my ideas to be available to people and have a chance to be seen. Without Net Neutrality my ideas wouldn't be open to the public and be able to be seen by people.
—Noah Kindall, Lakewood, CO

Innovation is what drives us forward and net neutrality will stifle it. Larger corporations will rule the internet and won't care about customer satisfaction as there would be no competition anymore. The internet is a self evolving place. Let it be the way it is.
—Darpan Mehta, Des Moines, IA

To keep the playing field level for all who wish to pursue "the American dream" and to keep free flowing ideas and thoughts protected for everyone. The internet should not become another monopolized marketing/profit plan for the large corporations to solely benefit from. Enough is enough. Keep it neutral and available for all.
—Kathy Burk, Muscatine, IA

I work from home. I use a diverse group of resources to perform my day to day job duties. If net neutrality is not enforced, it could cost me a great deal of productivity and lead me to not be able to work for the company I work for. I also believe that an open Internet is crucial to innovation -- giving preference to the big companies puts startups at a severe disadvantage.
—Michael Trimm, Sarasota, FL

Because we shouldn't have to pay for a service in which we express ourselves through social media. It's social (i.e. of or relating to society) and thus it should be run by the people who use it - US!
—Ashlyn, Newhall, CA

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Kimberly, daly city, CA

Broadband is a telecommunications service; plain and simple. Please regulate it as such and put a stop to what will be an endless back and forth between consumers and service providers.
—Benjamin King James, Houston, TX

It is quite the innovative business strategy to capitalize on an untapped source of revenue. However, it's like you stumbled onto a natural resource, noticed everyone was enjoying it, actually enjoying it too much, and then decided to be *censored for everyone's benefit* by charging people for it. Yes I do realize the net isn't technically completely neutral as is, but looking at the CASH and Cash equivalent entries on publicly traded telecommunications companies (uh... all of them), there is plentiful wealth and they are definitely not dependent on this revenue. Please let me know if there is actually a legitimate reason why net neutrality is a terrible thing. I am genuinely interested in learning about a reason other than this being a money grubbing scheme. The amount of public outrage is overwhelming and I do not feel the need to justify my feelings here. Then again, I am a lowly peon in the society that you view as a reaping ground for selfish, excessive profits so you can just ignore this without blinking an eye. I just hope you OD from sniffing that cash.
—Ricky, Providence, RI

Cable companies and the like are a big enough mess as it is. Net Neutrality is the only thing preventing them from doing the same to the web.
—Analisa Perez, San Antonio, TX

We are Americans. We have a democracy, not a communist country. We have freedoms granted to us that individuals in other countries do not or allowed to have. The government stepping in to allow monopolization of the internet and net neutrality is a practice that goes alongside the ideals of a repression of the peoples free will and blocks the ability to have free speech.
—Lucky Rebel, Scottsdale, AZ

Being able to find things that I've never heard of online is a wonderful thing. Also, being able to check multiple sources for something is quite important, and if a site with false information is getting preferred treatment over someone with the truth, terrible things can happen. There's also the simple factor that I can access unique content on the internet that simply cannot be found via other sources, and forcing those that provide such content to either not be able to provide what they make, or join some conglomerate, seems morally reprehensible.
—Devin T., Adams, MA

The Internet is important to me because, yes. But it's more important to a politician, someone voted to a position of power. Millions of people, voters, use the internet for social media exchange (twitter, facebook, imgur, reddit, youtube,etc) to get their information for news. This is how modern society functions and communicates. Giving businesses the power to restrict and limit who has access to these websites is only going to screw over whatever message a politician wants the millions of people who use these websites to receive. Net Neutrality insures voters, in today's online society, can actually be reached without barriers.
—Gabriel Zisk, pittsburgh, PA

The Internet is important to me because, as a poor, underprivileged person, the internet currently provides all forms information and opportunities within my reach, and I know for a fact I wouldn't be able to afford pay-to-play internet. Also, if the internet is controlled in such a way, it will lose the diversity that makes it amazing. New ideas will be suffocated, and, dare I say it, the internet may become as stagnant and low on new ideas as most mainstream media is today. As a society we NEED new ideas and diversity, to advance and inspire ourselves to make changes for the better. Some of the most important and positive changes in history stemmed from radically different ideas, and the internet allows everyone's voice to be heard!!
—Hillary, Hohenwald, TN

The Internet is important to me because, as a college engineering student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed. Also, I don't trust you, and think that our government is corrupt and full of out-of-touch, incompetent, and greedy assholes.
—Dan Kuehl, Rolla, MO

The internet right now is a place where people have the access to create, share and innovate on ideas. Without neutrality in access, the only people who will be able to share ideas will be those with money. A pay for play system, paying for access to consumers, will decrease the possibility of people coming together to create something better. There are sites that are doing their best to fight cancer, provide people with the support they need through the tough times, funding of new ideas and businesses, and educate people, including, but not limited to: conservation, business practices, physics, mathematics, history, vocational skills, biology, nutrition, and many others. The internet right now can provide people with access to things they will never get to see otherwise, ranging from art in the Louvre, penguins in the Antarctic, to the state right next to the one they live in. The internet brings people together, and without neutrality, we will lose the potential of this valuable resource. Companies would not be trying to push for the cessation of net neutrality if they did not recognize the value that the internet has. They would place limits on it, take it away from those who "do not deserve it", and stop progress. The internet is many things, not all of them are good, but it is a place where freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly and petition aren't just empty platitudes thrown at the masses, but are things that you can witness occurring every day. Without net neutrality, we lose so much. Please, protect our rights, our freedoms, and our internet.
—Erin Blose, State College, PA

The freedom of the internet is allowing us to exchange ideas and create new technology faster than ever. The freedom of the internet is allowing us to fight for social change. Allowing the pay to play stuff is JUST AS BAD as banning twitter because the young kids disagree with your opinions. Please show the world we're better than this as a people.
—Anna Leigh Brown, Bethesda, MD

Everyone deserves the same chance to obtain success in the internet.
—Paula, brooklyn, NY

Those in power are only seeking more ways to earn money, not trust, not freedom, not justice. Only money and power.
—Gabriel, Trujulli Alto, PR

The internet has become a catalyst for growth around the world and a beacon of free knowledge. Potentially throttling either of these because some website doesn't have a deal with my ISP is wrong, and the notion itself is offensive.
—Zach Kauffman, Landisville, PA

I grew up with the Internet slowly changing and shaping the world I know. I need to know that there will not be barriers of any sort for the new ideas and services that wish to flourish in a free environment. whether they be mine or another work. Knowing that a person has to pay additional fees of any sort simply to match a speed or get their idea across is disgusting and counter-productive in every sense to me. We have a magical thing going when it comes to new ideas, sites, and connections. Many online services rely on knowing everyone is on a level playing field. By tampering with an environment like the Internet and putting any type of barrier that throttles or puts another in any type of disadvantage threatens to break this wonderful thing we have created. Put a stop to any type of law that interferes with net neutrality.
—Brian White, Chattanooga, TN

The internet is the last open space, the premier voice of the voiceless, and freedom for so many. I didn't have a computer until I began college (5 years ago) and since I've been exposed to the internet and all it has to offer I've learned HTML, CSS, calligraphy, German, Polish, how to knit, and graduated from college. I've planned a trip to the Czech Republic, a trip for which I searched the internet for scholarships to be able to afford. Because of the internet a poor, landlocked, coal region girl like myself has had the world opened to her. When my husband and I first met we bonded over a common interest that was internet-based and now we learn together through the open internet. Just think about this great thing that you're destroying! It's a sandbox, it's a playground, it's a postcard, it's a laugh... It's a chance. Don't take that chance away from future generations. The internet is the only place where there's truly an equal opportunity for all. Please. I know an intern is probably reading this (hey kid, I'm right there with you) so I'm sorry... but your boss needs to know that they're actively destroying one of the best things to ever happen to humanity and is responsible for the next generation's disadvantage. I beg you, sir/madame/et al., PLEASE let freedom reign for all and support net neutrality.
—Emily Kukwa, Frederick, MD

please protect net neutrality, don't ruin the internet
—Gizelle Robinson, Austin, TX

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Please keep the Internet open for everyone. As someone who is starting a small business, an open Internet is essential for me to get up and running with low overhead.
—Cristina Stoyle, Thurmont, MD

The internet is a place where millions can share their ideas with like-minded people without the need of money. It's a beautiful thing that gives birth to innovation like no other, why monopolise one of the only medias left that breaks away from that broken system for the sake of a few greedy rich companies? Who says they have the right to pick and choose what I get to view online?
—Rebecca Ferguson, Tampa, FL

Since its creation, the Internet has been a platform where anyone could make themselves known and their voices heard without having to pay for that privilege, as is most often the case in our society. Ending net neutrality would ruin what is, in my opinion, one of humanity's greatest creations. All so that the people at the top can make more money.
—Christina Oster, Verona, NJ

Save the internet because i need it.
—Tary, Modesto, CA

I'm a small business owner who got his start on a crowdfunding website. I did this for several reasons, one of them being after graduating college I was unable to find employment for virtually anything except retail. Crowdfunding websites allowed me to move forward with my work and find a means to actually take care of myself. Now, from what I understand, you're working to take that away. You're trying to make it impossible for creative individuals to think freely and move forward with their ideas for not only their betterment, but the betterment of society and this country. You want people such as myself to be homeless or live on welfare. For what reason, exactly? During my time in college I tutored foreign-exchange students in U.S. history. Would you be interested in one of my lessons? I think you could benefit greatly from doing a little homework. Would you like me to provide you with a list of individual people that created revolutionary pieces of technology and assets that were in no way involved with a large corporate entity? Let ME help YOU, as you've made it quite clear you're incapable of performing your job at your current level. Have you spent any time on the internet yourselves? An often poked at joke is the "freedom of Murica," not just by foreign citizens but by those within the United States itself. This joke is aimed at poking fun at the lack of freedom and seemingly control hungry state of the U.S. government and corporations. Taking away our online freedom will only add fuel to this fire. Keep our net, our virtual bastion of freedom, neutral. Prove to US the citizens that you care about us, that you're actually working with US. Prove me wrong and show me you're not resting on your hands and knees as a footstool for your corporate overlords.
—BradleyWynn, Jacksonville, FL

The Internet is important to me because I am a young college student who is going to be thrown into the "real world" in one more year. When this happens I am wanting to start my own small business and want to rely, for the majority of my public awareness, on the internet to expand that business that would be otherwise unheard of in the western united states. The chance to stumble upon new and small businesses, like my own, would be difficult unless directly searched for. There has been a social shift in the past ten years towards small business again, allowing craftsmen like myself to control my own life while doing what I love in my own business. Taking away net neutrality shoves larger businesses onto an internet platform, making it more difficult for this new craftsman movement to take place. It is selfish to hoard the internet towards those big businesses that can "pay" for it, and I do not think that the FCC should legally have any control over the internet based on their opinions. Pus, I would figure that there are plenty of large businesses that would not want my own to grow as I will be proposing a new type of architecture that is more durable against nature and cheaper for consumers. Internet allows recognition for people like myself to make a name for yourself. This is not old America anymore where gaining land or gaining education means you have done something for yourself. In this new social environment, you have to gain recognition, and prioritizing the internet would take that away from millions.
—Amber Grim, Exeter, CA

Show the world that you can discard whatever corrupt agenda is motivating you to even push this issue, take the selfless route and vote for one of the remaining true freedoms in the world.
—John, cincinnati, OH

I need Net Neutrality because without it, I would literally be institutionalized for not expressing myself. I have severe anxiety and Net Neutrality gives me access to my blog on Tumblr and funny videos on YouTube to ease my anxiety and stress. Why would the government take that away from me?
—Giovanna Antonino, Middletown, NJ

I'm typing to let my representative know that the future of the Internet matters to me. Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. I want my representative to publicly and loudly oppose any such rules, and send a message to the FCC that Congress and the public stand united on this.
—Chris, Marietta, GA

Net Neutrality is important because the speed of someone's internet should be determined by the amount of data in their package and NOT by the price of the package alone.
—Daniel Lorenzo, Palm Coast, FL

So, you want to know why I care about Net Neutrality? Well, I'm just a near-broke 20 year-old, so what the fuck do I know, right? My voice doesn't matter to most of the corporate individuals who will read this, but maybe if one reads this and gets the picture, that's good enough for me. I don't have much going for me in life. I work as a security guard almost full-time, I'm an Enlisted PFC in the national Guard (That counts for something, at least), and I'll be continuing classes in Fall. I'm just starting out on my own, and let me tell you, it's not easy. I'm sure you've all forgotten what it was like to struggle, but I, and many like me, are struggling to get by every day. Hell, I just had to ask a relative for money just so I didn't have to worry about food until I get my next paycheck. I'm constantly either sad or apathetic, and I've lost interest in a lot of things that I used to love. The one thing I have that I know for certain will be able to make me happy is the Internet. It's where I go to relax, have fun, and maybe for a few hours, I can forget that life sucks. It's a way for me to escape and actually feel happy for a little, before facing the real world once again. Most of the sites I frequent are small forums, image websites, art websites, or webcomics. Oh, and YouTube. I love Youtube. Most of these sites are run by one person running on commissions, donations, or merchandise sales. If you were to force them to pay so that they can get there content to users, you'd destroy them quickly. Maybe that's your goal, I don't know. Can't say it would surprise me. But you'd be turning what is a free and open force of entertainment and entrepreneurship into a corporate money source at the expense of the users. You'd be ruining one of the greatest things to ever come into existence, just for a profit. And for me personally, you'd be destroying one of the few joys I have left in life. Please, don't do this.
—Brendan, Eugene, OR

Net Neutrality is essential by providing equal access speed without extra fees - tiered systems that favor money over people. We demand a Title 2 change, not just tinkering around edges-a complete haircut, not just a trim! By the way Mr Wheeler, no one in my large extended family is & should not be treated as Dingo, Ditto or Dildo heads!
—Ron Peterson, Gasquet, CA

Net Neutrality is in no way beneficial to the people. While a few may benefit from this new way of business, putting a few more dollars into already heavy pockets, the population as a whole will pay for this change. Charging businesses to make their websites faster and more easily accessible will result in the same businesses charging or raising prices on their customers to view the content they currently pay the internet companies to see. Taking away net neutrality harms the people as a whole. As a government, your job is to protect the people, not force them into increasingly difficult situations. I respectfully request you preserver Net Neutrality.
—Bjarni Runolfson, Issaquah, WA

The Internet is important to me because, as a recent college graduate and future grad student in this day in age I rely heavily on the internet to conduct research in order to create an educated and intelligent essay for the subject of my course. Also as someone with Retinitis Pigmentosa, I can not drive and thus spend the majority of my time on the internet for many reasons, ranging from applying to jobs, to playing games with friends around the world, to buying items that I need but can not physically drive to purchase, or simply to do course work. If ISPs were to gain the ability to control which websites Americans can visit then what is the point of living in America when so much of our daily lives are already heavily controlled by major corporations and the government. If the government continues put large corporations over the people as they have been doing for over half a century now then in the near future we will either leave America for a better country or simply revolt and push out the government and major corporations. The internet is one of the last places people can feel truly free to do as they please. Do not take this away from an already frustrated populace.
—Douglas R Galvin, DENTON, TX

Open access to the internet is critical for our economy and for our democracy. Broadband carriers are not information services. They are telecommunications common carriers. Just as my phone carrier doesn't interfere with my phone calls as long as I pay my bill, they shouldn't be allowed to interfere in the exchange of information among those who pay to use their networks
—Kendra Clemons, Houston, TX

"the Internet be free from censorship, discrimination and anticompetitive behavior, and give consumers equal access to the content they want. Broadband subscribers should get the bandwidth they are paying for and content should be treated equally, without degradations in speed or quality, meaning no artificial 'slow lanes'... These rules should apply regardless of whether the Internet is accessed from a fixed or mobile access provider." STOP BREAKING THE LAST FRONTIER. THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO MAKE MONEY BY WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE THAN BY MANIPULATING THEM.
—Rezaul Hassan, Brookhaven, NY

The rich do not need to be richer, assholes.
—Brian Corlaciu, Chicago, IL

I fail to see how it is in the public interest not to pursue service providing network as under common carrier rules. In most locations, providers have a physical monopoly on the infrastructure in the form of limited access easements. This is exactly where common carrier should be applied. I am leaving a comment against the proposed tier/laned/structured/gated/pa y to play concept.
—Andrew, GRAPEVINE, TX

The internet is important to me because how else will my voice be heard? Big companies like Verizon already ignore me and charge me crazy rates for horrible internet (less than 1mb for 20 dollars... and rising) So since I live in a semi-rural suburb I'll pay double or triple and I don't have a good paying job and my retired grandmother certainly can't afford that since congress is already robbing us with high taxes and a fixed pension (It doesn't EVER go up even though things get more expensive, thanks for flipping us the bird Gov't) so I'm gonna end up stuck with dial-up spends and absolutely no browsing capability. If that's the case I'd rather learn how to hack. So please, for your sake and my own, just keep things simple and keep the internet free. Thank you.
—Lonnie Linen, Saratoga Springs, NY

An open Internet is important to me because it provides a level playing field for the future of American business and innovation. As a product manager at a small tech marketing startup and an aspiring musician, the tools and services that have changed both the music and marketing worlds were built on the internet as we know it. Putting preferential treatment of distribution of tech goods and services across the internet in the hands of ISP's, companies with little or no regard for consumer well being, risks stifling the environment that made these innovations possible.
—Martin Stubbs, Hopewell Junction, NY

The Internet is important to me because, as an indie developer, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the self-published products that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Dana, Topnot, TN

the internet is the only place I feel at home to take that away would crush me.
—Carole Greene, waldorf, MD

Net neutrality keeps the playing field even, I believe in the little guy..
—Henry Schmidt, Hillsboro, OR

Without physical boundaries, the internet is the only community in which each participant's mind is free. We want to keep it that way.
—Sarah, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

As students we need net neutrality in order to ensure that we have free and open access to learning and education materials that are not available to us through other venues. If we do not keep the net neutral then all the students in the United States will suffer the consequences. The neutral net is our hope for the future of knowledge and education!
—Stephanie McGuinness, Merced, CA

I support net neutrality because I am a data scientist, and a free and open internet is essential for my research. I'm worried that - without net neutrality - ISPs will degrade network performance for those who use large amounts of bandwidth, including researchers like me.
—Ian Sulam, Bozeman, MT

It's ridiculous that we have to monitor this. Not everyone is made of money.
—Angie, Princeton, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because it protects and encourages artistic production outside the mainstream.
—Kaitlin Van Zandt, San Diego, CA

America was founded to be a land of equal opportunity and freedom of expression. In our modern society, the internet is the number one place Americans (and people around the world) can be free to do whatever makes them happy. It's true that nowadays people can make huge money because of the exposure it provides, and that's the beautiful thing about it! Equal opportunity for everyone! The internet was invented to be shared. A bunch of wealthy, entitled capitalists have no right to take that away. Do they literally not have /enough/ money that they feel they need to take away one of our basic freedoms. It's true that freedom of the internet isn't written in our constitution, but let's be serious, if wifi was around in the days of George Washington, you can be damn sure it would have been included in our constitutional freedoms.
—Courtney Acker, El Paso, TX

If our choices are guided to certain avenue, going an round-about way, lured into things we don't desire, and no other alternative to choose from. Can we get out liberty back!
—Michael Adami, Vestal, NY

The internet should remain a free and level playing field for free speech.
—Matthew Golub, Richmond, VA

I have to have access to the Internet to go to high school. I take classes done entirely through the Internet, and I can't get the same level of education any other way. Because of the Internet, I can use private sites large and small to aid my education. I can search sources, find intelligent discussion, and talk with established communities. Without a fair and biased internet, the smaller, free sites I rely on to aid my education couldn't support themselves and would collapse. I couldn't learn German through the s chool's systems, so I went to duolingo and with a friend learned a semester's worth of lessons in a week. He's going to Germany as an exchange student in six weeks. Without the internet, that couldn't've happened. Without net neutrality, Rosetta stone could pay for exclusivity, and duolingo would disappear from usability. For streaming video service on their smaller business inefficient code, without equally distributed high-speed internet we'd be out of luck and wouldn't've learned German. So please don't kill the Internet. I've still got college, and I'd like my kids to see the Internet as I did- a free and open place to share ideas, content, and community. When I say free, I'd like to point out we're already paying for our internet. We're paying hand over fist to the local monopolies, and they're squandering the money. America doesn't need more really rich people, it needs an educated populous. You're in the one spot in history where you can decide the fate of all information in the next fifty years, FCC. Don't give it over to the corporations.
—Cordel Gunderson, Wendell, NC

If I'm already paying for what I have, why would you take it away and think it's right to charge for it?
—Gabriela Ramirez, McHenry, IL

The internet is the main venue for communication in our society. No private entity should be able to control a person's access to information when individuals pay for that access. Net neutrality keeps citizens from being at the mercy of a corporation to learn, communicate, or even take a political action like this.
—Shannon Bergeron, Manchester, MD

Reclassify broadband internet as a title II common carrier telecommunications service
—Olivia Vuong, Burke, VA

The internet is valuable only if people have access to it. It's in all of our interests (including shareholders) that it remain a free medium.
—SSmm, Madison, WI

Without the internet being the pure, rampant, mob of democracy it currently is, I wouldn't have matured as a writer, read and seen great works of art from people who would have never been able to find success elsewhere, and have never met people who became great friends and teachers. You kill net neutrality, you kill one of the greatest experiments with democracy since the declaration of independence was signed.
—Nico Villarreal, Stafford, VA

I need it for my job in order to survive not thrive
—Connie Mae, Kalama, WA

I'm a law student currently, and soon to be a lawyer. I'll already have to pay for access to research databases, I don't want to have to pay more for my internet than I already do for the connection.
—Elizabeth Moore, Jacksonville, FL

In the interest of a continuously innovative, creative, and progressive world; I must protest pay to play internet as an attack on small business, lower and middle class citizens, and the principle of knowledge being open and free to all who seek it.
—Rachel, Grand Forks, ND

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Without Net Neutrality, the internet will cease to be a source of information for anyone. The internet will become so exclusive that people simply wont use it for the things that they use it for today. If we want to be able to make money without being beholden to an ISP, we must preserve and protect Net Neutrality
—Joseph McLaurin, Sunnyvale, CA

It'll be impossible for aspiring startups to get anywhere without the freedom of the Internet.
—Emily TenCate, Cambridge, MA

Net neutrality is the only source of freedom that the world and I has that hasn't been fully corrupted by other corporations to screw over the lower classes and make the upper class enjoy the beauty of internet. While depriving others from its potential it would only worsen the segregation that we already withhold
—Laurent L, PLANTAITON, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it provides me with an escape from my rather unforgiving life. It allows me to communicate with my friends and make new ones. It also allows me to share my artwork and receive useful critiques on it.
—Daniel Preradovic, Bolingbrook, IL

Please don't take away net neutrality!
—Brooke, Austin, TX

The internet is the only place that is still diverse and free from censorship.
—Cindy, Anaheim, CA

please don't ruin the internet.
—Leah Koslow, Pittsburgh, PA

I'm a social science teacher in a public school and am tired of trying to teach my students good principles when all modern examples prove that money is the only thing that matters. The government is there to protect the will of the people, not the companies that line politicians' pockets.
—Kristy, Bountiful, UT

I am constantly keeping up to date with world issues and sharing the information with those I know.
—Jordan Ramos, Augusta, GA

I am concerned about the corporate ties our FCC chairman has, and I don't believe his proposed changes to how our internet functions are in the best interest of the american people.
—Megan Robison, Olivet, MI

Please don't do this to the internet. Things could get better, but you're going to make them worse.
—Michael, Nopeville, AL

Net neutrality is important to me because everyones voice can be heard. One of the few things in America that isn't completely corporate-owned garbage.
—Remington, Boise, ID

The internet is a right for everyone, there shouldn't be any sort of barriers for those who both want to make it and to those who rely on the internet as well.
—John Melton, Las Vegas, NV

All internet content should be treated equally. The internet is a vital form of self expression, creativity, and collaboration among the people.
—James Kiley, Fredericksburg, VA

The internet, one of the top 5 most important inventions in the history of the human race, is a mostly level playing field, because all data gets treated equally. Please, throw out these rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Destroying this balance and allowing for faster and slower lanes may be effective in allowing the cable companies to charge more for the access they enjoy now, but that fruit will spoil in their mouths, when they realize they've handed you the axe that cut the tree down. Just so we're clear, the internet is the tree here, destroying net neutrality is the axe, the profit is the fruit. You are the caretakers. We are the supervisors and we are watching you.
—G Samel, Anchorage, AK

Please don't do this to the internet. It's a great place to explore and share ideas, and what makes it so great is the lack of regulation and control in what you can see. Removing net neutrality is not progress.
—Greg Travis, Everett, WA

The internet should be a common carrier. I am concerned that if we don't do this, not only commerce but the free and unbiased flow of information will be compromised.
—Maggie Sherriffs, goleta, CA

Consumers deserve net neutrality to be able to use technology as an outlet to express their creativity, start a business, teach a skill, or anything they choose. Don't turn internet into what cable has become because if you do, soon it will be obsolete.
—Merritt Parsons, Baton Rouge, LA

I use the Internet to unwind. I use the Internet to study and do research. I use it to talk to people I love but can't see in person, and I use it to talk to new people I may one day love just as much. The Internet is important to me, and as screwed up and wacky and weird as it is, it's an enormous part of my life that definitely does more good than harm. You
—Stephanie, Andover, MA

With the internet working well like it is and still even way behind some European and Asian countries, why would you want to make it worse. Oh yeah, that's right... Someone needs to make more money. How could I be do stupid!!!?
—John Diffey, Long Beach, MS

I want to be able to share my ideas, communicate, and connect with the world, like I do now. I don't want to have to pay in order to do the same thing that I do now.
—Javier Guerra, Black Diamond, WA

Net neutrality is true democracy. We are already squeezed with pricing schemes for our access speed. Please don't choke off our access with pay walls on the other side. Ending net neutrality is a vote for consumerism and ignorance.
—Thomas Olson, Erie, CO

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 Internet is important to me because, as a growing artist, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the world. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.
—Trisha Bagby, Petersburg, IL

The internet makes me feel normal and safe without my friends I would be dead
—Jay Butcher, Dublin, OH

Freedom of net will lead to a better world.
—Alex Bermudez, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is important because it benefits the general public rather than helping only the few, privileged and private interests. Net neutrality encourages creativity and entrepreneurship and removing net neutrality will ultimately harm the majority of the country.
—Helen, Morganville, NJ

Removing Net Neutrality is a horrible idea, and monetizes something that should absolutely be free and equal to all the internet's users. Net Neutrality is important to me because as a business student and overall random internet content creator I deserve just as much of a chance to seek success via the internet as bigger corporations such as Netflix, Facebook, etc.
—Riley Davis, Albuquerque, NM

Fuck off from the internet and stop sucking each others dicks you lying, psychopathic cash whores.
—Peter Hagane, Clarksville, TN

Reducing the capability of entrepreneurship via the proposals for changing net neutrality will only further hamper an already 'red taped' marketplace. In lieu of government based regulations it would instead be constipated by ones constructed by corporate entities. This is a short sighted en devour that will ultimately hinder the development of new ideas and products that stimulate and advance our consumer/production based economy. America's business is business...and this is bad business.
—Jared Embury, Aberdeen, SD

Net neutrality is important to maintain the open access of the internet. A strong America is only as strong as it's citizens. Access to information helps those in need access the information they need to succeed. The least able to afford are often the most in need. I greatly support keeping the internet neutral. If neutrality is not protected, there is a possibility the internet would no longer be accessible to the poor, entrepreneurs, schools, etc. Also, the voices of the smaller organizations, businesses and just regular people would be silenced. I urge our representatives to serve the people as they were elected to do and are sworn to do.
—Joycelyn Burgo, Lees Summit, MO

This is seriously ridiculous thing to make their money businesses!
—Ching, fort worth, TX

The Internet is a public resource. Don't let malcontent ruin one of the few truly free public domains that we have left. Oppression of the internet will stifle innovation.
—Alex Cox, Kent, WA

The internet is where you're supposed to be free from the real world, not a place where companies take all of your money just to get away. Some people use the internet to wind down from things, use it to help them in school, to forward their company/product that they have made.
—Zyon, Owensboro, KY

Alright motherfuckers, this is the third goddamn time Congress has tried to pass this shit bill that no one who actually uses the internet wants. If you do not crush this fucking bill an unholy flood of hateful vicious comments will flood your inboxes like shit filling a clogged sewer.
—Nicholas Arthur Seebart, Sunnyvale, CA

Net Neutrality is important because we shouldn't lose even the Internet to corporate greed.
—Anastasia Wills, Littleton, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because on the internet I am now not just a face in a crowd of people, but an individual with thoughts and feelings and more ideas than you can possibly imagine. The fact that you want to take that away because of a more comfortable life for yourself you should sit down and remind yourself that this is a idiotic move. You are not an idiot. So prove it to yourself.
—Monica Coronado, Naperville, IL

You cannot have us people like fish in a barrel its wrong and unfair.
—Kelsey Smith, East Lansing, MI

I don't think it's right that any company should try to limit or even block users from something that has been and should always be -free-. Because of the freedom of the internet we've broken down more walls and created so much since its original conception because we've had its freedom. We've progressed in leaps and bounds electronically BECAUSE we had the internet and no one was putting stipulations or fees on it. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE
—Gayle, Foster City, CA

Net neutrality is important to me, as a filmmaker, because the internet has become the fastest and post popular means of delivering content to viewers. If ISPs choose to favor existing sites over my films, there is very little potential for the success of projects that are independently produced. The internet is and should remain an open forum where individuals and corporations are able to thrive and compete. It's also a means of communicating with a mass audience to convey news, inform the public, and raise awareness - all of which are necessary for a knowledgeable society.
—Namrata Abhyankar, Los Angeles, CA

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—Jessica, Las Vegas, NV

I highly recommend that you kill yourself.
—Dick Butt, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality means a good degree of equal opportunities. Many internet icons could not have made their way without it and I wish that upcoming internet sensations get the same chances they did at showing their content.
—Marge, buckeye, AZ

Net neutrality is important for me because I want to be able to access whatever I want on the internet freely, without any content being censored in advance.
—Pauline Ramette, Goleta, CA

Because the US has the most expensive internet in the world, do we really need to increase that. I shouldn't have to pay for more for something that others in the world can get for free.
—Anjela, Potomac Falls, VA

Because I like the unfiltered randomness of the internet and the more commercials I get shoved in my face, the less I want anything to do with a product. it's sickening that anyone would allow this much room for companies to bombard you with advertisements and offers that just suck the life out of people.
—Rachel Wittschen, cape may court house, NJ

The United States Congress Capitol Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Dear Members of Congress, American oversight of the Internet's basic functions has kept the web free not only for Americans, but for the entire world. Yet, the Obama administration has announced it would be inviting nations such as China and Russia to help police the web — an outcome which is not only alarming, unnecessary, and unjustifiable, but would also possibly limit and change the Internet as we know it. The integrity of the Internet is a bipartisan issue that has unanimous support from both houses of Congress, and President Obama's dangerous plan has even prompted critical remarks from former President Bill Clinton. By signing this National Review petition, I urge Congress to protect online liberty by instructing the Obama administration to keep the Internet under American jurisdiction. Sincerely, Malford N. Buster
—Malford Buster, Tampa, FL

Net Neutrality is important because to limit access to the internet would be like limiting access to radio. The internet is supposed to be a resource for everyone and charging more for better speeds or more bandwidth is going to take it away from so many people and that is not fair. ISPs are only thinking of lining their own pockets, not their customers. They should not limit peoples creativity and destroy a method of free speech.
—Elizabeth Bundick, Woodstock, IL

this is the one chance for a true and honest democracy. we will not support a plutocracy. keep the internet pipelines equitable between providers.
—Regina DeAngelo, charlestown, RI

Net Neutrality is VITALLY important because it's clear that the FCC is actually in bed with the cable companies. When a government entity that is supposed to be ON MY SIDE is really sleeping with Big Business, that's a pretty clear indicator that whatever the FCC and Big Business wants is NOT good for me and my interests. SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY! Because it's not like we don't know what you're doing. Did you think we wouldn't notice? (Please...)
—Wendy Whipple, Algonquin, IL

I live .5 miles away from an charter access point. Charter has a monopoly in our area on cable and thus internet services. When I bought the house Charter told me that I could get service without additional charge; however, a week later they demanded more than $15,000 to connect me. (AT&T had to give me a landline without additional charge). I tried to start a business but depend on the internet; not only can I not get internet because there is no competition between provides but if I have to pay extra premium to offer my services over the internet to a monopolis company (in this case Charter) I will not be able to start my business at all.
—Thomas Kollig, Midland, MI

The internet is my playground and I will not be bound by what some rich company says its okay for me to do with the internet I pay for.
—Ashley, COLUMBIA, MO

I can only imagine this spilling over into our right to free speech or a lot of personal information in a few hands! Knock it off.
—Jeanann Kerr, Cynthiana, KY

I am currently a teacher in the public schools and net neutrality is important to me, because any sort of limitations on the internet are limitations to learning. Internet content is not to be regulated or weighted for importance. In doing so, students and teachers are not able to fully access the wealth of resources available to pursue advanced study of a subject. The education system in the US is already under-funded and if ISP's are allowed to charge varying rates for different types of content, our children in public schools will lose access to many many resources.
—Ryan Fitch, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me. I could go on and make this very formal or personal, but all you need to know right now is that Net Neutrality is important to me. Do the right thing.
—Brett Sheffield, Charlotte, NC

Leave the internet as it is; a place of innovation and discovery and NEUTRALITY
—Madeline Thomey, Fayetteville, AR

They make enough money off of us as it is, they don't need more. Going against Net Neutrality is bullshit.
—Brianne Goetz, Overland Park, KS

Dear FCC, Please protect an open internet & support net neutrality. Individuals and smaller companies deserve the same speeds as the huge telecoms that would benefit from separating the communications corridors. All data that travels over networks should be treated equally. Thank you, Holly Bahr
—Holly Bahr, Noblesville, IN

Net neutrality is important to millions of people because it allows them access to information they might not be privy to due to their socio-economic background. Getting rid of net neutrality would be ensuring that those who cannot afford to pay to access certain sites stay uninformed and uneducated. Getting rid of net neutrality would not allow people to move away from their socio-economic status.
—Eryka Johanson, Brooklyn, NY

because the net neutraility kept me entertained when I get bored.
—Victoria Porter, Couer D Alene, ID

Net Neutrality is essential to allow us ALL a voice. Not just those that can afford one.
—Ros Perrotta, Valley Stream, NY

I support Net Neutrality and an open internet. The ready flow of information and openness is essential in a democratic world and I fear the efforts of large ISP's and telecommunication companies to extract further profits from internet users. Keep the internet free and open for all users. Thank you.
—Tim Lundahl, Lakeville, MN

Internet access has become a necessity of day to day life, much like telephones and radios in ages past. To restrict that is a result of greed, pure and simple.
—Tal Lampner, San Leandro, CA

It gives everybody an equal platform from which to succeed.
—Judy Joklik, Columbia, MD

I think we can all agree that the current method utilized in cable TV "packages" is unsatisfying at best. However, most people don't really know anything different and so it's accepted by the general public. We all know what the internet is currently, what it's been my whole life, and the portioning and partitioning of sites into packages and pay scales is not only a gross affront to all users familiar with the internet but an unwieldy, unsustainable maze to interpret. One shouldn't have to plan while purchasing internet what sort of sites one may need in the future. Keep the internet free. I'm already living without cable and I would have no problem amusing myself with books and DVDs
—Gina, Athens, GA

Net Neutrality allows creativity to soar without any strings attached!
—Robert Putyra, Norridge, IL

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me. Sincerely, An Internet User
—Daemon Andrew, Saigon, CA

Cable companies have dominated the TV distribution for decades. Prices for content are ever rising. Finally, web-based streaming is catching up as a much more affordable option including the ability to pay for selected content, instead of having to purchase entire bundles of channels, which for me, mostly go un-watched. It is of little surprise the cable companies wish to control the bandwidth, limiting the quality of competitors. It is monopolistic to desire to control the delivery of such content and will have the effect of limiting competition if net neutrality is not preserved. Thank you for you time in reading this post. John
—John Waldron, Clifton Park, NY

Dear Sir or Madam: I’m truly concerned about the upcoming potentially world-changing decision on net neutrality. The proposed creation of internet fast lanes is a guarantee to stifle the internet-driven technological growth and innovation that we have seen in the US over the past 15+ years. Please, please allow our future generations the freedoms we have had by making internet fast lanes illegal. Please classify internet service providers, both hardline and wireless, as Title II Common Carriers. Also notable: not a SINGLE citizen to whom I’ve explained this issue thinks that internet fast lanes are good for our country’s future. It’s unfortunate that we live in a somewhat apathetic world, as few of those folks have bothered to email or contact you (they think it will do no good). But I hope you will consider that those of us speaking up share views with the majority of the nation. This is truly something that no one, except ISPs, wants. Thanks so much,
—Darin Morgan, Mesa, AZ

Net neutrality is important because it represents what our nation fights for every day: freedom. Freedom of speech and information. May not a day go by where we the people are restricted in our endeavors for knowledge simply by the destruction bred by greed. We preach our love for capitalism and yet with out net neutrality we might as well become simple consumers in a monopolized economy. Set the example.
—Rodolfo Gonzalez, Fort Collins, CO

Please do the right thing. Protect Net Neutrality. Do not give in to the corporate dollar. Do what is right for American citizens as a whole! Your job is to represent the people, not corporate America's profit margins!
—Amy Pollitt, Canton, IL

Please lets leave the internet to be as it was intended without adding additional regulations.
—Seth Bohannon, Wesley Chapel, FL

As a small business owner, I am very concerned about net neutrality. Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable or phone company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These 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. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it. Thank you, Michael Rauf
—M Rauf, Cincinnati, OH

People over profit. Hands off fascists!
—Joseph Goodhue, Dearborn, MI

i love that indivduals or groups with little funds or means can reach as many people as others with more funds or means. for me, on the internet, sucess is determanted by talent not necessarily influnce and talent. and i feel the internet should stay that way.
—Aaron Franklin, little rock, AR

Net Neutrality is not an option. As businesses grow as well as the power of businesses to influence government decisions, net neutrality will be abolished. I will not stand for businesses owning politicians. I will become a politician myself who will not be bought. I will be a future leader of this nation. Today is the first day of my political career.
—Tim Stockman, Austin, TX

no class levels of internet service where wealth and demographics are determining factors. maintain an open and equal internet to all people
—Frank Daugherty, Pacific Grove, CA

As an artist, Net Neutrality is important to me so that I may continue to express my creativity and so that I can continue to explore it and meet other creative people like me. The internet is the last truly "free" place we have. Please don't destroy it to fuel corporate greed.
—Jessica Bogardus, Oklahoma City, OK

Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. Everyone should have equal ability to post content or view content on the internet.
—Sara Gardner, Boynton Beach, FL

An unrestricted internet enlightens, empowers, and frees people of all nations. And making people pay more or less depending on what sites they go to is a form of control not simply meeting an economic demand.
—Mark Saxiones, oak grove, KY

Education and maintaining religious freedoms.
—Truman severson, Santa Ana, CA

Please keep the internet the way it is. Users are not interested in the new proposed plan.
—Nikki Mumolo, Fullerton, CA

http://youtu.be/fpbOEoRrHyU “Simply put, net neutrality is the concept that all data on the Internet should be treated equally, comparable to the treatment of electricity and other utilities.” “Without net neutrality ISPs will be able to discriminate against the data allowed through the Internet connections you’ve paid for. This already happened between Netflix and Comcast. Customers who were paying for Netflix and paying for the Internet to stream Netflix through Comcast, suddenly found Netflix lagging at unbearable speeds. Comcast was throttling their service because Netflix was taking up so much of it. In essence, Netflix is now paying Comcast extortion fees just so that their services can be allowed through to their consumers without obstruction.” “ISPs can do this because there has been no precedent set for “information services,” as there has been for “common carriers” like airlines and telephone companies. Common carriers cannot, by law, discriminate among the things they carry. This means that Sprint can’t legally drop calls to Dominos because Dominos hasn’t paid their extortion fee. But in 2010, Verizon fought a legal battle with the FCC against being called “common carriers” and they won. Until recently they’d been acting like common carriers, enjoying the main perk of not being liable for the data that moves through their cables, just as a telephone company isn’t liable for illegal dealings that happen to occur over the phone. Now that they’re dubbed “information services,” however, they can pretty much do whatever until the FCC reels them in and classifies them as common carriers.” “The main goal is to get ISPs reclassified as common carriers, and to have broadband Internet recognized as a utility. If this is achieved, net neutrality can be saved along with an open Internet that fosters creativity and opportunity for all, not just the few who can afford to pay the ISPs’ extortion fees.”
—Greg Epstein, Wilson, WY

Comon bro. We want the open internet. Democracy and all that? Zeitgeist? It's what the people want. Just leave it alone. Stop the profiteering by 3 or 4 companies. Let everyone profiteer.
—Andrew Shekhar Breckenridge, Novi, MI

Reliable connections should not be exclusive to the wealthy or elite. Information sharing should not be cencored.
—Leah Lazarou, Peabody, MA

I have the right to view all and any part of the internet without a government body enforcing strict and unnecessary laws and regulations to control what I can view. There is are many countries that have tried to control the internet and those government were overthrown and torn to pieces. I see this as a underhanded means of doing the very same thing. Dial-up has gone the way of the dinosaurs. Don't try and resurrect that, you know what happened to Jurassic park when that happen.
—Laci Virgilio, San Diego, CA

Give us a break we don't need big business such as AT&T, Verizon etc screwing the little guy and world. All of the other countries are way ahead of the US when it comes to high speed internet and a a lot less cost than what we are paying right now for poor service
—Jack Finnegan, West Melbourne, FL

There are many websites and people that are under threat if Net Neutrality isn't protected. Innovation is under threat, the freedom of people who use the internet is under threat, and people who make their living on the internet is under threat. Destroying Net Neutrality is not what the people who use the internet need. It's not looking out for the people. So protect and preserve Net Neutrality. It is a necessary part of people's lives, and it's under attack.
—Eleanor Peck, Portland, OR

The internet is a place where everybodies voice can be heard, its one of the greatest innovations in human history. It needs to remain free and unfettered so it can continue to have the impact it does today. To stifle it is to stifle human creativity itself. Dont ruin it so people who are already rich can make even more money.
—Brandon Roberts, pasadena, CA

I dont want the internet to be defined by people who have no clue what it is. Why change what isnt broken? Why put imaginary toll booths on the internet? Stop stopping progress please.
—Sonny, Portland, OR

I dont want to have to worry about paying for the internet like I do my cable! I pay for internet so I can have access to whatever I want. If I wanted to pay by play, like cable, I wouldn't pay for internet! This is garbage! The internet is ours!
—Deedee, miami, FL

It allows artists a place to create art and share it with the world. It pushes innovators to keep innovating and it creates worldwide connections that weren't possible before.
—Katherine Fross, Lone tree, CO

I believe in the continuance of net neutrality where everyone has the freedom to be found on the internet. ISPs should not be given the opportunity to charge for select "fast lanes" enabling only the biggest corporations to be seen. They also should be discouraged from exhorting money from streaming businesses because of the competition they create within their own services (Netflix vs. XFINITY Cable). I believe that ISPs should be regulated as telecommunications company because this is how the world is communicating now and in the future. I also endorse that the FCC do more to encourage the local ISP market giving consumers more choice in their provider.
—Kellie M. Johnson, Orem, UT

Don't let already huge monopolies get larger by screwing over hard working Americans anymore than they already have. It doesn't do anyone any good minus the greedy .0001%. Yes to net neutrality!
—Julie, Arlington Heights, IL

To restrict internet use is to restrict freedom and our privacy's right.
—Leônidas, Washington, DC

Please do not stifle the internet. Net Neutrality is more important than making you and your friends rich.
—Charles, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Taking away Net Neutrality will: - Limit the websites we are able to view, thus limiting potential knowledge to be gained - Benefit big businesses who have the money to pay for their "spots" online, taking away opportunity from smaller, family owned businesses, or people doing things on the internet for hobby. - Take away our freedom on the internet to view what we please whenever we please (not based on the channels/IPs we pay for), in turn taking away what people like most about the internet: it's convenience.
—Taryn Cook, Stow, OH

SAVE THE INTERNET! FREEDOM ISN'T FREE WITH GATEKEEPERS AND CORPORATE FAST LANES! THE INTERNET IS THE ONLY REAL FORM OF FREEDOM WE HAVE LEFT!
—Tamara, Bloomsburg, PA

Freedom of speech - Ability to obtain unaltered opinions and experiences from REAL people, not a tangled web of discretionary decisions of some selected board members.
—Stephen Batich, Williston, FL

Freedom of speech is our first amendment. Allowing others to control what we can see and express online is a direct violation to our innate rights. We do not need cable companies dictating our choices.
—Victor, Holtsville, NY

It let's people get to know each other from across the globe. It let's use share our lives on sites like youtube, or feel accepted in a community like tumblr because society doesn't accept everyone like the Internet.
—Caroline, Pittsfield, ME

Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Susan Adelizzi, Drexel Hill, PA

Net Neutrality protects and sustains a more diverse and free internet. The "pay-to-play" rule may also hurt the productivity of many good websites.
—Kiera J. Cleveland, Miami, FL

America was built on the idea of freedom. By ridding the US of net neutrality we are taking a huge leap far from what America was founded on & what we stand for.
—Erin True, Schertz, TX

No one person should own something that has been made by everyone.
—Meghan Hirsh, Glenshaw, PA

We are a small business that provides software for nonprofits that help them reach their clients faster and easier. This is a completely web based application and represents millions of clients that are affected by this service in some form. We could not do it with out the free and open internet! Our organizations are everything from Family Counseling Centers, Homeless Shelters, Churches, Food Banks, ect. Please help us keep these organizations with affordable and fast software.
—Jonathan Marbutt, Birmingham, AL

Freedom freedom freedom freedom freedom
—Christian, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet has been a boon for artists. It provides a platform to share music, writings, graphic artworks and more. Contrary to many opinions, not all artists are profit motivated. But most have a need to share their works. The ability to reach any sort of audience before the Internet was limited and could take more time than the actual creating of art. Today, it is easier to find an audience to share work than ever in the past. I do not want to sell or market my music, that holds no interest to me at all. I do however, want an opportunity to play it for interested others. I am afraid that without net neutrality these opportunities will dry up. Websites will be compelled to earn money in order to pay for faster speeds, therefor they will be uninterested in artists like myself who have no desire to generate income from my work. Please keep the Internet open for creators who work for the love of craft and not greed.
—Elliott Marx, Chatsworth, CA

It allows people to state their opinion without fear of repercussions, encourages inventiveness and innovative thought, and ensures a level playing field for all involved, regardless of income, class, or social standing.
—Christopher Lee, Los Altos, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because I run a catering business from my own home and the way I reach most of my customers is through my website. With the addition of these fast lanes this will hurt business like mine and to all young entrepreneurs trying to chase their dreams by starting an online business. Please reconsider.
—Mina, van nuys, CA

I support reclassifying ISPs as title II common carriers. I do not want to lose faith in my government at such an early age (23). Do not let these corporations ruin the most fundamental tool of the past two decades.
—Michael White, North Little Rock, AR

Corporations should not be allowed to have an "internet fastlane" for their content. This will cripple free speech and criticism of corporations and the government.
—Jonathon Briska, Columbus, OH

Equality in America is a deep sentiment, regardless of the amount of wealth a person may have. A free and open internet is one of the only avenues of expression that allow one person's voice to be heard by millions. If net neutrality dies, so does that ideal. The voices that will be heard are those that can pay for it, and the wealthiest voices will be the loudest. Keep the internet fair, open, and for everyone. Its an embodiment of one the few ideals we have left in this country
—Matthew J Voelker, Philadelphia, PA

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Please do not let greed and corporate interests get in the way of one of the greatest inventions mankind has ever created. Keep the internet truly free.
—Andrew Gretchko, Brooklyn, NY

Everyone should have equal access to equal speeds and service. By allowing a few select players (who are driven by profit, not public service) to control the "fast" and "slow" lanes there is danger of stifling new companies or content that a select few don't want published. Keep a equal and open internet.
—Michael, Leeds, MA

The internet is an open world, full of creativity, innovation and exchanging of wonderful ideas. Net Neutrality ruins this for everyone and you have to know that at this point. By stifling that source you will be holding our nation back from its true capabilities.
—Kyle Essary, Glenview, IL

Keep and exand Net Neutraity
—Harold Channer, New York, NY

We need net neutrality, and I believe it should be considered a right to all users. Please do not let big business turn this into their own profit machine. We have a right to a free and open internet.
—Mr. Brett Foster, East Troy, WI

I've been in the software industry for over 10 years and literally cannot comprehend how badly this will hurt the industry and, in turn, every American's day to day life. Please do the right thing.
—Kyle Lewis, New York, NY

The internet was designed as an open mode for communication, for all people. For it's further evolution and the protection of net neutrality it must remain accessed by all, and freely so.
—Dave Henning, San Anselmo, CA

I go to the internet for entertainment and my work now due to the rising cost of cable. I can no longer afford cable, but I have to have the internet for my job. So, I depend on netflix, hulu, etc., for all entertainment. I can't afford the movie theaters anymore, except maybe one a year.
—Alesia Wells, Fort Smith, AR

The internet is literally the only free form information source unsullied by *most* of the philandering, editorializing, and plain dishonesty and bribery that has infected much of the news media world. Additionally, when taken into context historically, the internet has brought continuous freedom of artistic expression and publication that was previously unequivocal in modern culture, mostly due to lobbying of corporate interests. These are the same interests applying the same noose of greed to yet another cultural pillar, in part, and very obviously, for their own personal financial benefit. Please take steps to protect our rights as citizens of the United States and protect our right to unbiased, and unfiltered information.
—Jordan Potter, Albany, OR

So when did the Internet Providers own the Internet? If the dum ass FCC gives them permission too! This is what the new rule would do! Hell no! It is not OK ! I am an independent producer that is not associated with a major Medea company. I depend on the free and equal accesses to my content and not to be put on a slower tier service ! I think we the people should buy back all lines and charge the cable Industry on what revenues they generate . Lest see How The big cable company's would feel then if the rule was turn on them. Corporations cant own the internet!
—steve Neskis, va beach, VA

Everyone should have equal right for equal speed. They are already limiting speed with prices, let it be that way.
—Peter Gonzalez, Miami Beach, FL

Net neutrality is critical because in the age of information giving some products or services precedance over others destroys not only the open exchange of information but it undermines the very foundation of an open market and being able to compete as a business with others. This bill effectively will destroy small business on the internet.
—Bryan Austin, Pisgah Forest, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows start up companies to have a chance. It allows websites like reddit.com, which is one of the largest online communities, to exist and bring people and ideas together for a better world. Without net neutrality we can't hope to keep up with other countries around the world. It will stifle growth and access to information. Please take a look at they way other countries handle their internet. Much like the phone or water company, cable companies need to be governed to provide fair service to everyone. Not just to those with deep pockets. Do not let corporations run this country. It should be for the people by the people. Always. That's what makes this country great.
—Kevin Steindorff, Indianapolis, IN

I'm not about to allow the same people that run the televisions run the internet, no matter how much you get paid if it goes through. The internet is a lot of things, but restricted and regulated are none of these things. I have no say in what goes on television, but I'm free enough on the internet to say how it represents me, regardless what money you're missing out on. Go ruin television. Stay the fuck off of the internet.
—Tristan, Hemet, ca, CA

Net Neutrality is an important issue especially those like myself to aspire to create his own business one day. Any startup business's growth like the one I aspire to create would be strangled without the equal use of internet between large and small businesses. The discrimination that will arise as a result of the proposed bills will dissipate any possible competition between large and small businesses and will slow the growth of our country's economy. Protect our country's competition by preserving net neutrality.
—Cody Robertson, Union City, TN

To be honest, I have no idea WHY old rich men would want to buy out certain areas of the internet to charge you. Honestly, who would pay for 4chan? Do you honestly want to have a board meeting where a bunch of adults with successful and mildly stressful lives try to figure out what makes 4chan such a heavily trafficked site? How are you supposed to explain not only the already strange boards full of Japanese tentacle porn and guns but the memes decorating spaces between the gore and dismembered bodies? Yeah, THAT is what 4chan is, and it's one of the most popular sites on Earth and honestly is one of the largest mysterious entities that cannot possibly be taken down. Do you really want to see a bunch of old white people try to figure out whether or not they want to pursue the rights of a site like that? And that's just the beginning. Who is going to campaign for Reddit and Imgur? Who is going to try to hoard every wikia for dubbed anime? You realize that this sounds like a good money-maker plan in theory, but it's actually nearly impossible for you to pull off? Sure, Facebook and Tumblr and Twitter get heavy enough traffic that you'll have a seizure just imagining the extra charged you can place on people. But they also have apps that you can't touch. There are millions of strange, gross sites that you're going to be in charge of buying the rights to and honestly, I'm not sure if I want to invest in a phone or internet company that one day was like, "Yeah, I'm gonna buy 4CHAN." That company probably has issues. This isn't much of an argument, but it's food-for-thought. If we're not able to fight this and somehow it wins, I just hope I can see video tapes of these board meetings because personally, a bunch of white people trying to figure out 4chan seems like something I would enjoy.
—Erin Hammon, Valley Springs, CA

The internet is a public utility that has ushered in a new era of scientific, technological, cultural and educational era. Please don't give the future of the most valuable 20th century invention to a handful of greedy companies. The People need a neutral internet, without profit-maximizing pricing schemes designed to skew their access rights. An "equal playing field" for everyone is absolutely necessary! Classify ISPs as common carriers!
—Zack Salsman, Atlanta, GA

You're planning on making something that is such easy access of knowledge away from people who cant spend much money to go anywhere.
—Imani Sanchez, VINELAND, NJ

Seriously? I need to tell you greedy rich dudes why this is a bad idea? You know that weird tingly feeling in your gut? That's your conscience giving you all the explanation you need. It's wrong. You know it. We know it. Stop being stupid.
—Tim Whitney, Manchester, NH

Because my voice on the internet deserves to be heard, unfiltered.
—Kelly Noneman, Coopersburg, PA

YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU HAVE TO ALLOW US SOME FREEDOM or everything is going to crash. We can't take it. Save my internet.
—Lori HUmphreys, Austin, TX

This is an impediment to the free and unbiased flow of information to the general public. Allowing a system in which a monopoly takes hold is a hindrance to the free market structure.
—Miguel Santiago, Goleta, CA

I don't want corporate interests controlling what I can see, considering that internet is a service that I pay for.
—Erin Pappas, Takoma Park, MD

Maintaining net neutrality is akin to the right to free speech.
—Kristina Kull, Friday Harbor, WA

No never to your plans!
—Ghgfd, nev hikk, CA

The internet is one of humanities greatest accomplishments and needs to be by the people and for the people not controlled by companies that put there own financial interests above providing a service to their customers. ISPs in the US already have too much power as it is and if a company like Google gigabit internet for a reasonable price then there is absolutely no reason why companies like Comcast cannot provide internet to everyone without fast lanes.
—Matthew Levy, Sarasota, FL

The very idea of valuing some websites over others is un-American. These so-called fast-lanes encourage discrimination and inequality. FCC: you have no right to regulate the internet. You did not create it, you do not maintain it, you can not regulate it.
—Henry Hanlon, West Haven, CT

Bandwidth equality is what allowed exceptional content providers to survive and become known. Do not destroy the internet. You must regulate all the carriers of our communications.
—Charles W Welch, Lake George, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I am embracing the digital age that the world is coming into now. Everything is being streamed or downloaded. Movies with VUDU/UltraViolet, MMO gameplay, video streaming sites. Almost all electronics now come with the ability to be hooked up to the internet and stream content. The internet should be neutral for everyone, no matter the size of a website. The future of innovation, technological advancements, and customer satisfaction depends on a neutral internet. We do not need companies putting restrictions on the internet, it is wrong! Net Neutrality is the future and it needs to be embraced.
—Carl Griffith, Mobile, AL

Dear FCC - Please keep the Net Neutral. Don't mess this up. That is all.
—Patrick, Springfield, OR

The internet isn't something that should be controlled by a corporation.
—Jennifer Gibson, Indianapolis, IN

It would be a huge step back for us all if the internet does not remain neutral. Information must remain free and fast for all!
—Michael Feaver, Linden, CA

The internet is humanity's means of interpersonal communication and collaboration. It is our collective brain. Restricting access to this global body of knowledge will only serve to hurt the intellectual and social growth of the human beings which it connects.
—Bryce Rogers, Fort Collins, CO

As an entrepreneur and job creator whose entire business revolves around the cloud, I know that I will succeed or fail based on the quality of my product. My electricity costs the same as my competitor's electricity (and we get the same service for that cost), my water costs the same as my competitor's water (and we get the same service for that cost) - I need the internet to cost the same (and provide the same service for that cost).
—Zsolt Nadas, Mount Prospect, IL

Freedom of speech and freedom of knowledge
—Ricardo, moreno valley, CA

I think net neutrality is of the utmost importance in our country and to to hear that it's under attack is disturbing to say the least, this is a country of freedom, net neutrality goes against what our country stands for.
—Alan Garrett DeChenne, Spokane, WA

Thank you for taking the time for all our comments. There are probably a lot of different reasons, given by any number of different people, as to why net neutrality is so important. For me, and for everyone around the world who uses it, the internet has been the great equalizer. It has meant unprecedented access to news and has allowed for the free exchange of ideas between individuals. Education, the public iteration of which has been suffering for several decades in this country, can be saved through the internet because of people sharing their knowledge online. I can learn how to change a tire, cut a man's hair, bake a stone fruit pie, and learn the myriad uses of baking soda all from a simple internet search. I can visit websites dedicated to foreign languages to further my studies, or gain access to some of the most celebrated art in the world by taking a virtual tour of the Louvre. Sure, there is a bunch of junk on the internet, as well, and everyone (sometimes unfortunately) has a voice. But that's life. And unlike the creepy guy sitting across from you on that interminably long subway ride home, tuning out the bad is easily accomplished. In a world that is marred by past and current human conflict, the internet illustrates how awesome our species can truly be to - and alongside - one another. Not only is it an incredibly crude idea to restrict this kind of invaluable exchange for mere money, it feels like a violation of some natural law. We must all of us have the foresight to preserve a neutral internet, for it carries with it the best of us.
—Christine Cahill-Reams, Sacramento, CA

If old businesses have an easier time being seen then mine due to loading times, new innovating products will never reach the public.
—Carina Thorner, Lynn, MA

The internet is perfectly fine as it is, it's a place where we can go and do what we please. Express ourselves, grow, be someone. Let's not make it like life is.
—Sasha Dykes, Katy, TX

The internet is a place I can put my views and feelings and not be so negated or "stupid" for my different way of thinking and actually find some reassurance I'm not alone.
—Sarah, Sand Springs, OK

It is important the everyone has an equal opportunity of access and freedom to speak to the world without it becoming another monopoly, and excuse to exploit people for the sake of money and exclusiveness.
—Nancy Villalobos, Santa Barbara, CA

If telephone and cable companies have the power to control and delete content they do not agree with, then our government is on the verge of turning into the same internet censorship as China. The Internet is intended to be free for all and should remain that way. It is also a direct violation of the First Amendment and not to mention monopolistic.
—Elisabeth, West Chester, PA

Nobody has the right to restrict access to even one website. The internet is a place for the transfer of ideas and information, in a completely different and more efficient way than cable. YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO IT!
—Alec Hill, Stillwater, MN

Why does there need to be change now? Keep the internet as it has always been. Thanks.
—Rhianna, Colorado Springs, CO

Please stop being a controlling monopoly like everything else in the world. WE have nothing, you have more than the common man, which is %99.
—Rachel Weidringer, Sabina, OH

Because it is MY RIGHT AND CHOICE TO MAKE, NOT YOURS!
—Ian, Staten Island, NY

The Internet isn't broken, we already get stiffed on the performance of our Internet. We don't need these Cable monopolies to choke the remaining life out of our wallets and our entertainment. Leave the Internet alone.
—Brandon, Tonawanda, NY

Internet=Free Speech. Comcast is basically a monopoly in my area, it's not accountable to anyone.
—Zach Olsen, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet has become one of our most important avenues to express our speech freely, and to undo that would bring our society backwards as a nation.
—Pierre Smith, Thousand Oaks, CA

We believe everyone should have equal access to the internet!
—Melissa Brown, Sacramento, CA

Net Neutrality is what keeps the internet as amazing as it is. Without, we limit ourselves as a society and slow improvements. Why dumb ourselves down for the sake of money?
—Thomas Brinegar, Columbia, MO

1.) Net Neutrality is key to the open flow of information. Internet infrastructures were partially subsidized through public funds, and handed over to a service monopoly (I do not have a second choice in Baltimore County, MD, only Comcast). How have we already handed over public infrastructure to the hands of a few giant companies and then possibly allow them to increase fees for services that they already support. The internet is a ubiquitous utility, it is everywhere just like water from a fountain. The answer is that greedy politicians are bought out, and quite possibly the FCC as well. Money is the answer, it's always the answer. How about you do something right for the American people, and classify all these companies as common carriers. I understand that capitalism is necessary to grow, and is often a better solution for unique markets. Well high speed internet access is no longer a unique market, it's expected and the norm. Currently the United States is ranked #8 in average household download speeds as a country, compared to the rest of the world. What have these internet-monopoly companies done to improve average speeds over the last 10 years, nothing. It's the same cable that was connected to my house 10 years ago. It's called: Cable TV revenue is dying. They are making power grabs while they still can to ruin the internet you and I both love and know if you allow them- all for money. They cannot tolerate customers downloading and consuming media, instead of paying for static-outdated programming. Who watches network TV- grand parents and those over the age of 40. However the difference is, politicians are getting paid and don't care - and I don't have the money to pay for higher fees. 2.) Furthermore, I plan on opening my own internet merchandise business and coding my entire website on my own servers. If internet fast lanes are approved, they would only hinder my potential audience. Whether it's through limited marketing and advertisements, or limiting the speeds at which consumers could access my merchandise- I fear that my new business will not be able to survive. If my small business can't grow, I'll never be able to hire anyone else or experience success. As it stands now, I still hope to achieve my dream some day.
—Jon Dinkins II, Hampstead, MD

The open architecture of the Internet must be preserved. Allowing internet server providers to create a so called fast line threatens to destroy that architecture.
—Jacques Bourquin, Dearbonr, MI

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't trust corporations to handle our usage of the internet. I think that you need to make a free internet in order to prove to your people and the world that The United States of America still is the Land of the Free
—Finn Farris, Bloomfield Hills, MI

The ability to share and exchange ideas is crucial to the internet. By putting limitations on some user's abilities to connect and interact with one another in the same way, you're directly limiting the exchange of ideas which has made the internet so successful in the first place.
—Mr. Jason Acevedo, jersey city, NJ

You must protect net neutrality. I don't want a corporation to have the power to limit my access to information in favor of those who pay more...
—Rebecca Emmons, carrollton, TX

Dear FCC this is a major decline in privacy of a citizen. We should be able to continue to talk openly with one another and not have to fear any invasion of privacy no matter what the terms. We as American Citizens have the right to talk with one another about any means to speak what is on our minds. This is just a simple freedom of speech exhortation and for the FCC to then invade and add a Net Neutrality will be devastating to rights that American Citizens should posses.
—John, Harlingen, TX

Keeping net neutrality is key to allowing new and free enterprises to develop. Allowing companies to pay for internet fast lanes will create a second class system for new business development. Those who cannot pay will lose out while those who can pay for internet fast lanes will dominate over their competition. Costs will also trickle down to the consumer. Therefore, I ask that you keep net neutrality and strike down the bid to "pay for priority".
—Tony Villarreal, La Porte, TX

Because I'd like to not be butt fucked harder than I already am by the ISP's
—Elijah Reeds, Groton, CT

An open and fair internet is vital to the integrity of the United States. If companies are allowed to throttle and speed the internet on their dime in order to give themselves advantages over others, and drive a monopoly, than what sets the U.S. apart from any other oppressive oligarchy? Large corporations are buying this country piece by piece. Don't look back at this decades from now and regret not stopping it. You can control this now, before its too late. Do the right thing.
—Dan Testin, Montvale, NJ

Do you work for the people or the corporations that are attempting to control the internet? Stop pushing the agenda of the large corporate shareholders that are attempting to circumvent the foundations of our free society. Do not end one of the few democratic spaces left for the people in favor of a two tiered society that the 0.1%ers are pushing for. Net neutrality is necessary.
—Grant Amy, Austin, TX

All content creators should be able to have equal access to their target audiences. If there is no chance for the small sites to reach the masses, there will never be any advancements in the internet experience.
—Kat, Seattle, WA

Without net neutrality new ideas, innovation, and free speech are impaired. The internet must be the medium in which these can be shared without hindrance.
—Jay Mayers, Itasca, IL

The internet is the only thing I have left in life, FCC. How would you feel if I took your money, your wife, or your husband from you? That is how I will feel if you go through with this.
—Will, crystal lake, IL

This bill is going to destory the very thing that makes the internet wonderful. Being able to reach every individual without a 'toll', is exactly what makes the spread of information by the web so easy. You're simultaneously stopping the free flow of information from point a to point b AND hampering the free market in one fell swoop. Now internet providers don't need to keep up with speed demands or data consumption, they can just mark it all up instead of adapting. It's a broken system and I implore you not to break it even more.
—Navjot S Narula, New York, NY

My name is Evelyn from Durham, NC and my zip code is 27713. I do not support the FCC's recently passed plan to allow telcoms to alter bandwidth speed on a per-content-provider basis. Further, I rise in support of reclassification of internet service providers under Title II entities.
—Evelyn P, Durham, NC

To place the internet in corporate hands and nickle and dime us would be an unbearable censorship of information and freedom in the United States. I would cause a greater divide in the population from the haves and have nots.
—Carolyn Schmitt, Iowa City, IA

Net neutrality is important because the Internet and access to it are becoming a necessity for daily life in this country. If we lose equal access, we are cutting off fair rights for an enormous portion of the population.
—Sharon Austin, Chapel Hill, NC

All internet information should be treated equally. It's ridiculous to discriminate between different internet usage.
—Katherine Clark, greenville, SC

As and artist, the internet has become a safe haven and community for me to learn more about art, and to have my messages heard. I want to spread diversity awareness through my art, and help people understand and accept one another. I have heard so many diverse voices on the internet that i could never have heard constrained in one place like i am. Please help protect this meeting of cultures!
—Jacky, Biddeford, ME

I AM THE consumer- Time Warner provides the service. If I buy a car, say a Toyota, Toyota does not tell me where I can drive it and where I can't drive it. Or where I may buy fuel and where I can not go for fuel. Don't let the big dogs rule this doghouse.
—Victoria Jean McLean, New Durham, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me so that I can get college level materials for free, to continue my education, that does not cost me my soul.
—Melissa O'Shea, Midlothian, IL

The politicians have thrown the Sherman Antitrust Act out the window along with the Constitution. Pandering to corporations has eroded the strength of a once great country and brilliant leaders, to nothing more than greed and corruption. It is everywhere and now impinges on the communication super highway which disgusts me. Wallys world can own everything, while making it all in China- now the internet is under attack. Shameful, I will unfortunately return to libraries for my educational information; at least they have not been ruined...yet.
—PHL commercial, Carlsbad, CA

To limit in the nature that the ISP's would like to, is a discrimination. It is profiteering in ways that denotes smaller business out of the market.
—Joshua, Fredericksburg, VA

It is important to me and the future of our planet for the net to remain neutral. I am deeply opposed to the FCC involving themselves in this manner. Refrain from tampering with our last bastion of freedom.
—Ian Washburn, Oceanside, CA

Great collaboration and knowledge are possible with the Internet as is. Without it, many a great thing would never have been possible, including advancements in medicine and technology. You MUST not give in to the lobbyists.
—Robert Helm, Shawnee Mission, KS

What we see and search on the internet should not be controlled by massive corporations. This is a scam and it all has to do with money. We are not your guinea pigs and we should be able to have free internet without all the corporate propoganda. Save the internet!
—Kiely Himes, Manteca, CA

On the current Internet, anyone can succeed at what they do if they have an idea they want to get out into the world. With net neutrality, this will severely limit a good amount of people's options for entertainment/jobs/etc, and I honestly see no reason why that needs to happen. It's greedy of companies, and it's unfair to everyone who would have to pay more for only a few handpicked sites.
—Rachael Vallaro, High Bridge, NJ

Please stop taking our freedoms away. Keep the Internet open.
—Karl Rosenberg, Lake Oswego, OR

Every person deserve equal access to information. Democracy!
—Jayne Kuhlman, Blue Ash, OH

Net Neutrality is wildly important to be because innovation and competition is not only good for said innovation, but it is also good for the economy and the consumer. We NEED to have everyone on the same, even playing field or everything that the internet, the great leveler, stands for will be lost forever.
—Jordan Makant, Hildebran, NC

FCC, I'm a newly wed young and dedicated entrepreneur. Net Neutrality is important to me because without it my chances of creating and running a successful website/web-business decrease significantly. I want to work hard and change the world. Help me. -Aaron
—Aaron Light, Logan, UT

Pleast stop net neutrality , I like our internet the way it is.
—Michael, Amesbury, MA

We need to keep the internet. Our world would turn for the worse. We need to keep net neutrality!
—Julian Iarussi, fanwood, NJ

Please do not allow the cable companies to control how the web. We need net neutrality to effectively protect our freedoms and allow share our knowledge with everyone we can.
—Mr. Serge De La Cruz, Dallas, TX

You want to do this to make it legal and okay to "steal" more money from the users of the internet but you won't pass laws that make life better and easier for the common man. Most people are living off of minimum wage which is not a living wage and you want to make that even harder by giving the rich more power and money and the poor less. The Internet is a source of joy and help and outlet to us. Please don't let this pass.
—Christopher M Dixon, Sabina, OH

The internet is quite possibly the single greatest invention mankind has created thus far. For the first time, the sum total of human knowledge can be found on devices smaller than a piece of paper. Businesses can reach across borders, even languages, to spread knowledge of their products and prices. Innovation can be done, and businesses run, without spending thousands in start-up costs. All of this because the internet is free, freer than nearly anything that has come before. It is a limitless well of possibility. If you ruin the internet, you ruin more than just a fun place for people like me to spend our afternoons. You'll despoil our future, and that is something that won't be easily forgotten.
—Reece Radford, Gastonia, NC

Because it would allow companies to charge outlandish rates to websites so their site can stream faster or, depending on the content, even be seen at all.
—Jessica Kirkman, Terre Haute, IN

Protect net neutrality. All data should be treated equally regardless or origin or destination.
—Logan Dean, New Bloomfield, PA

Considering that the creators of the internet think it should remain neutral is good enough for me. Keep it neutral, somethings should remain fair and equal.
—Heather, Reading, PA

Why wouldn't this be important to me?
—Blaise Nugent, JAX, FL

there should be freedom of all kinds on the net we should have to pay more just to watch netflixs or hulu or even youtube and if it goes to a pay for this service and pay for that one it will just make so only the rich can get to the things we have now for free
—Joseph Frye, eastliverpool, OH

Net Neutrality may appear to be a grievance for telecom companies, however, the internet is not theirs. The internet is supported by an open culture of communication and technology. This has led to massive economic and technological growth and has changed the world. Allowing telecom companies to be gatekeepers and throttlers will ruin the level playing field that allows companies and individuals with good ideas to grow quickly and earn the success they have worked so hard for. Without net neutrality the barriers of entry are obscured, possibly corrupt and do away with everything that has given the internet its power. The internet is NOT a video streaming service. It is NOT even email messages. It's whatever we want it to be and whatever it will grow into as we allow it to evolve. Prematurely giving companies the ability to direct its evolution, even inadvertently, will destroy this natural and obviously healthy process. The internet is not a media service to be controlled by media companies. Please continue to maintain Net Neutrality.
—Corey Kahler, Seattle, WA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Josh Helke, State College, PA

This might seem like a good idea to have fast lanes along with oher regulations, but one thing has to be taken in to consideration these company's do not have there customers in mind they have there share holders in mind... If this is implemented expect corruption. People forget human nature needs to be considered as we are inherently greedy and look to our own self interests first. This will translate into corruption of an already oligopoly type system. Please do not make it worse by passing this... Or we should expect to take two steps back
—Matt, Syracuse, NY

In some countries, internet is considered a right, not a luxury. I believe for every cat picture and article about 'Dogs that just can't even,' there is so much valuable information at everyone's fingertips. To limit fast internet to the rich is just another way to disappoint all American people by sending the message that the poor do not matter. But they're not dumb, and they want to get smarter, and internet access is a great way to achieve that.
—Francisca, Bridgeville, PA

Hey there FCC . Net Neutrality is very important. Without it, small time site and business owners will not have a chance to succeed in the online market. And that goes against everything the internet and America itself was founded on.
—Wyatt Marks, Mount Vernon, IL

The internet can be a such a great tool for good. Lets not turn it into anot
—Christian, Monroe, NC

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As a 20 year old, I grew up in the dawn of the internet age. It's important for everybody that the internet remain neutral, even if they don't realize it. Don't take what's rightfully ours and defend net neutrality!
—Ryan DeCoux, Mankato, MN

Let the internet run wild and free!
—Adrian Benton, Baltimore, MD

The internet is a very unique place. Here you can spread/share ideas, awareness, art, and pretty much anything else you can think of to millions and millions of people. For a reasonable price (usually). Please don't take this from us. Please don't make one of the greatest resources of all time a pay-to-play service.
—Yujay Masah, Kansas City, MO

You should understand by now that your silly bills to restrict the internet are going to get the attention of the people YOU are supposed to serve. STOP BEING A GREEDY PRICK. You are NOT in your position of power to serve YOURSELF a plate of money. If this passes you will be put out of your position. One way or another.
—You dont need my name., Some city, TX

I thought this was supposed to be a good country, but since i was old enough to read the news ive wanted nothing but to live anywhere else. shit like this is why. come on fcc, get it together. youre losing the youth.
—Victoria Winter, indianapolis, IN

Allowing those with more money and power to decide what information is easily accessible goes against the idea of freedom of information.
—Daniel Pemberton, Boonville, IN

The internet is the one place where ANYONE can have a voice, and it needs to stay that way.
—Kyra, Manorville, NY

You have been elected to represent the best interests of the American people; do so. Kindly preserve internet neutrality.
—Oliver Park, Seattle, WA

Isn't this supposed to be "the land of the free"?
—Aislynn Saenz, Joliet, IL

I will unsubscribe myself from all your services if net neutrality is not preserved!
—Jose, Mineo, NY

Please support net neutrality. What makes the internet so great is that everybody gets access to everything. If you allow corporations to buy their way into premium access then the internet will effectively become basic cable. Appealing to the lowest common demoninator, reality internet and such. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the way the internet is now, and ISP's already have no problem making a bunch of money. There's no good reason to change it.
—Jason Dunlap, temple, TX

I love the Internet. It allows people across the world to connect in the most amazing ways. Forums, web-chatting, Facebook, eBay, the list goes on. The infrastructure of the Internet is built on open source principles and should remain that way. Let it be free and available to all those fortunate enough to have access to it.. Do not regulate something that was created by us all.
—Tom, Brighton, MA

Because i can talk to relatives from across the country on the internet and i can look up my history
—Khristina Harris, warren, MI

I believe that a two-tiered framework will damage permanently the open nature of the internet, with social and economic implications. A common carrier approach is best.
—Seth Pate, Cambridge, MA

Uphold Net Neutrality! Do not make a 2 lane internet where theres a fast lane that only the rich corporations can use and a terrible slow awful lane for the 99 % of the population. Don't do that please!! The internet is a utility now. Its used for banking, buying and selling goods, starting and running businesses, communication and so much more! Pass title II law for the internet, like it was done for the telephone companies, where all calls are treated the same. Reclassify the internet as a utility! Whats taking u so long?!
—Eric Stein, chicago, IL

The internet is a public commune of free speech and expression, not another thing for greedy old men to attack and act like they're the only ones that think they know what's right and what's wrong for people to see
—Edward Kramer, Huntington Beach, CA

Keep the internet free and equal to everyone!
—John Doe, San Jose, CA

i feel confident that without Net Neutrality the free flow of information will be choked. As soon as organizations must pay to be seen innovation will die and the internet will stagnate. Currently people will create without thought towards or need of revenue. This is vital to the creative process. Without free internet there is no freedom to create or consume on it.
—Brendan Thomas Howe, Blacksburg, VA

The internet needs to stay open!! Please don't ruin this amazing thing because of your greed and self interest. Thank you
—Chiemi Heil, Charlotte, NC

The ONLY chance for real American democracy & education to survive is for a strong EQUAL "Net Neutrality" Internet. This is **NOT** conservative-or-liberal politics. The Internet IS the future of commerce, education, science, democracy.
—R Mykoff, Alexandria, LA

I oppose the creation of internet "fast lanes." Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet.
—Richard S, Pico Rivera, CA

The Internet is currently what seems the only freedom Americans are getting now a'days. Take it away and I guarantee people will go mad about it. Not just simple petitions, not just complaining on message boards or Facebook, not just complaining about it to friends, family or coworkers. But full on protests. Streets flooded with voters who will want to throw those who are in the pockets of lobbyist and who are trying to stifle one of the best tools humanity has ever made. So do yourselves and everyone a favor. Keep the internet a leveled playing field. Don't let Comcast or Verizon or who ever try to buy away into a monopoly while screwing everyone else over. Why? Because people will get mad, and people will fight this.
—Jacob Allport, New Kensington, PA

I'm commenting to urge Chairman Wheeler to scrap the FCC's plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. These rules would destroy Net Neutrality. I urge the chairman to throw them out and instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. This is the only way to restore real Net Neutrality.
—Erik McCoy, Cambridge, MA

stop the comcast /time warner cable merger
—Susan Grounds, Mukilteo, WA

Please don't mess the internet up. That would be bad. We dont like bad. :)
—Austin Badour, Clio, MI

My voice is not the voice of corporate America. We need the internet for free and open discussion from the minorities who are not the striaght, white, rich, Christian men in the 99% income bracket who are controlling our economy.
—Kris, San Francisco, CA

It is important to keep as it is because the internet is suppose to be a way to exchange ideas. By making changing it, not only are you stopping to flow of ideas, but you will make people stop using it.
—Saul Chavez, Hopkins, MN

The internet should not be censored because you will screw us over
—Catherine Jimenez, Reseda, CA

NO TO NET NEUTRALITY!!! NO TO NET NEUTRALITY!!
—Ashley Arroyo, Houston, TX

Not having net neutrality means not having freedom of speech or the ability to share revolutionary ideas with so many across the globe.
—Tess LeConche, Pawtucket, RI

I have multiple anxiety disorders and I like to learn new coping skills from anxiety forums.
—Patrick Belanger, Clarkston, MI

I want those who this concerns to know that I support an open internet. I support net neutrality, and wholeheartedly disagree with the new proposals put out to control the internet.
—Christian Lim, San Diego, CA

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler: The future of the open Internet is in your hands. And yet you have proposed rules that would actually break it. Your proposed path would open the door to widespread discrimination online. It would give Internet service providers the green light to implement pay-for-priority schemes that would be a disaster for startups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls. I urge you to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.
—Richard Fabrick, San Francisco, CA

We need net neutrality. With out it the internet will be ruined. It is one of the best inventions in the world and is important for learning and the future. Without net neutrality schools and many people couldn't afford the internet or would have to deal with very poor internet standards so unbearable that it wouldn't even be useful. All while big box companies like Comcast and Verizon are milking its customers dry of money. Please help we need it and I know the FCC is already infiltrated by many corrupt man but if your not and you want good for man kind you will fight to keep the internet net neutral. I enjoy the internet very much and would probably lose it if fast lanes are allowed along with many others because my dad already got rid of many channels when I was younger because of the prices. Please let me keep internet. If you are reading this and you care please realize what is going to happen if net neutrality is gotten rid of and do what's right for mankind and keep the internet net neutral.
—Ryan Spratt, Rohnert Park, CA

The internet is the greatest invention of mankind. The internet is a book with unlimited information, willing to provide knowledge to anyone. The internet allows people to collect information from a variety of sources, and choose for themselves what they think is the correct information. The internet allows a person to be provided with any knowledge they desire; so long that that knowledge has, indeed, been uploaded. Censorship of the internet in any form or extent spits in the face of freedom. The internet is meant to be used in any way that the user wishes. That is true freedom. Any organization determining what a person can or cannot be allowed to know is inhumane and horrifying.
—Zane Cruz, Selah, WA

Save the free voice of the internet
—Brad Criswell, Everett, WA

I oppose FCC chairman Tom Wheeler's current proposal to end net neutrality, by creating "premium lanes" in web service. Like President Obama said in a 2007 speech at Coe College in Iowa, I believe that the Internet must be free and open, and not distinguished by better or worse service for anyone. This new FCC proposal must be defeated. And the FCC should be lead by someone who's actually interested in regulating this industry-- instead of a former lobbyist. Americans are charged some of the world's highest prices for access to broadband--around $60 or more per month for a service that costs $5 to provide--so we should all be getting "premium" service. I am a believer in a truly free and open Internet which I believe is a pilar of democracy in that it ensures equal access to information. I strongly oppose this new proposal.
—Elizabeth Berry, New York, NY

Net neutrality is the reason people go on the internet. Everyone loves it and gets the same things others do. Stop this terrible campaign that would take away net-neutrality, and would effectively destroy the internet
—Justin, Bowie, MD

The information to all Americans is invaluable for our health, safety, job security, and helping us fight terrorism.
—Barbara Rollinger, NB, CA

I'm greatly fearful about the possibility of control over content; i.e. certain sites streaming so slowly they're unusable. For example, I listen to radio online, and it would certainly behoove corporate interests to chase people off of sites which are progressive and/or liberal, which expose what the politicians and corporations are up to. I'm also concerned about rising costs, especially for people who don't have the financial means by which to afford potentially substantial increases.
—Linda Chapman, Bristol, WI

The internet is a place of free expression.
—Micehelle, chantilly, VA

Everybody should have equal access to information and to share information
—Alyona, ny, NY

This will ruin the whole internet experience for the general public and only the mega companies will be able to survive. This will allow the large companies to monopolize the internet and kill the small startup companies.
—Greg Rittershofer, Willards, MD

The internet has allowed people to get and give help to those in need, ranging from giving a homeless man a home (https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=lK1vPu6U2B0), to getting justice for a neglected child(http://imgur.com/gallery/uAr5b). This would have never happened if the internet was as closely controlled as television is- these stories would have been buried under approved sites and articles, instead, if the person even got said websites in their 'package'. Please don't let that happen.
—T, Sacramento, CA

As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These 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. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.
—Glenn Dembowski, Austin, TX

Freedom. Freedom. Freedom. Freedom. Freedom.
—Doug Grimes, Salisbury, MD

I do not agree that adding fast lanes for larger corporations who can afford them is fair. ISP's are already struggling to protect their profit margins but this would allow them to step above the playing field of entry-level(start-up) companies that use a website as a meaningful part of their business. That means if a startup were to be successful early on but not superbly rich enough to buy into the "fast lanes" BS, they could suffer losses due to poor connections. Please do not let the netflix vs. ISP issue set your precedent for all bandwidth negotiation issues! It is not netflix's fault they jumped onto a goldmine of the classic 'see a need, fill a need' while most ISP's were too static and inflexible to make a profit(let alone, most tv content provider channel networks). I understand that companies like netflix should pay more because of their massive use of bandwidth through an ISP, and that some larger backbone type ISP's don't share traffic loads and reciprocate cash flow negotiations very well, but making a law that forces them to work together by mandating 'fast lanes' is not the right answer. It doesn't tackle the problem in the right way. It's like saying there is a water transportation shortage, so everyone waits in line at the water delivery depots. You get water every day and plenty of water for all of your needs, but sometimes you have to wait an hour because its a long line. However there is also a supply and demand system in place, so only as much water that is needed for a particular area is delivered once a day. If your area's depot has a spike in water demand(say, 100 families have new babies that increase the family's water usage), then that demand can not be adjusted for until the next day, or possibly longer. However, the family is always guaranteed water that they've always received, at least. If you add fast lanes into the equation, let's say 50 of those newborn families have money to pay for their 'fast lane' service. They are bumped up to the front of the line and get the larger quantity of water they need, but now the depot will run out of water for it's daily needs and those at the end of the line or those not wealthy enough will have to wait until the next day, and they may receive less water than they use to; as the water transportation service is seeing more profit from the fast lanes they have no obligation to spend money on a larger transport vehicle to bring the larger amounts of water to the depot or to make two deliveries a day as doing so would not increase their profits. Basically, the rich get theirs and things become uneven. In our current economic crisis, in our crisis of our country free falling from being #1 in any statistical measurement in the world aside from military spending, inequality in our country's innovative online presence is the LAST thing we need. BE AN AMERICAN PATRIOT AND MAKE SURE OUR LITTLE GUYS WILL BE ON EVEN PLAYING FIELDS AS OUR BIG GUYS when it comes to online presence and access to customers.
—Joshua Fitzsimmons, Saint Louis, MO

Innovators, New Business start ups, and political activists know that open, affordable, fast and universal communications networks are essential to our individual, economic and political futures.
—Tom Bourgault, Eugene, OR

Save net neutrality! We all deserve the same access! I love to play games - that does not mean I should pay more!
—Ms. Lorelei Rost, Denver, CO

The beautiful thing about the internet is the free flow of information. Regulating the internet would destroy the empowering movement that the internet has become.
—Alex, Boone, NC

Free internet allows creativity to flourish and entrepreneurs to succeed.
—Will Parris, Placentia, CA

The free flow of information and data has propelled humanity forward in ways that corporations just don't seem to understand. Net Neutrality does us no good and will only serve to stunt further growth.
—James Henley, Green Island, NY

Tiered internet benefits only one group.
—Marshall T Mabie, Alexandria, VA

For many users of the Internet it is a lifeline and connection to family and friends thousands of miles away from them. I use the Net for research. I depend on it as do millions of users. We need Net Neutrality to remain in place as it is.
—Tina Stitzer, Pembroke Pines, FL

Removing net neutrality would deal a terrible blow to free speech in this country. Don't throw away the constitution for some greedy CEOs!
—Erina M, Columbia, SC

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sarah Smyczynski, Grand Blanc, MI

As someone who works for a startup tech company, letting ISPs have a "pay to play" fast lane for content providers would inhibit new innovative businesses from being able to equally compete with larger, richer companies, creating an unbalanced, unfair environment.
—Julia, Portland, OR

I believe Net Neutrality is a necessity for this day and age. Without it the internet and the knowledge it provides will be over before it has barely begun.
—John Straub, Rocklin, CA

Because we should not be subjected to financial and informational constraints by monopolies.
—Troy Gandee, N. Charleston, SC

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. There is no reason to so forcibly curtail such an enormous and important means of communication.
—Matt Wright, Indianapolis, IN

Dear FCC, 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 will be able to favor some services more than others, breaking the equal and open Internet that is so important to us all. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because small but innovative services will not be able to compete with wealthy powerful companies. On a free speech level, the voices and opinions of those who can't afford to pay for preferential treatment could be muffled or even silenced. I'm a small business owner and concerned citizen. My start-up needs to compete on a level playing field and every voice has a right to be heard . ISPs already have near monopoly power and as for profit corporations they can not be trusted not to abuse that power. With shareholder value as their focus, all of our rights to this critical utility will be overlooked. Keep the playing field level. It's critical to business, individuals, and our democracy as a whole. Thank you, Hans Linna
—Hans Linna, MARQUETTE, MI

Net neutrality is required to ensure the economy's engine keeps going.
—Laurie Nuzzo, Burlington, NJ

The Internet is one of the few places where real human voices mean more then money, its an amazing place for people to be free to be themselves and it deserves to stay that way.
—Constance, Troy, MI

Net Neutrality creates a common playing field where established companies and start-ups are able to compete on equal terms but by allowing ISPs to charge for access it creates an undemocratic system.
—Justin Tyler Tate, Cape Coral, FL

The internet is a public resource that should be available to everyone equally, regardless of what carrier they go through. No one website or carrier should be given any priority/preference over any other. Do NOT take this important resource away from us! Keep the internet neutral and public!
—Megan Morton, Olympia, WA

All of us need a fair chance to communicate. Please make ISPs common carriers.
—Ms. Daphne Bradshaw, Frostburg, MD

Because the internet should not be overrun by large companies who essentially are making a pay to play situation. Stay out of it.
—Jillian Burgos, North Hollywood, CA

Please stop the conquest of America by corporations and protect net neutrality! Equality is important in a democracy and access to an essential communication medium like the internet is a huge component of free speech! Don't let it die!
—Angie Jones, Atlanta, GA

The internet is a free and magical thing, and it keeps dangerous weirdos off the streets. You really, really don't want them on the streets. I'm telling you, the internet is better than prisons and asylums combined.
—Joseph MacKie, Kirkwood, MO

To whom it may concern, the internet is not broken - why fix it? A two tier system is not necessary nor wanted. Nobody wants this change so don't change it. The internet is the single most important tool to be introduced in the last three hundred years, and the changes that are being proposed are the equivalent of being luddites - it's backward thinking. Net neutrality is imperative!
—James Peck, Portland, OR

Why are cable providers pushing this? End result will be cost that'll be passed on to us consumers. Better enjoy netflix before it gets expensive. We millennials just can't get a break. I ain't got money to pay for all this nonsense
—Alex Blazevic, palmyra, PA

The internet is supposed to be open to all. If you start making people pay to play or have quote unquote faster access, you are nickle and diming Americans which is against the openness of the internet. Comcast/Time Warner merger - how can this not become a monopoly? Are you truly looking out for the people or the corporation?
—Kathy, Savage, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because I need to be able to use the internet freely. I don't want to have to pay more for my internet then I do for my cable. I'd like to be free to produce creative content without having to shovel all of my income into the internet. Please consider how many voices you will be stifling if this gets approved. So many young artists and content creators will no longer be able to succeed or shine in what they are doing because they can't afford to keep up with the big companies.
—Maili MacDonald, Elyria, OH

If you have an ounce of accountability left, if you remember for one moment all those times you've used the word "freedom", if any minute piece of you still knows that the government is supposed to help people, you must acknowledge that this bill is wrong. There's so much money to make in the world, you don't have to make yours off the death of free thought. This is supposed to be America.
—Tim Klasson, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC, The logic of constricting, monitoring, and filtering the content and those who have access to what content based on price or what someone simply dislikes removes the freedom of everything. This means we no longer have the freedom of speech, because one company can now pay to have those words erased, or hidden. No more freedom of religion, because now any church can pay to have its competitors stifled from the search and internet information queue. No more music freedom, since new bands will never be discovered because they cannot afford to pay to have their songs and videos put online, or to have others view it. By removing net neutrality you effectively remove the ability to be individuals, to be entrepreneurs, to make a change in the world, or to even contribute any thoughts, feelings, fears, or to simply educate and culture ones self. This includes our future generations, and your very own children, as well as theirs. This is a mockery of being anything remotely considered a person or individual. Just remember, it may be good for the FCCs business, but not for anyone else, and will have a major hand in the detriment already forced upon the economy, as well as the individuals and businesses within it.
—Joseph Reeves, friendswood, TX

Dont take the last part of society which is open and has a low barrier to entry away!
—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

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—Chris Rayback, San Diego, CA

I do not want my freedom to surf the net to be restricted in anyway shape or form.....
—Adil Qureshi, Ashburb, VA

Because I live in AMERICA, where big business/govt. needs to stay out of the internet. Look at North Korea or other countries where they don't have equal access to the internet. Do we want to be like them? Come on FCC, do the right thing...
—Jamie Wingate, Tega Cay, SC

ISPs discriminating traffic isn't an internet that I want.
—Vincent Ruzzi, Williamsport, PA

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—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

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—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

this is is a crazy long comment dude! buddy!
—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

The internet is important to me because it allows people to discover and create without limitations and share with people around the world. The internet is important for expression and self discovery.
—Samantha L Young, Willimantic, CT

If there is a "fastlane" for the internet, then big companies will be allowed to much power in a place that should be a melding pot for ideas and expression. Giving them that much power would change the face of the internet forever and would surely stifle any and all innovation that the little guy has to offer. Keep big business' fat oily fingers off our internet.
—Travis, Amsterdam, NY

I am an artist and freedom is expression is very important to me
—Brian, Upland, CA

Don't let big business charge for the internet. It in no way serves the customer
—Jason Reynolds, Champaign, IL

As both a small business owner, and a parent of school age children, Net Neutrality is important to me. Our business cannot compete with the giants in the same industry, but we have a good business and a good client base. If you take away Net Neutrality, we may not get "found" by the types of business that utilize our services most. As a parent, I want my kids to have as much access to information as possible. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Carol McCorkle, University City, MO

No net neutrality, no freedom.
—Christian Kohlhoff, Las Vegas, NV

Please keep the internet free to use. Thank you.
—Renee' Maloney, Edgewood, WA

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tracey Robertson, Mission, KS

To whom it may concern: I am writing the FCC to support keeping our internet free and open, and that all data should be treated equally. Allowing fast lanes would degrade the equal access to all information on the internet and pave the way for those who can afford access to dominate and drown out those who cannot. Free and open internet is what allowed YouTube to out innovate Google and Facebook to supplant Myspace. Neither of these hugely popular services would be possible without net neutrality, the equal treatment of data passing through an ISP. Peering agreements between ISPs and content providers will stifle creativity and innovation. It wrongfully places the cost of maintaining network infrastructure on content providers; that cost has already been paid by customers who have subscribed to the bandwidth that was promised to them by their ISP. If ISPs are “information providers”, than they are no different that rail companies of previous centuries. Long ago the US government recognized the need for fair treatment of all traffic along the rail ways and prohibited rail lines charging separate rates to ship cargo. This allowed companies large and small to compete on merit rather than the size of their bank roll. However, ISPs are more akin to phone, electric and other utility services. Therefore I urge the FCC to reject the proposal for “fast lanes” and instead reclassify ISPs a “public utility.” The internet is as much a part of our daily lives as an electric, water or phone service. The collusion between major ISPs to limit market competition has been harmful to the US public as no true competition exists to leverage companies into providing quality service. Only by classifying ISPs as public utilities can we reinvigorate competition and enforce much needed standards of quality for our internet. -W.M.
—Wes March, Ashland, MO

Please give us freedom to use the Internet!
—Edward Fong, Woodbury, MN

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I write to demand real protections for a free and open internet. The principle of net neutrality has been key to the growth of the internet. The FCC must take steps to uphold this bedrock principle by adopting strong net neutrality rules that will survive the inevitable court challenge. First and foremost, this means prohibiting fast lanes and slow lanes online. Allowing ISPs to break the internet into fast and slow lanes is a recipe for stagnation online. Instead of services succeeding based on the quality of their offering, the new test of success will be the ability to pay off ISPs to get into the lane that works. In order to successfully prevent this splitting of the internet, I call on you to classify internet access as a Title II telecommunications service. As the DC Circuit made clear, there is simply no way to effectively prohibit discrimination online without taking this step. Do not let 2014 become the last good year for the internet. I urge you to work quickly to adopt real, strong, net neutrality rules. Thank you, Olivia Vuong
—Olivia Vuong, Burke, VA

Net neutrality means that anyone can create anything. Anyone's creation can be shared globally online and change millions of lives. Cutting the Internet up into channels stifles the ability to create but mostly to share. We need net neutrality.
—Austin Wamser, Jenkintown, PA

The internet belongs to us, not the corporations!
—Anna Ohman, cylinder, WI

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—Anton Cehlinder, cylinder, WI

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I'm a public librarian, so I know that knowledge really is power. Access to information online is essential for a functioning democracy, and Net Neutrality is the only way to guarantee equal, unprejudiced access for all.
—Rachel Placchetti, Fredericksburg, VA

Keep internet free! charging someone to share their views is censorship and goes against the first amendment of our constitution. Allowing companies to impose charges on the internet would be a disgrace for veterans who have fought for our freedom! Keep the internet free its what our founding fathers would have said!
—Sebastian Santiso, germantown, MD

Please keep things the way they are
—Chad Lee, ypsilanti, MI

I am a student, aiming to become an animator. The internet is a vital tool in my academic survival. With the capability of technology my school has stopped accepting assignments in physical form, an only takes it digitally. If net nuetrality were to be cast aside for prioritized trafficking then myself, as well as other students would struggle to be able to present their work.
—Dakota Jefferson, St. Petersburg, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me just like freedom of speech is. If someone starts to control what I can and cannot see on, say, youtube it will lose its appeal to me. I love discovering new people doing what they love on the internet. You wouldn't take away my ability to speak my mind, why take away my ability to watch others do the same?
—Hannah, Enfield, NH

Paying to access the internet doesn't give ISP's the right to dictate to me where I am allowed to browse. Freedom to discover and investigate is a human right, not a service I should have to pay extra for as a "privilege".
—Alex McPhillips, Fort Drum, NY

This will only further divide the classes and make information which should be free and equal to all, impossible to get if you don't have enough money. It's enraging to think about the government trying to take the one thing they have limited control over. If we let this go, what more will we have?
—Natasha Vecchioni, Dallasz, TX

The internet is the only thing that connects the world freely. If you limit such a great assets you'd be limiting the further success of the world.
—Chris Csutoros, Lincoln Park, NJ

Net Neutrality must be preserved to support a democratic society with equal access to information. This is particularly critical for public institutions such as schools and libraries. Additionally,the proposed rules favor corporate monopolies and do not protect small businesses and consumers. Many of our newer growing innovative businesses would not have come about or thrive without net neutrality.
—Eileen Rourke, New York, NY

I urge you to preserve Net Neutrality and an open Internet by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law and reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Kyle Rockett, Virginia Beach, VA

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—Kendra Jones, Weaverville, NC

The internet has been a place where I can talk to my family abroad, gain knowledge, use my creativity and many other things. I believe it is our right to keep it from the big corporations after all this is a country govern by the people for the people not by the few for the corporations.
—Rosa Orihuela, Miami, FL

I do not want to see companies like comcast destroy other companies like netflix. It is stupid that they can bottleneck the internet just because they want to. Equal rights should be given to all websites!
—Vicente, Denver, CO

We want a internet totally free of any interference or restrictions. Please ensure that..
—Ashwani Ahuja, Charlotte, NC

Net neutrality makes it so that i can have a big part in how the internet works currently if we start separating the poor from the rich the system falls. the internet as i learned in school was a place where I could go and find enjoyment it didn't matter if i had the lowest speed internet or the highest speed. with this law coming into play those lessons i learned as a kid will change forever.
—Carlos, phoenix, AZ

The internet is supposed to be an open, affordable wealth of knowledge. It is no one else's business what I look up or what I see, say, or do on the internet and I also shouldn't have to pay for more access. We should not be penalized by higher costs because big corporations want their hands in our pockets and want to control. I may not fully understand this but it seems to me the freedoms of this FREE country are going to hell in a handbasket. If it's not broke, don't fix it!
—April Johnson, Huntsville, AL

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I enjoy how the internet currently is free and everyone has an equal chance to have their voice heard. If the internet were to lose that freedom by ISPs controlling which websites get more bandwidth and giving favor to the websites that paid them more, I think it would limit the freedom of the American people and limit their outlet for creativity and innovation. It might cause us to fall behind other countries in terms of freedom and technological innovation. Please don't let this happen.
—Jamie Porche, Fayetteville, AR

Net neutrality is at the up most importantace if you let ass holes like verizagreedy and at and hell and Comcast walk all over the good people of the USA some of the least democratic governments like north korrea despises net neutrality and if you trying to do what north korrea is doing than the American vision of freedom is dead and all of the soldiers in the us army that think that they are fighting for freedom there deaths will be in vain A
—Jake P Stuck, Scottsdale, AZ

Eliminating Internet nuetrality is a terrible action. An action with which you at the FCC already know the possible outcomes. I speak beyond corperate profits. I speak about ridding the human race of its ability to communicate unhindered and as freely as possible. There is nothing I can put in this box that the FCC doesnt already understand. You know the difference between right and wrong. You know the difference between a free society and a choked society. Whatever you decide FCC, understand that your actions will have consequences. Some of the consequences of your decision will affect every being on this planet. Honestly the fact that we are having a discussion on net neutrality reveals far more answers than creates questions. Tom Wheeler is a Cunt.
—Niko Gonzales, Earth, NY

Free and fair access to information on the internet is critical!!!!! Information on the internet must not be prioritized!!! When any group can control what the public has access to, the road to dictatorship has been opened. I cannot overstress the importance of this issue, and when United States citizens understand this they will be outraged.
—Deborah Nelson, Chester, NJ

Everything belongs to Krishna. Not a greedy few who wish to exploit the masses for capitalistic gain.
—Reivin, Dallas, TX

"Advocates should not be talking about protecting 'net neutrality.' They shouldn't even use that phrase. They should call it 'Preventing Cable Company Fuckery.'" - John Oliver
—Jenna Rockett, Virginia Beach, VA

The internet should not be controlled. Content should not be censored. And cost should not be tiered. If it ain't broke, don't fix it! REAL NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL!!!
—Jeff Johnson, Huntsville, AL

I figured, I'm already paying through the teeth to have access to get to the internet, I shouldn't have to pay through the teeth in order use it as a platform to support my job as well. We use various websites to inform people of any updates (in my case, working for an independent food service, we use an independent website as well as all the most popular social networks to make sure we can gain more customers, as well as let everyone we can know updates like new menu items and if we're closed) Net Neutrality is a pretty important piece of keeping the business open. If Internet Service Providers also gain capital on how fast we can update clients, than we will surly lose a huge piece of what keeps the business alive! Please don't let these people cost my job. We all work very hard, and having speedy internet access is a big piece of making sure our hard work goes noticed.
—Micah, Brighton, MA

I do not want net neutrality to stop. It is important
—Caleb Cook, New Carrollton, MD

It is important that we let the major internet providers know that they cannot mess with the heart and lifeblood of the internet, they will not break the very thing that makes the web so special.
—Sean Duffy, Oxford, OH

Internet should not become exclusive.
—Ned Dewees, Sherborn, MA

It is important to me because I am a college student and a mother of two. If the FCC changes Net Neutrality it would make completing my academics work very stressful and difficult. I probably would not be able to afford it. I would be devastated. I probably would not be able to have a easy and convenient way to communicate with my children daycare and school. I need for the Internet to stay the way that it is.
—Gabrielle, Milwaukee, WI

i fully support net neutrality.
—Prajesh Ghimire, WINDSOR, CA

Keep the internet neutral! The amount of hassle you will have on your hands for this will not be worth it.
—Kara, Everett, WA

You can not do this!
—James swantko, Maineville, OH

An Open Internet ensures a mode of free expression, a constitutional right. This alone is worth protecting at all costs. But there is also an economical component; the internet is vital to the survival of small business because of its speed and ease of use. To restrict that kind of connectivity to those able and willing to pay for it would render our economy stagnant, serving only an elite while leaving their consumers in the dust.
—Xavier Torres, Long Beach, CA

Leave the internet alone thank you!
—Patrick Hand, roseville, CA

Net Neutrality is a necessary part of being an informed citizen. The internet allows for a level playing field on an entirely new scale in matters of business, communication, and information gathering. To allow businesses to regulate what content is allowed through the internet essentially destroys a part of our democracy and creates a dangerous precedent of allowing information regulation by corporations and the insidious quiet eradication of any competition.
—Colleen Harder, Ypsilanti, MI

Net neutrality is important because it is de facto censorship. No matter what is being put in place to prevent this, being able to discriminate based on data IS censorship because certain information can be made harder to get to. It is not only an American standard but is infact a human right to have information given equal treatment. This is the digital era, and we will be left behind if we allow our internet to be tampered with. Instead of new industry and ideas, we will stagnate because only the rich and in place will remain, as opposed to the supply and demand system that our nation was built upon. This is why the internet must be made a common commodity or type 2 telecommunications, because that is what will protect the free speech of this nation in this digital era and allow people to compete in a truly free market.
—Joseph Bowman, Laramie, WY

We've suffered enough already... whilst the internet is the last platform to afford freedom from corporate tampering. Now that that's under threat I worry about the consequences coming from the top down, of course favoring the rich and elite. But they live on those at the bottom and while the base is being stirred a severe imbalance is taking place without freedom to move without surveillance. The unravel these words I write I mean to say that the internet is integral to society and is a shared part of everyone. No ONE person or entity deserves the right to control it with or without our (the people) consent.
—Dominion, Detroit, MI

The internet is the greatest invention of our time, and probably of all time. It's intended purpose is for everyone to have access to information- this is the only way our species will survive, evolve and become the best it can be. Please do not allow short-minded, money-driven ideals to corrupt such a wonderful gift to humanity. Money means nothing if our society eventually crumbles in its pursuit. Please think of the future and of those who will inherit it.
—Sira Laurel, San Francisco, CA

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. Comcast has enough control over our lives as it is.
—Alex J Trujillo, Fort Collins, CO

Net Neutrality is vital for the well-being of individuals and for the continuing advancement of the United States as a whole.
—Simon Delott, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me as a writer, artist, and as a consumer.
—Mr. Robert Hunter, Portland, OR

The internet is the most important communications method in our current world and will devour the rest given time. We can't give all of its potential power over to a very few people.
—Ryan Viergutz, New Hope, MN

Anyone who uses the internet regularly truly know what freedom is. A place of places to share your thoughts, learn, see the truth. I'm taken away by the audacity to consider this 'fast lane' plan. A plan that instead of making a fast lane actually just slows down others. A plan that can effectively lead to internet censorship seen in socialist countries. We aren't one of those. We must stop these monopolies keep controlling our information. This will be the most important decision ever made to my generation.
—David P, McKinney, TX

It preserves freedom of internet access
—Eudean Garces, Concord, CA

Net Neutrality is what makes the internet the wonderful thing that it is, the second you try to forcefully control it and make it so not everyone can get the services the internet provides is the second that million of users of the internet STOP using the internet. We, the users, use the internet for inspiration, information, entertainment, and more. You will not take advantage of us like this.
—Noah, Dubuque, IA

Net Neutrality will ensure that the amazing level of innovation and competition sustained by the open internet may continue. The Internet is a prime distribution channel for unique products and services and maintaining open access means that this boon for American industry will not be stifled by the anti-competitive practices of certain Internet Service Providers.
—Joseph Hilbert, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is the Internet’s guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online. This is the definition of an open Internet.
—Lani Vinik, redwood city, CA

Because the internet is a place where I can share my humor to millions of other people, and we all deserve to have a free domain for that and much more. Net Neutrality is important to me, and everyone else. Don't change.
—Cooper Natal, McKinney, TX

Please preserve net neutrality. Access and the exchange of information should be dictated by wealth or influence.
—Sebastian Krueger, Brooklyn, NY

Without Net Neutrality innovation on the web will slow to a crawl.
—Daniel Shine, Seattle, WA

I'm a mom, and it is summer vacation. With a three and six year old at home I am constantly trying to come up with things to entertain and teach my boys. The internet, particularly YouTube and Netflix, allow me to find educational programing for them with a few short keystrokes. This gives me a half an hour after lunch to decompress and get my children through the hottest part of the day. You take away Net Neutrality and these are the very sites that are going to be hit the hardest. Please protect these site that provide a worthwhile learning experience to my children. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Melissa Schweers, Issaquah, WA

Please keep ISP's as common carriers!
—Shaylyn Blackburn, Newport Beach, CA

Internet providers already have a staggering monopoly which has allowed them to provide horrible services and products. Ending Net Neutrality would give them too much power.
—Laura, Beaverton, OR

Equal, reliable Internet access is essential to modern life. Every facet of my life - work, school, banking, taxes, shopping, travel, communication with family - requires it. Though I can't assume that allowing a service provider to prioritize my access vs. a premium subscriber would substantially limit my current usability, enabling it legislatively creates room for abuse which does not exist in the current system, to no discernible benefit.
—Nathan Carmichael, Tempe, AZ

I'm the kind of person who is always visiting many different sites. A lot of those sites are independent websites for comics that artists draw. I would be very perturbed and livid should net neutrality be revoked, as many of the sites I visit on a daily or weekly basis would be highly difficult to access and frustrating to even attempt so. The internet is perfect as it is now. Don't change it.
—Danna Gardner, Lincoln, AR

Please protect us from greedy companies who will make the internet a pay-to-play channel. Information should be free. The only proof you need is your cable/internet bill and it's ever-increasing fee for service.
—Ellie klerlein, Alexandria, VA

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Jackie Schramm, Saint Petersburg, FL

Without net neutrality, I wouldn't be able to look things up as quickly and easily, for example, the definition of net neutrality.
—Lily Wood, Buffalo, NY

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be as free as can be.
—Seth Herring, Amarillo, TX

Please keep ISPs as common carriers.
—Christine Nafalski, Haskell, NJ

I don't want my Internet to depend on whether or not the site I'm at has purchased a faster speed as well.
—Avery delmaine, Clayton, NC

freedom online and offline is important and it is my right. and i deeply care about privacy
—Rusha, jamaica plain, MA

Doing away with Net Neutrality would be a complete and utter foolish mistake. The current level playing field of the internet has allowed for a stabilization of economic growth in this digital age. Creating an imperfect environment of "two internet speeds" would completely destroy all that we advocators of the web have done so much to grow. As a web designer I know first hand the impact that this will have on my clients and my career. I cannot sit idly by while the big corporations are able to get even bigger and the smaller corporations, start-ups, personal websites, and the like suffer because they can not afford to keep up with the demands for a more expensive "faster speed". Please think about this logically and place yourself in the shoes of the industries that will get affected and hurt by this and not seceding to the demands of the big power hungry cable companies. We ask you to think to the future, and make the right choice. It's not broken, so please don't fix it. Thank you.
—Ben Gemborys, Burlington, MA

Currently dealing with Verizon and others limiting bandwidth to www.opendrive.com and Google AWS S3. When I connect my power drill to an AC socket I don't get checked for my mfg of my drill ! So when I pay Verizon for IP service I DON'T want them saying yes to one and no to another service I want to use. Currently there is traffic shaping accruing all over with services. Check out this blog and others just take the time to Google it. http://davesblog.com/blog/2014 /02/05/verizon-using-recent-ne t-neutrality-victory-to-wage-w ar-against-netflix/
—Mr. Philip Geneste, Newport News, VA

Protect net neutrality! Don't let a bunch of rich guys limit our access to information.
—Alberta, Sunrise, FL

Net Neutrality for the win.
—Sarah Sullivan, Northford, CT

Please keep the competitive and fast, please do not let the few ISPs run it, then it will be slow and expensive and we as cosumers will lose out. Thank you.
—Arnold Ramsaran, FRESH MEADOWS, NY

The internet is ubiquitous as electricity and running water. Why would you put that in jeopardy by giving cable companies the power to choose who can view what? Internet "fast lanes" will make the internet less accessible to ordinary citizens and raise the barrier of entry to content creators. A citizenry with unrestricted access to the internet is more important than the profits of cable companies! How am I to share my online content with my students (I tutor and teach in public schools) if I or they cannot afford access to an internet "fast lane". Ending net neutrality is an absurd and competition killing decision. I want to live in a society where anyone can access the internet and anyone can create content on the internet. Killing net neutrality jeopardizes this society plain and simple. Don't do it - reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead.
—Paul Garrison, Austin, TX

this is a comment for the fcc
—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

Please protect free speech and communication on the internet by protecting net neutrality.
—Jason DeLancey, Aurora, IL

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The internet is the last bit of technology not dominated by our major media corporations. The monopoly they have on the industry is enough. Don't let them take away the equal playing field of the internet.
—Zachary Gordon, Pittsfield, MA

Net neutrality is important because the internet deserves to have equality.
—Alice, Lawrenceville, IL

The internet is important for me as a means to relax and unwind, as well as be informed. The notion that ISPs should have the power to determine what sites have the best access to the consumer base is like picking the winners and losers based on whoever pays them the most money. This behavior is nothing short of extortion and it would be dangerous to legalize this based on ethics alone, as its condoning criminal behavior, limiting the speech of less-well off institutions, and stifles internet innovation and start ups. Please reclassify ISPs under Title II as common carriers to protect the best interest of American citizens, the economy, and free speech.
—Juanita Boyd, Ontario, CA

I'd like the FCC to reconsider and keep the internet open to all. For many people, the open internet is a new way for people to create find work and seize opportunities in ways that traditional methods just don't allow. By allowing buying power for the internet, you enable other larger existing companies/corporations to get ahead, leaving small businesses, artists, and students in the dust. RESTORE NET NEUTRALITY Keep the internet open!
—Maxwell G, Washington, DC

Profiteering will destroy the Internet, and hold progress back for humanity.
—Ms. Dinah Kudatsky, Amherst, MA

I submitted comments regarding Verizon limiting peering speeds. Since Verizon owns a 50% share in RedBox and provides its own VOD service it could be (and should be) viewed as Verizon's practice of allowing ports to saturate while demanding money from its competitor to alleviate that degradation of service as anti-competition. It should be pointed out that, given the inability of the consumer to choose a different provider in many cases, inaction on their part is the same as deliberately degrading the performance of another service that competes with them. This blog posting from Level 3 is also enlightening, using Verizon's own data to prove where the fault lies.
http://blog.level3.com/global- connectivity/verizons-accident al-mea-culpa/
—Nicholas Daley, Seffner, FL

I appreciate freedom of communication through the internet, and I do not want to see it limited.
—Makenzie, Boulder, CO

There should not be differential charging on the internet!
—Melanie Eslinger, Mountain View, CA

hi there you awesome agency!
—Amy M. Kroin, Hadley, MA

SAVE THE INTERNET
—Lindsy Embree, Florence, MA

Please Don't Break the Internet Before Rural Gets it.
—Tirso Moreno, Apopka, FL

I work with many disadvantaged communities in the Central Valley, and high speed internet great facilitates community building, via enhanced communication; please support our disadvantaged communities by allowing better to broad band internet service.
—Eddie Ocampo, Clovis, CA

Please don't redline rural areas, thank you.
—Dan Esposito, Manhattan Beach, CA

Fair and equal access is needed to help develop our rural areas and spur economic development
—Nancy Grandquist Fields, Alexandria, LA

As the director of a rural non-profit that engages in economic development I implore the FCC to Reclassify rural internet access to rural areas as aTitle II telecommunications service. It is improtant that rural businesses have the opportunity to close the marketing gap through internet technology and rual residents have the capacity to communicate effectively.
—Joyce Dearstyne, Elk City, ID

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—Sharon Kulczewski, Monte Rio, CA

Net Neutrality is important to our democracy. Corporations are making huge profits while many people do not have any access at all. Please reclassify Broadband as the telecommunications service that it is, and provide requirements for universal service.
—Trish Steel, Laytonville, CA

I own a rural business, and I beg you not to redline rural Internet access. Good broadband access is essential to my business and to our community. 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 Thank you for you consideration.
—Karen Fasimpaur, Portal, AZ

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—Brad Emerson, Portal, AZ

Internet telecommunications infrastructure is essential infrastructure in the 21st century as roads and highways were in the 20th. Internet telecommunications infrastructure is a natural monopoly due to high barriers to entry and inefficiencies that preclude a competitive market. Because Internet telecommunications infrastructure is both essential and delivered in an natural monopoly environment, regulatory policy should protect it from ISP market segmentation and redlining that has resulted in widespread market failure throughout the United States, even in metro areas. Accordingly, "last mile" Internet telecommunications infrastructure should be regulated as a common carrier telecommunications service under Title II of the Communications Act to ensure every home is able to obtain service at affordable rates.
—Frederick L. Pilot, Camino, CA

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—Billie MAYFIELD, Flemington, MO

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—Brian Para, Oakland, MI

As a consortium leader for the FCC's Healthcare Connect Fund, a program dedicated to bringing high-speed broadband to rural health care providers, it was troubling to hear of the proposed rules to redline rural communities' Internet access. Broadband access for rural Americans is a necessity. Outside of the critical role high-speed Internet plays in rural businesses and rural schools, access to broadband services actually saves lives. In rural areas, access to affordable, timely healthcare is not always a given. Many rural residents must travel excessive distances to receive the care they need. Those people who are lucky enough to have a small rural or Critical Access Hospital in their town rely on services within those facilities that can only be produced as a result of a high-speed fiber connection at the site. Furthermore, major advances in telemedicine are making the future look much more promising for providing adequate care to all Americans at a greatly reduced cost to the patient, healthcare provider, and the government All of these issues, and indeed the mission of the FCC's Healthcare Connect Fund, are dependent on classifying Internet services as Title II Telecommunications Services. Please do not cripple and penalize our healthcare providers based solely on their rural locations. They are providing cost-saving and life-saving services where it is most needed and hardest to find. Thank you, Ally Orwig Project Coordinator Indiana Rural Health Association
—Ally Orwig, Terre Haute, IN

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—Ron Farrow, Farmington, MO

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—Kerry Parker, Baxter, TN

Our neighborhood in West Virginia is the only one in our exchange to not have broadband service from Frontier Communications. This is after millions of grant dollars have been spent, just in WV, to improve rural connectivity. I don't know where that money went or who profited by that investment, but we still don't have high speed internet. Streaming movies? World Cub Football? Nada! The United States invented the Internet, and now our service on average is worse than that of nations one doesn't associate with technology leadership. I think this is criminal. Giant communications corporations roll up profits of billions of dollars, and want to keep their monopoly strong, while providing expensive but poor service, or no service at all! If a company want to install fiber, no one should be allowed to slow those projects! If a company wants to maintain monopoly service in a side area, they should be requiired to provide the same service to everyone! After World War II Rural Electrification brought modern life to the rest of America. Now the telecommunications industry must be required to bring modern telecommunications to the rest of America! This would begin lowering the use of fuel as people became able to work from home in areas where that isn't an option yet. It could help slow Global Climate Change. But no one wants to do the responsible thing. Step up to the plate and hit one for rural America!
—John R Hodel, Yawkey, WV

Dear FCC, We request that the FCC redefine the Internet as a public utility subject to Title II Communication ACt. It is a telecommunications service. Further, no speed tiers should be allowed. everyone should have access to the fastest speed a provider can provide. No paid prioritization should be allowed other than for 911 services. We also oppose the Comcast-Time Warner cable merger and any further telecom industry consolidation. Lack of competition hurts the public. Respectfully, Lena B. Chen & Jess W. Speidel III 10801Occidental Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472
—lena & Jess. B. W. Chen Speidel III, Sebastopol, CA

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—Allan Sandoval, The Woodlands, TX

This idea is a huge disservice to our nation. The Internet and technology are in the spotlight for health care more than ever before. In the rural areas, such places where my farming family resides, this intervention will decrease their ability to search for and determine best health care options for themselves and family members, leaving them no one to rely on when it comes to choosing facilities, doctors, and even medical exams. The internet is meant to connect communities, not segregate them. And the hardworking people in those geographical locations are just as deserving to quality Healthcare as suburban and inner city people. Terrible, terrible idea.
—Danette Culver, Newburgh, IN

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—Paul Putkowski, eatonton, GA

Please keep the net neutral!
—Ben Lyons, Orlando, FL

It makes no sense to have policies that either eliminate internet connections for businesses and consumers in rural areas or makes the service provided in those areas essentially useless because of slow speeds or minimal bandwidth. This area of America comprises too much business potential for all other businesses to be neglected as it has been. Therefore I support and urge the FCC to support reclassifying internet services as Title II services. To do otherwise is condemning America to the back end of progress in a highly competitive international world.
—J C, Phelan, CA

this is a major avenue of free speech. it is highly public and should be treated as such. as an attorney I understand the issues involved and privatization such as the major time warner consolidations should not be permitted to occur. eleanor j. guerrero, esq.
—Eleanor Guerrero, red lodge, MT

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—Mike Mazzeo, Lake Placid, FL

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—Bill, Grantsville, WV

Please classify internet as Utility. Everyone should have equal rights to the Internet. We are already behind on internet speed compared to the rest of the world. My sister is paying $10 for fiber optics internet with the speed of 75 Mbps /85Mbps in Europe. The prices we are paying are ridiculously high in USA. Stop harassing internet traffic. Thank you
—Paulius Buta, Old Orchard Beach, ME

This is obviously about controlling who gets information. It is not right.
—KT Bray, Somerset, KY

While I find the FCC to be a completely useless organization, if it must exist it should protect and encourage constitutional rights. The right to free speech is chief among those rights, but should also include and promote the free access to these materials and ideas.
—CJ Bloomer, Somerset, KY

Please consider reclassifying -- don't keep the rural population isolated like this. The internet is power so let's work to empower these otherwise disconnected citizens! Thank you.
—Katrina Dixon, Lexington, KY

Don't Break the Internet Before Rural Gets It. Tell the FCC to reclassify
—Stan Mann, Merrillville, IN

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—Susan Miller, Auburn, CA

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—Kim Phinney, Westford, VT

Internet access is absolutely vital in today's world. It is a necessary tool that anyone can and should be able to use, and people without the means to pay extra fees in addition to already paying for the service should not be punished. It is appalling enough that internet speeds in the United States are one of the slowest in the developed world, but to extort more money from users who are already paying for a sub-par service should be criminal.
—Paige Higginson, Lexington, KY

Please reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service!
—Jesse Lucas, Louisville, KY

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—Dan Parker, Connersville, IN

I am writing to express deep concern that the Federal Communications Commission will set new rules on Internet traffic that would allow broadband providers to charge companies that can afford it a premium for access to their fastest lanes, and leave the rest of us languishing along the dirt roads of telecommunications. I live and work in the rural Kentucky coalfields, one of the poorest Congressional districts in the nation. My organization produces and distributes documentary films celebrating the rich culture of this region and we also focus on the issues that concern mountain people. We run a community-programmed FM radio station that offers news, information and cultural enrichment via broadcast and Internet streaming. Our region is suffering a severe economic crisis as coalmining jobs have dropped significantly. Throughout the area, government, business and community leaders are looking for ways to diversify our economy. Access to affordable high-speed Internet has the potential to significantly increase opportunities to rebuild our economy. The Internet can reduce the impact of geographic isolation and provide us with the chance to compete and collaborate on a level playing field with businesses and communities around the country, indeed the world. Although the Internet is slow and expensive in our rural area, it has allowed us to find new audiences and customers for our work. We are excited about all the potential that the Internet offers for our work and our communities if the principles of Net Neutrality remain in place – an Internet that is open and where all information gets treated equally, no information gets preferential treatment and no player is blocked. But, if the principle of Network Neutrality is dismantled, our hopes will be severely diminished and the digital divide between urban and rural, rich and poor will only grow. If Net Neutrality is weakened, businesses will accrue the expense of paying for a faster lane to reach customers. Over time, companies will no doubt pass that expense on to their customers, resulting in higher prices. The higher prices will generate more profits for major telecommunications corporations, which already charge us plenty to use the Internet. And companies paying for a faster lane to reach more customers will want to bypass rural communities, where fewer customers live and many are low income. The way to solve this problem, and to close the digital divide, is to reclassify Internet service as a Title II service. The FCC should treat the Internet as a common carrier service like telephone, which it increasingly is becoming. The change will allow the FCC to regulate Internet providers so they don't behave badly in the first place, instead of waiting for them to misbehave and then taking corrective action. Reclassification allows the commission to enforce Net Neutrality and prohibit the creation of faster lanes. Reclassifying Internet under Title II would also mean that every person in our country would have the right to an Internet connection no matter where they live. According to the latest FCC Broadband Progress Report, fixed broadband networks do not reach 19 million Americans. Of those unserved by fixed broadband networks, 14.5 million live in rural areas and nearly a third in tribal lands. These statistics reveal a persistent digital divide that keeps rural communities from better education and health care, economic development and full participation in our culture and democracy. Technologies change but our basic human right to communicate remains. We are counting on the FCC to keep the Internet open and to apply the same principles that have guided our telephone service -- universal service, affordability, competition, interconnection, and public protection and safety – to Internet services.
—Mimi Pickering, Whitesburg, KY

Access to information and communication infrastructure ought to be available to all in this country. Throttling the transfer of data creates an atmosphere that is hostile towards small businesses that create jobs and innovate new technologies. Please reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Richard Merwarth, Louisville, KY

The Federal Communications Commission needs to reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. The sooner we all accept the fact that Internet service is a utility, the better off we'll be. Allowing service providers to create fast lanes at a higher cost will choke out anyone who requires access in a rural environment.
—Jordan Orwig, Sullivan, IN

As a former consortium leader of the Indiana Telehealth Network, one of the 50 remaining FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Programs, I am baffled as to why the FCC would consider allowing Internet service providers to create ‘fast lanes’ for those who can afford the extra fees. According to the United States (US) Census Bureau's 2010 Census, approximately 19.3% of the US population lives in rural areas. This same Census classified over 95% of the land mass of the US to be rural. The population in rural areas of the US tend to be poorer and sicker that their urban counterparts. The proposed fast lanes for Internet service would consequently result in higher fees for rural areas of the US and be like ripping up the state roads in every state in the nation. Access to high-speed broadband is essential to the creation of vibrant downtown business districts and school systems in rural areas. Broadband access is also crucial for local health care providers to deliver services to their communities. Many rural residents must travel excessive distances to receive the healthcare services that they need. Those who are lucky enough to have a small rural or Critical Access Hospital in their town rely on services within those facilities that can only be produced as a result of a high-speed fiber connection. Furthermore, major advances in telemedicine are making the future look much more promising for providing adequate care to all Americans at a greatly reduced cost to the patient, healthcare provider, and the government. Just today, on July 11, 2014, the FCC adopted a Report and Order establishing a $100 million budget for the Connect America rural broadband experiments. Why invest millions of dollars constructing networks to provide high-speed broadband services, and then provide Internet Service Providers with the latitude to create fast lanes that would essentially increase broadband rates to the point that the services are unaffordable to those who need them the most? All of these issues, and indeed the mission of the FCC’s new Healthcare Connect Fund, are dependent on classifying Internet services as Title II Telecommunications Services. Please do not cripple and penalize our healthcare providers based solely on their rural locations. They are providing cost-saving and life-saving services where it is most needed and hardest to find.
—Becky Sanders, Terre Haute, IN

To Whom It May Concern: As a Revenue Cycle Operations Manager at a Critical Access Hospital in a rural area, it was troubling to hear of the proposed rules to redline rural communities’ Internet access. Broadband access for rural Americans is a necessity. Outside of the critical role high-speed Internet plays in rural businesses and rural schools, access to broadband services actually saves lives. In rural areas, access to affordable, timely healthcare is not always a given. Many rural residents must travel excessive distances to receive the care they need. Those people who are lucky enough to have a small rural or Critical Access Hospital in their town rely on services within those facilities that can only be produced as a result of a high-speed fiber connection at the site. Furthermore, major advances in telemedicine are making the future look much more promising for providing adequate care to all Americans at a greatly reduced cost to the patient, healthcare provider, and the government. All of these issues, and indeed the mission of the FCC’s Healthcare Connect Fund, are dependent on classifying Internet services as Title II Telecommunications Services. Please do not cripple and penalize our healthcare providers based solely on their rural locations. They are providing cost-saving and life-saving services where it is most needed and hardest to find.
—Pamela Williams, North Vernon, IN

Net neutrality is the cortex of our free society. Of a free market that trades in innovation, not the power to stifle new ideas with money. Net neutrality show the world why we are a powerful country, and un afraid to traffic in free, unrestricted speech. Please protect the Anerican people from the singular interests of the wealthy few. You are at a unique fulcrum of history to do so. To remind our country and the world why our freedom makes powerful, not weak. Thank you, Michael Williams
—Michael Williams, Indianapolis, IN

Rural communities need support to provide all our citizens an equal chance to learn, grow, do business, and communicate. Internet access should be equal for all citizens. Don't discriminate again rural areas.
—Denise Primm, Nashville, TN

Take all the reasons everyone else has posted, and imagine I wrote them here. At least all the reasonable ones, I'm not a tin-foil-hat wearer.
—Megan Edwards, Lafayette, IN

I live in and grew up in rural areas of Kentucky and want to make sure that I have access to fast and affordable internet where I don't have to pay to get the access I want/need. This network was set up largely thanks to federal funds so therefore should be accessible to all citizens. I do not want to see it handed over to few gatekeepers who decide who gets to use it how and when and for what price. In many ways the infrastructure it uses is analogous to land-line telephones and seen as an essential system in our economy. Lack of ability to access this system is tantamount to economic discrimination. I support Net Neutrality and want you to as well.
—Mark Daniel Morgan, Berea, KY

In many ways it is MORE important for rural businesses/residences to have internet! My family and I rely on the internet for a large% of our shopping needs (because options are far and few.), 95% of bill paying, communication with family and friends near and far. Because we live in a rural area, my children often use Skype to "play" with their friends. Better yet my 12 year old has made friends all over the world (as has my husband!) We are considering getting rid of costly satellite service and streaming video soon. That option would be taken from us as well. I use the internet to check my bank accounts and my children's' current grade standings at school. I could go on and on. I have been frustrated that we have little choice for internet providers, so obviously our home feels the FCC should reclassify internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. Please feel free to contact me with questions as my degree is in Telecommunications with some Telephony curriculum.
—Deanna Burkart, Greensburg, IN

Please do not allow the collusion of the internet carriers to kill the ability of small providers and companies to thrive.
—Mica Cataletto, Palatine, IL

How can you divide and choose who gets a propper service and who dosent? Im from Appalachia Kentucky, there are school kids there who need the same service as other more fortunate children. Please stop trying to socialize our people. Equality or nothing.
—Terrance K Brown, Jacksonville, FL

Everyone needs the same opportunity to access to the internet, regardless of income and education. Do not perpetuate and further the division of class in America.
—Sylvia Woods, Oak Ridge, TN

People with disabilities, often using specially created software and hardware, need to have access to the internet on a regular, high speed basis and yet, people with disabilities often face financial barriers because of the lack of employment options available. Many people with disabilities live rurally; throttling internet speeds or ignoring rural service needs will leave people with disabilities and, in fact, all rural communities at a significant disadvantage. Large internet service providers are very likely to ignore rural communities using the excuse that density of population makes expansion in rural areas cost prohibitive. 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 and leave people with disabilities living in isolation! 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.
—P Stephen Hoad, Windsor, ME

I like to browse a lot of off-beat sites, and without net neutrality, it may make those sites harder to find.
—Ashley Liz, Pulaski, NY

FCC, please don't break the Internet before rural parts of the US gets up to speed with the rest of the country. As it is, 14.5 million people who live in rural areas have absolutely no Internet access. I work with disadvantaged rural communities who are just starting to expand their understanding of the power of the internet, and it is crucial to their future development, and the equality of all US citizens to be starting on equal ground. The currently proposed weak rules would allow Internet providers to redline rural businesses, towns and customers altogether. To stop this discrimination in its tracks, the FCC needs to reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. Thank you.
—Christi Electris, Brookline, MA

Net Neutrality is essential to keep alive the possibility that folks in rural communities can get a chance to bridge the digital divide. Rural Americans already don't have as much access to the internet, as their urban and suburban neighbors. Let's not put more distance between us. Give us all a chance to get connected, please fight for net neutrality, please reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Nikiko Masumoto, Del Rey, CA

I live ten miles from the nearest town and I can't get internet service. DSL, Cable and Fiber are all available in town. I am willing to pay but have np options except satellite which has proven totally inadequate for our needs. It's time for congress to step in. If left to providers rural areas still wouldn't have phone, electricity, or running water. As you remake the rules please don't forget us. Allowing providers to make hugh profits is fine, that's capitalism but leaving a large portion of the American population stuck in the last century is unacceptable. Give provides what the need to profit but only if a portion of those profits go into making high speed internet available to us all. America is more than cities and towns a lot of us live in the country too. Thank You.
—Michael Vargo, Enterprise, AL

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—Greg Turner, Richmond, IN

The internet needs to be available for EVERYONE!
—Emily Keller, Louisville, KY

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—Sam Ruf, Greensburg, IN

Dear FCC, We request that the FCC redefine the Internet as a public utility subject to Title II Communication ACt. It is a telecommunications service. Further, no speed tiers should be allowed. everyone should have access to the fastest speed a provider can provide. No paid prioritization should be allowed other than for 911 services. We also oppose the Comcast-Time Warner cable merger and any further telecom industry consolidation. Lack of competition hurts the public. Respectfully, Roger Strawbridge
—Roger Strawbridge, Sebastopol, CA

Having finally obtained high-speed Internet access in 2011 has changed our lives. It is now possible to take on-line college courses for the adults and the elementary schools also have on-line schooling to reinforce what is taught in class. Being a low-income household, it is difficult to afford these amenities, so the only amenity we pay for is the high-speed internet - television is via antenna (w/digital box), and telephone (land line and cell) is basic service. Please ensure that affordable Internet service is available for all. Thank you. Margaret E. Morton Umatilla, FL
—Margaret E. Morton, Umatilla, FL

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—Maria Sykes, Green River, UT

Rural and Native American communities comprise the majority of people who are unable to access telecommunications services. According to the latest FCC Broadband Progress Report, fixed broadband networks do not reach 19 million Americans. Of those 19 million, 14.5 million live in rural areas and nearly a third on tribal lands. This digital divide that keeps rural communities from gaining access to information and educational opportunities and it prevents our voices from being heard. The Internet is a platform where rural people can speak for themselves and on behalf of their communities to wider audiences. Net neutrality helps ensure that rural communities do not experience the same lack of representation they have in other media platforms. Rural businesses can reach the entire world via the world wide web. Net neutrality encourages new businesses to enter the market. Competition and free enterprise need a level playing field that does not give the advantage to large urban suppliers over the rural producers: net neutrality keeps things fair and open to competition. Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service. The FCC should treat the Internet as a common carrier service like telephone. This will allow the FCC to regulate Internet providers, enforce net neutrality and flat-out prohibit the creation of faster lanes. Internet provider, like telephone providers, would not be able to cherry-pick areas to serve, which consistently leaves rural areas with bad or no service. Title II reclassification would give the FCC the legal authority to ensure that Internet providers put people, not just profits, into their equations. Treat the internet like what it is—a common carrier for all the people, not just city folk with money.
—Kathleen Fischer, Birmingham, AL

Dear FCC: 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. In addition, many of our nation's active duty military members and veterans come from and return to rural parts of our country. As we all know, thousands of those who have served our country are now in desperate need of services of all kinds and learning about and accessing those services nearly always involves the need to access a computer for information, enrollment, assistance, etc. 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. Please do not 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. And please do not 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.
—Cm, Washington, DC

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—Calvin Jones, Viburnum, MO

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.
—Walter Cuchine, Eureka, NV

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! 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—Savannah Logsdon-Breakstone, Franklin, PA

I have been operating as a rural enterprise for the past 25 years and it is only within the past 5-10 years that we have had internet access comparable to urban areas. We still have drops and low level quality in many areas of rural Nevada. It's critical to our sustained livelihood that the internet be reclassified as a Title II telecommunications service to insure equitable access and economic opportunities for any rural organization or enterprise. Thanks for your consideration.
—Dr. Deborah Loesch-Griffin, Virginia City, NV

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—Emmett C. Schuster, Princeton, IN

Do not limit the internet.
—Julie Howe, London, KY

In order for almost any single individual to function in today's society, internet access is crucial... it is a resource much like water or electricity. That should go without saying. There is an obvious discriminatory negligence taking place when governments are allowing businesses and whole towns to be stripped of internet access entirely.
—Joseph Salyer, Whitesburg, KY

Do not make it so that we have to PAY anyone else for a section of the internet we believe as citizens of the united states and I speak personally for a family of 25 that we do not want you to regulate the internet in a way that requires us to pay or our provider to pay for sections of the internet such as movies videos and news it started zone free it should remain zone free and you should not have the power to do anything to us but you do so we have to speak up and we are letting you know that we dont want this we want you to leave it Neutral also you do need to find a way to provide more people with fast high speed internet in rural areas there is many ways and it needs to be done yesterday but do not ad fees to our bills to get it done you must find private inverstors or federal funds period. thank you
—Jeffrey Hampton, Whitesburg, KY

please.....dont stop econinic devlopmentin the rurals. net netrality should be for all americans not just the wealthy. Frank Whitman Austin Nevada Pres. Austin C of C
—Franklin Whitman, Austin, NV

Please reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. The Internet allows rural communities to connect with the rest of the world. For rural schools especially, the Internet provides children with the opportunity to access educational resources that their schools cannot afford. As an employee of an edtech company, creating fast lanes would wreck havoc on our business, as many of the schools we work with can barely afford basic supplies, much less fast internet. Slower Internet would be a waste of teacher time, which essentially boils down to a waste of taxpayer dollars. We need the internet to be a Title II telecommunications service in order to help our educational system grow stronger thereby boosting our economy.
—Elizabeth Lockman, Boulder, CO

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—Thomas Crawford, Frankfort, IN

Net Neutrality is vitally important to the internet because it keeps everything on a level playing field. Right now we have several companies that are trying to complete mergers that would be setting them up as monopolies in their areas for internet and phone service. I know what happens when a monopoly is place for the phone/internet provider because the county that I live in has ZERO competition. They own all the infrastructure for the phone/internet service and they have no incentives to innovate or improve their services. The only reason they have improved anything within the last 10 years is because of grant money received from the government that they had no choice but to spend within a certain timeframe. If Net Neutrality is in place, then that gives other companies an opportunity to get into these markets that they would not normally be able to enter because of monopolistic practices. By allowing competition, the companies will offer better services and incentives for customers so they will stay with them. Net Neutrality also will prevent companies from segregating the internet making the rural towns work at much slower speeds while the metro areas get faster services.
—Brandon S. Fields, Hyden, KY

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—Linda Young, Hawthorne, NV

Net neutrality is critical to our promise of liberty and justice for all.
—Marcia Smith, Corbin, KY

There's no way around it-- the Internet is too important to give some Americans better service than others. I am from a rural community that has at least 40 % of people without internet access. If Internet communication is not properly regulated, it is in the hands of the internet providers-- not the consumers-- to decide what happens to the internet availability. I don't think that that type of regulation helps promote a free and open society. For that reason, I suggest that the FCC reclassify the Internet as a Type II telecommunication. That will allow for more regulation and fairness in the world of internet providers. I hope you take this into consideration.
—Austin Cope, Cortez, CO

Dear FCC: I am writing from a rural and ranching community in northeastern Nevada that suffers from very poor access to broadband service and have witnessed firsthand how this has a major impact on our residents ability to have the same opportunities as other U.S. citizens. Access to broadband service is key to attracting and maintaining diverse, creative and entrepreneurial rural communities, especially our younger generations so needed in agricultural related occupations. We have lost much talent in this region as a result of lack of services such as broadband internet. In my daily work at a regional non-profit serving traditional artists in the rural West, I am also keenly aware of how important internet access is to the health of this constituency. The Internet allows rural arts, stories, culture and commerce to be brought to global audiences and allows for heightened communication, new skills and networking to take place between rural and urban communities. 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service critical to keeping competitive with the rest of the population. 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 Americans have full access to the Internet, the FCC must classify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service. FCC, don't lock out rural businesses, artists and entrepreneurs. Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Thank you for your serious consideration of this important issue. Sincerely, Meg Glaser
—Margaret Glaser, Elko, NV

To apply rules of a fast line is a uncalled for practice. In areas like eastern Kentucky we are over paying for basic broadband service. To allow these telecoms to impose fees to deliver content to users who are overpaying them will kill the Internet as we know it. Please do not do this.
—Zack, Hazard, KY

Many people in my community do not have access to internet, much less afford it when it is available. These rules will push the students and families of rural Kentucky even further into the internet stone age. Please reclassify.
—Joshua S Trosper, Barbourville, KY

Please stop the enclosure of the commons. We were doing fine managing on our own.
—Kevin Smith, Cochranville, PA

Internet access for rural families is crucial if they and their children are to be productive citizens in the global economy. Without high speed internet, rural families are put at a disadvantage in everything from promoting their businesses to attending college through online courses. Discrimination against rural families is illegal and the Federal Communications Commission is charged to uphold the law. Thank you.
—Kathy Curtis, Martin, KY

We need to protect rural families from corporate interests! Thank you.
—Hilary Neff, Whitesburg, KY

The internet should be available to all, with equal service regardless of ability to pay
—Mary Metz, Harleysville, PA

All US Citizens, especially the 14.5 million people who live in rural areas with no current internet access deserve equal access to internet service. Please reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service!
—Laura Howard, Berea, KY

I believe it would be the best interest of the citizens of this country for all of us, even those in rural areas far from population centers, to have very affordable access to acceptably fast internet connections. By affordable, I would say preferably even free connections, and by fast, I would say faster than 100 megabits per second, and preferably more than 1 gigabit per second.
—Leslie Bright, Kingsport, TN

Please maintain net neutrality. Giving those with money an advantage just helps perpetuate and aggravate income inequality. Thank you.
—Sandra Rosenblith, Chevy Chase, MD

We live in a rural area in the country. Our internet access is limited to dial up or one of the newer discount satellite services. The problem with that is if the weather is bad our service is terrible. We pay $40+ a month for limited access. if we watch a couple of videos or our kids play very many games our internet slows down and you can't use it at all. It makes it very difficult for the kids to do homework or research online. We do not have fast access or cable in our area so our choices are limited.
—Phyllis Albright, Moorefield, KY

Please, please, please do not end net neutrality. The internet is humanity's greatest resource for learning, opinions and news. If you allow it to be doled out simply based on the notion of class and money, you are violating fundamental liberties on an ethical level. The internet is arguably the greatest invention in human history, only behind the development of agriculture. Anyone can access it, and it's importance to our ideological evolution cannot be understated. It's equality is paramount. Discrimination is supposed to be diminishing, and yet individual rights are taking a back seat to corporate money. The end to net neutrality not only ruins the beautifully level playing field that allows ALL ideas to be accessed, it creates a disgustingly prejudiced monopoly designed to make comcast, verizon, and time warner decide which ideas get accessed. This is terrible. Humanity is innovative because ideas spread and flourish. Net neutrality protects scholarly development and independent startups and any and all ideas from being discriminated against. Thank you for your time and bearing with this somewhat repetitive post. Please do what's right and don't allow ideas to be regulated. They are what makes us great. They are what makes us human.
—Daniel, Frederick, MD

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—Whitney Coe, athens, TN

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—Deborah Arrighi, Yerington, NV

Without net neutrality, the decks are further stacked along class lines. Every bit of info will be picked over by vultures with faster net, preying on the weakest.
—Sara Wilkins, Athens, TN

Unless we want to buy all our food staples from foreign countries, we must support our farmers and ranchers ability to conduct their businesses in rural areas. Not a single farmer or rancher can be successful in supplying the basics that our country needs without full internet access. Net Neutrality is no different than supplying electricity or phone service to ALL Americans. It is essential.
—Jan Morrison, Battle Mountain, NV

Please do not let Comcast and the other ISPs take advantage of the common user! We already pay more than enough.
—Anna Whitehouse, Austin, TX

What in the world? ! Think about what you are doing. ..really
—Beverly Dawahare, Lexington, KY

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 to get a fair shake in the information age.
—Charles Newell, Caroga Lake, NY

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—Roger Millar, McCall, ID

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—Mindy Breva, Saint Paul, MN

I want to reiterate that rural communities such as the one that I live in for all my life has been overlooked for broadband service. It has been difficult for me and others similarly situated in getting medium service speed I want to make sure that we don't get left out of the shuffle in terms of improving access to fast speedy internet service. Without that, we will get left even further behind economically. Please continue to invest in rural communities so that we can compete on a level a playing field in terms of community and economic development.
—Sen Robert L Jackson, Marks, MS

Don't Redline Rural Communities I live in the country, 11 miles from the nearest "faster internet service" in my area. I have had to rely on satellite internet service that is very expensive (double what I was paying for faster internet service in the nearest city) and runs out half-way through the month (because that is all I can afford). 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.
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—Patricia Nelson, Canon City, CO

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—Adrienne Bush, Hazard, KY

I am applauded that the FCC has become nothing more than a rubber stamp for corporate greed and arrogance. What has happened that changed you from an agency of my government that protected the interests of the general public to one that simply follows the wishes of corporations? To make a biological analogy, all parasites eventually kill their host. What is gonna happen when the corporations, who are giving the appearance of competition and improvement, turn on each other and we loose in the process. The internet was created (or so I thought) to be open and available to all. Not just to the income wishes of capitalists. Destroy the internet and they will one day turn on you. Please do not forget those of us in rural America and Indian Country who are powerless to either impact your decisions (or future employment opportunities) or to protect ourselves when the powers that be take over. You have a fiduciary responsibility to protect my interests. Speaking as an American Indian, please do not end up the functional equivalent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Look at what they have done to us. All of course under the guise of protecting us. yea Right. Charly
—Charles Gourd, Park Hill, OK

The democratic principles of our country are violated by this baseless act of corruption and cronyism. Don't destroy the equality of internet websites.
—Jon Jonson, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is important to me because I work for access for low-income Americans.
—Rachel Tsvetanov, Lexington, KY

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—Edyael Casaperalta, East Los Angeles, CA

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—Drema Davis, Flat Top, WV

Right now, we still don't have broadband or cell phone service available in our rural tribal town. Please allow us to help build sustainable rural communities through internet equity.
—Bari G.M. Talley, Orleans, CA

Please don't sell out tothe highest bidder. Make America the land of the free and the home of the brave. You have to be brave and start doing for what is best for us Americans, not the lobbyer with the bucks in his hand.
—Jennifer Messina, Ely, NV

I am a RN living in rural southeastern KY and would like to take a moment to tell why internet services are important to me. At present there is no dependable high speed internet available in my area which prevents me from furthering my career as a RN as there are presently opportunities available for me to better myself and my family of which high speed internet is a requirement for the position. As high speed internet is presently not available in my area, I am unable to qualify for the position and am essentially being held back from this opportunity which would result in a higher salary and improved benefits, all due to the fact that I am living in a rural area.
—Wendy Ison, Millstone, KY

It is about time that the FCC fullfulled the promise of the Internet by recognizing and regulating it as a true information utility and by separating the owners of the wire from the owners of the content on the wire. If the agency fails to do so, we will see the same thing happen to the internet that has happened to cable turning it into a vast commercial wasteland that stifles creative participation and innovation to protect legacy entertainment companies, commercial advertising and corporatism at the expense of electronic democracy. FCC needs to reclassify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications service. Period.
—Jay April, Kahului, HI

Young and middle aged adults who are considering moving to/living in a rural area put a high weight on broadband in their consideration...having capable citizens in rural communities is very important for the rural-urban relationship
—David Fluegel, Morris, MN

The newly proposed FCC rules could lead to the redlining of rural broadband Internet services. In brief, this would allow service providers to create fast lanes for those in urban areas who can afford additional costs and fees while leaving rural voters behind. Currently, there are 14.5 million rural people with no access to Internet services at all, let alone the millions more who get by with substandard access and connection speeds. Broadband access for rural Americans is a necessity. High-speed Internet plays a major role in rural businesses as they currently exist and is paramount in their ability to change a grow into the future. Rural schools are also dependent on broadband connections to keep pace with national and global educational standards. Furthermore, access to broadband services actually saves lives. In rural areas, access to affordable, timely healthcare is not always a given. Many rural residents must travel excessive distances to receive the care they need. Those people who are lucky enough to have a small rural or Critical Access Hospital in their town rely on services within those facilities that can only be produced as a result of a high-speed fiber connection at the site. Looking forward, major advances in telemedicine are making the future of rural healthcare much more promising for providing adequate care to all Americans at a greatly reduced cost to the patient, healthcare provider, and the government. All of these issues, and indeed nearly every facet of life for your rural constituents are at stake. Please classify Internet services as Title II Telecommunications Services.
—Sarah, terre haute, IN

The internet is now a necessity. It should not be a luxury. Please do not discriminate against anyone.
—Priscilla Luke, centerport, NY

Uphold democracy and represent the people. Do not allow companies with economic advantages to dominate the internet.
—Jodie Pixley, Kenwood, CA

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—Carol Blackmon, Jackson, MS

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—Sriyanthie McCabe, Flagstaff, AZ

As a rural internet user, I am against breaking the internet, reclassify internet service as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Jonelle T. McCoy, Prague, OK

As a rural resident, I object to the idea that internet providers might be allowed to discriminate against those who dwell in rural areas or to overcharge them for fast internet service. I heartily subscribe to the following two statements: 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! Thank you in advance for your protection of the rights of rural residents. Cyd McMullen
—Cyd McMullen, Spring Creek, NV

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—Molly Franz, PORTLAND, OR

FCC, Without Net Neutrality, rural citizens will be increasingly locked out of global economies, prevented from expressing culture, and barred from relevant political conversations. The 14.5 million Americans in rural areas without Internet access already struggle with such obstacles... giving Internet providers the option to provide fast vs. slow lanes will further block rural citizens from the expanding world. It will directly silence rural voices from one of the most accessible and equalizing platforms in existence. Do not mute rural citizens-- reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Savannah Wooten, Friendswood, TX

I am not from the rural South, but I am working there now and have been for the past two months. If anyone needs access to the world beyond the Mississippi Delta, it's the kids that live there. The Sunflower County Freedom Project, which I urge you to research, uses the internet daily to expand its students' horizons, to show them that they can be something better, something bigger. Without fast internet, you are cutting off these kids' lifeline. You are diminishing the supply of knowledge that fuels their curiosity and drive to achieve what they have all come to reach for: a four year college degree. I work at the Freedom Project now, and one day soon my time there will come to an end. Please do not let me leave them with less resources than I brought.
—Brooke Davies, Charlotte, NC

There are about 400 people that carry 50% of the world's wealth. There's no need to let the gap between the rich and the average and the poor become even bigger. The internet is available to everyone, and should continue to be available for everyone, not just for those who can afford it. Please keep net neutrality!
—Emily, Tempe, AZ

I want Net Neutrality because it assures my freedom to learn whatever I want to learn from whomever I want to learn it from. I do not believe government nor corporations should ever have the right to decide this for me.
—Bonita Deamicis, San Diego, CA

Equal internet access is necessary for all.
—Sarah, Tempe, AZ

In today's world, we are faced with more complicated issues up for debate. The Internet has been an excellent tool for citizens to voice their opinions and collectively fight for change. Without equal access to the Internet, rural citizens will not have the same opportunity to voice their opinions. The issues the United States faces today will have the same impact on rural citizens as on citizens with good access to the Internet, so their voices need to be heard as well. We need to connect the rural citizens to the rest of the population so we can become a truly collective voice.
—Neil Davis, Chapel Hill, NC

The internet is a chance at good education for all people & children. Please do not make those avenues only available to those who can afford it. Please.
—Jessica Jentz, San Francisco, CA

Keep the Internet neutral. It is democratic and should remain so in the future Do not sell out the public. I live in rural, high mountain southern Utah and the Internet is my best communication avenue for news and information. I have a PhD and teach online graduate level courses for Indiana University and am able to do that from my residence.
—Larry Johnson, Teasdale, UT

Dear FCC: Net neutrality is important for high quality access to the internet for all of us, but mostly for poor people who have to go online and search for job listings, access to support programs and local entities that offer myriad resources. Do not take away high quality internet access. We all need it. Our welfare depends on it!
—Dianne Frazier, LaGrange, GA

Please keep the fair and equal access to the internet open for all users.
—Ryan, Grand Rapids, MI

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. Likewise, millions of low income households in urban communities cannot afford the service. Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them would permit the redlining of rural towns, low income individuals in cities, or basically any 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. Or, they would attempt to justify slow lanes for "reduced rates" to low income communities in cities areas. Rather than increasing access, they want to increase the barriers. 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 or low income communities! Reclassify Internet as a Title II service and implement strong consumer protections that prohibit Internet providers from neglecting rural people.
—Martha L. Gomez, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet is as much a utility as electricity. If I create something that runs on electricity, I don't have to worry that my customers will have to pay extra for the correct voltage. If I create something on the Internet, I shouldn't have to worry that my customers will never see it because they would have to pay more for the privilege. It's the 21st century. We all depend on the ability to find what we are looking for on the Internet. It's called the World Wide Web for a reason. If you carry through with your plans, we might as well call it the Restricted Web Tier. Just because it's profitable for your buddies in Big Cable doesn't mean it's a good idea.
—Julia OConnell, Fort Worth, TX

Please don't redline rural communities!
—Mary Rothlisberger, Palouse, WA

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—Donald B. Reynolds Jr., Talbott, TN

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—Bonnie Peterson, Tomah, WI

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—Philenese Slaughter, Clarksville, TN

On behalf of rural libraries across the US, I urge the FCC to reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. Further, I ask that you not institute your proposed net rules. We need Net Neutrality in rural areas as much or even more than urban. Please help us educate and inform our constituents.
—Diana Weaver, Basehor, KS

Don't create a 2 class tier in rural communities, the rich and the poor. What you propose is capitalism at it's worst. I remember when rural water was made available. There were many who couldn't afford it. Promote globalization by providing equal access.
—Ann T. O'Neill, St. Paul, MN

We need strong free broadband in rural communities to help level the literacy playing field. Also, the Internet connects our rural library patrons to jobs, education, and business opportunities not available locally. We also need net neutrality so that information is not prioritized for us. Thank you.
—Mary Rayme, Harman, WV

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—Dr. Susan Dollar, Springfield, MO

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—President & CEO Bonnie Hildreth, Hastings, MI

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—Gregory Hall, Nashville, TN

Please do not institute your proposed net rules. We folks living in rural areas should have nothing less than real Net Neutrality, especially for our libraries and schools to help educate and inform us all. Our kids and citizens in rural communities deserve the same services as people in suburbs and urban areas. Don't punish those of us who choose to live a quieter and more peaceful existence. Our families deserve the same opportunities. The FCC needs to reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Debbie Davenport, Columbia, NC

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—Sandra Tauler, Calexico, CA

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—Connie Bates, Trenton, TN

Please do everything in your power to help bridge the internet accessibility level for all Americans. Rural living and low income jobs go hand in hand. Most rural Americans live at or below the national standard - they simply can not afford the cost of satellite internet. Most low income programs don't offer the speed or bandwidth needed to perform the most simple tasks. With all government assistance, jobs searches, etc going to online functions - people in rural areas are put just that much further behind. Access to REASONABLE cost internet service (most satellite in this area is $99 to $149 per month - more than the cost of most electric bills) should be available to all Americas regardless of where they chose to reside.
—Pattie Mayfield, Honey Grove, TX

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—Barbara Davis, Sylva, NC

To the FCC: I am writing to object to the proposed FCC rules that would allow Internet service providers to allow greater access on fast lanes to people who can afford the extra fees, and slow dirt roads to the rest of us. The weak rules would also allow Internet providers to redline rural businesses, towns and customers altogether. As it is, 14.5 million people who live in rural areas have absolutely no Internet access. To stop this discrimination in its tracks, the FCC needs to reclassify Internet service as a Title II telecommunications service. Don't leave so many Americans without decent service!
—JL Moore, Greenbelt, MD

As a faith-based rural life organization, we see the Internet as an essential communications system between rural communities and the rest of the country. We firmly stand with those who believe Net Neutrality grants equal opportunity to rural communities which otherwise lack representation and are disadvantaged in other media platforms where rural voices are excluded. It is not overstating the fact that millions of rural Americans do not have access to broadband service. But allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford such service is likely to leave many rural families and 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. We ask the FCC to establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Net neutrality makes the Internet a vital platform for rural people to create and share their own images. In solidarity with other rural advocates, we ask you to properly and fully serve rural people, which includes support for Title II.
—Catholic Rural Life, Des Moines, IA

I am from Pushmataha (mailing add Lisman), a small rural community in Choctaw County, Alabama. I am sending this to make certain that there is representation of all voices not just the rich or those that live in large municipalities. Broadband service has become a necessity in our society. People need Internet service to apply for jobs, sign-up for healthcare, complete homework, banking, 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.
—Pamelia Harris, Lisman, AL

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—Teri Blanton, Berea, KY

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—Nancy Murillo, Pittsburg, TX

Rural communities desperately need more, not less, internet access--if we abandon "net neutrality' we will also abandon rural America. I strongly urge you to reclassify internet service as a Title II service. Thank you. Rich Kirby, Dungannon VA
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—Jane Somerville, Stanley, ID

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—Susan Hayden, Charleston, WV

As a resident of a rural arts community (Rancho Linda Vista) located in Oracle AZ I urge you to maintain net neutrality. 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. Thank you for keeping this in mind during your decision making process.
—Kelly Griffith, Oracle, AZ

As a professional who frequently is required to work from home, and with a high school sophomore who will be issued a Chromebook this fall, high-speed internet access will be key to both productivity and learning for our family. Currently the only option in our rural community, which just became available a few years ago, is wired DSL service. Upgrades are needed across rural America to prevent rural areas from falling even further behind the cities. Thank you.
—April Willbur, Battle Creek, MI

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—Serena Yarber, Jonesborough, TN

I live in a rural area and work remotely. This will effect my livelihood as well as my personal connection to all my family members.
—Elissa Kline, Santa Cruz, CA

I agree with the following: Rural Entrepreneurs 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.
—Dana Fulton, Kihei, HI

I have lived in a rural town for most of my life. To this day, our Internet access exists entirely at the whim of the weather --- the satellite connections that are the only options available are disrupted regularly by rain, snow, or wind. As an attorney, my choice to live and work in a rural area means that my practice is penalized compared to other practitioners who have access to modern basics such as fast and reliable Internet.
—Eric M. Offutt, New Windsor, MD

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—Library Director John C. Fremont Library Dist. Tabitha Selakovich, Florence, CO

The internet should never be pay-to-play entity that leaves out the lower socioeconomic and rural households. The internet is a wealth of knowledge, knowledge is power, and all kids deserve equal access to knowledge.
—Dylan MacDougall, Portland, OR

As an Executive Director of Community Farm Alliance, net neutrality is important to our 1500 member across Kentucky. Web-based marketing and information is vital to the future of small farmers connecting to markets whether those are direct marketing to consumers or institutions. Family farmers desire equal access to the same resources as big Ag.
—Martin Richards, Frankfort, KY

Please reclassify internet services as a Title II telecommunications service to keep the use balanced and fair.
—Douglas Jones, Orleans, CA

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—Rebecca Fletcher, Ashland, KY

I Live on Maui, where there are more rural communities then non-rural. The Internet service in these areas is pathetic, with a completely underserved Hawaiian community. This must Change! 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.
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—Kimberly K. Gorman, Eugene, OR

I know too many people who run businesses in rural areas who literally have to drive to connect to the internet, carrying their laptops with work. How very inefficient and not good on using fossil fuels! Since there is technology to bring internet access to everyone - we need to make it so. It's the EcoGreen thing to do! AND good for the economy! Decades ago people dreamed of home-based businesses - we have them because of internet access. It needs to be everywhere for everyone!
—Vesta Copestakes, Forestville, CA

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—Amy Lippo, Johnson City, TN

If our rural residents -especially youth- are to be productive citizens, they need affordable access to the Internet. In our community, many people do not have reliable access and fewer who have access that is reliable and affordable. The digital divide will become wider if the library can't provide access to job searches, online learning, and government information.
—Dianne Connery, Pottsboro, TX

As a librarian, the need to reclassify service as a TITLE II is majorly important for equal access! Thanks!
—Harry R Brake, Seaford, DE

Everyone ehiild have fair access.
—Melissa, Guerneville, CA

As Director of Branches for the county library system, I arrange for internet at all the branches. My rural branches are unable to get internet at the faster speed through cable and the rural patrons go to these branches to get the old dial up that those branches use. We are across the street from a local school where poor or no service is available. Our book mobile hotspot does not work at some of the more rural locations. These patrons can not receive internet and must drive to town for any internet service.
—Dana Gann, Russellville, AR

Equal access for all should be a given. I live in the country and have 2 options for internet and one has horrible speed. My husband and brother-in-law are dairy farmers and need the internet to access the reports and information about their herd along with market data and news pertaining to the dairy and cattle markets. Children need access as many schools are moving to online cloud storage for homework and communication. Just because one lives in "the country" does not mean one should not have access to the same information and services as those who live in metropolitan areas.
—Michelle Turnis, Hopkinton, IA

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—Christine McNamara, Sebastopol, CA

Our small library budget cannot support the projected increases in costs to access information.
—Katinka Bryk, Stayton, OR

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—Cindy Nesbitt, Pulaski, TN

The major telecommunications providers do as little as they can get away with in rural America, at least in the Southwest Virginia coalfields where I live. I can't get cell phone service at my house. (An ATT rep told me to keep my land line!) But we do have decent (if not really speedy) internet service. PLEASE maintain net neutrality!
—Mary Beth Bingman, Dungannon, VA

Please insure that the Internet is a level playing field, for rich and poor, rural and urban alike!
—DeAnne Luck, Woodlawn, TN

As a rural resident and a proud wife of a rural entrepreneur, I urge the FCC to keep our Internet as freely available as possible. Our small business could not compete if we are forced out of mainstream Internet access by those with deeper pockets. FCC, don't leave rural entrepreneurs stuck in the digital dirt road! In addition, as director of a library in a rural area, we are currently providing access to literature via ebooks, databases and practice tests for those studying for standardized testing - including GED, homework assistance, genealogy databases, etc., and we actively seek other ways that we can use the Internet to provide information and services to our patrons that cannot always come to the library. 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. Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible.
—Patricia H. Beard, Johnson City, TN

Please support Net Neutrality. I work for a small rural library district--we're actually on a small island. Our patrons and residents desperately need access to the internet for job seeking, job skills training, information gathering, connections to work, family and friends, and so much more. Our fastest speed is currently 1.5 mbps per second, which makes any streaming, uploading and downloading very time intensive. We need to make internet access a right, and not a privilege for the rich. Please, please support Net Neutrality.
—Laurie Orton, FRIDAY HARBOR, WA

Please reclassify internet service as a Title II telecommunication service so that libraries in rural areas can serve their communities. Very often it is only the library that can afford to get a connection and has the computer equipment needed to allow its constituents to get access to needed services provided by their local, state and national governmental units.
—Ronald C Peterson, Morristown, TN