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.

_____/s/_____
Craig Aaron
President and CEO
Free Press

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. This proposal would kill the open Internet. I depend on Net Neutrality and demand that the FCC protect the open Internet by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Hailu Dyami, northampton, MA

We need to reclassify broadband Internet service providers under Title II of the Communications Act immediately. This is what Congress intended with the 96 Act and is why the Internet has been an engine for innovation and free speech. Don't let the corporate lobbyists of a handful of companies derail the single greatest communications medium of our lifetimes.
—Candace Clement, Hadley, MA

I love Net Neutrality!
—Lindsy Embree, Florence, MA

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—Peter Blue, Sarasota, FL

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—Jim Gay, Seattle, WA

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—Alek Roslik, Minneapolis, MN

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—Arnold Roman, Nashville, TN

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—Guido Barletta, allentown, PA

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—Donald S. Kuss, Chicago, IL

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—Jason Michael Michael Walker, Laveen, AZ

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—Cyndi Clough, Wichita, KS

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—Bonnie Margay Burke, San Diego, CA

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—Larry Lambeth, Springfield, MO

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—Yasiu Kruszynski, Chicago, IL

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—David Burkett, Wyoming, MI

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—Jorge Garriga, Hialeah, FL

KEEP IT NEUTRAL
—Daryl Lawrence Coleman, buffalo, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mary Liss, Brookfield, IL

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—David J Marcus, Somerville, MA

I like the First Amendment- its American
—Erin Rowe, Arcata, CA

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—James Greiner, Soquel, CA

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—Noenoe Barney-Campbell, honolulu, HI

It is time for the FCC to provide protection for citizens, not corporations!
—Carol Dahlberg, Sioux Falls, SD

For our freedom as a people and a country, we must have net neutrality !
—Henry Jones, Columbus, OH

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Marcyklapper y, West Tisbury, MA

net Neutrality is very important to my family! than ks
—Liz Arizona, Phx, AZ

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—Jeffrey David Brzyski, tonawanda, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Thierry Deshayes, Scottsdale, AZ

Dear FCC -- I depend on Net Neutrality! - Fredric Salstrom
—Fredric Salstrom, St. Mary of the Woods, IN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mary Ann Baier, Dearborn, MI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Valerie Truong, San Diego, CA

Sorry, but everyone should have equal access to the internet. It is the vendors who should pay the fees, not us. To charge for services is very discriminating.
—Ingrid Ronngren Guerci, Tarrytown, NY

Please save Net Neutrality!
—Gillian Cornelius, Studio City, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Daniel Vice, Bethesda, MD

Criminals!
—David Reid, Colorado Springs, CO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Geo N. Turner, Hollywood, FL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Frederck Hoffman, SUCCASUNNA, NJ

Net Neutrality is a cornerstone of democracy in the 21st century.
—Frieda Rusert, Daly City, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Russell Archer, portland, OR

Keep the internet free and open to all. Keep corporate America out to try and control it for profit.
—Steve Vlahos, Macomb, MI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO TThe FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Darren Mitton, Avondale Estates, GA

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—Nicole Westre, Bellevue, WA

Net neutrality is not a joke. I don't want my ISP or my cable company acting as a barrier to the free flow of information and speech in this country.
—Joshua Baker, Seattle, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE I don't want a fastlane/slowlane internet! It is certainly a utility w/ common carriers.
—Lesley Brill, Hartsville, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Edmund Weisberg, Philadelphia, PA

Those who control the Internet will control the consciousness of the world.
—Laurie "Ryan" Norton, Durango, CO

Corporations will be able to discriminate against political ideas they dislike by hampering the citizen's communications. This is unacceptable and unAmerican. The First Amendment and the government's obligation to protect the general welfare mean that the Internet needs to be protected from arbitrary discrimination. We need a level playing field of ideas that is not monopolized by certain voices from the technology sector or any other sector. The Internet is a public resource not the private plaything of entrenched private interests.
—Joe Giambrone, Redding, CA

Keep it fair
—Roger Simonot, scottsdale, AZ

Do not allow the internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet!
—Samuel Durkin, Fairfield, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Marianne M. Chrisos, Aurora, IL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Maheema H, Centennial, CO

Stop solely supporting large corporations - threatening the neutrality of the internet will heavily and destructively interrupt how work and leisure work. Don't expect the public to take this lightly.
—Patrick F Collins, Austin, TX

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—Jerome Hoffman, Brooklyn, NY

FCC: It is urgent to defend Net Neutrality. We are a democracy and part of that democracy is access to a free and unencumbered Internet. Thank you, K Hart
—K Hart, Houston, TX

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—Mark Hurmence, Carolina Beach, NC

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Larry Schlessinger, San Francisco, CA

Not just for the rich.. Should be free For all
—Badah Badah, flint, MI

Individuals are more important than corporations. Vote FOR Net Neutrality.
—Joanna E Kenney, La Canada Flintridge, CA

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—William Dorsey, Saint Inigoes, MD

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—T Bell, Austin, TX

Represent the people as is your duty. The people clearly want net neutrality so stand and represent them.
—jon MECHAM, Ellicott City, MD

The broadband of telecommunications is PUBLIC PROPERTY and you, administrators and public servants, cannot hand it over to your own private buddies for their and your eventual exploitation! Save the Internet. Save this public utility. Rescue neutrality. DO YOUR JOB AND REGULATE EQUALITY INTO INTERNET.
—Carol Jackson, New York, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Keep the internet the way it currently is. Don't try to fix something that isn't broken!
—Dean Frick, San Francisco, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Karen Vasily, Norristown, PA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Bruce Ross, Boulder, CO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Marsha Riti, Austin, TX

Please preserve actual net neutrality and do not allow internet providers to dictate winners and losers. Protect a free internet, reject Mr. Wheeler's plan.
—Max Barack, Glenview, IL

Because the internet needs new startups etc to have equal access to resources. Without net neutrality, the internet innovation ecosystem will be negatively impacted.
—Zahra Khan, Cambridge, MA

Allowing lobbyists to make policy is shameful and harmful. Don't allow this horrible legislation to continue. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Lydia Ash, Lawrence, KS

please keep our internet free and open, the ISPS already have a monoply, they need to have rules to keep them from ruining our internet. no fast lane, no super fast lane, all traffic should always be equal
—Donald Noffsinger, Houston, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Warren E Shull, Decatur, GA

The internet is on par with basic utilities
—Colin Hart, Purcell, OK

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Bruce Bennett, Port Townsend, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Jason Barnes, Springfield, MO

its the right thing to do!!!!
—Richard DeFazio, Erie, PA

As a citizen, computer professional, researcher, and small business owner, net neutrality is crucial to my success and functioning. I need access on a level playing field to the entire Web; I need my site's visibility on a level playing field to the entire Internet. These goals can only be achieved by declaring the Net a common carrier utility and enforcing net neutrality.
—Howard J Cohen Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Vicky Brandt, New York, NY

Please maintain net neutrality!
—Nanette Cronk, Truckee, CA

The freedom to do what we need to do online is important. It is like freedom for the rights we have in the real world also. What makes them different?
—Liane Aw, Fresno, CA

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—Melissa McCool, Selah, WA

Don't be the ones who ended the era of Internet freedom and made it a toll road only for the rich and powerful. Freedom will return, over the long run, and you will be condemned in history as cowards.
—Umberto Tosi, Chicago, IL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Kelly Healy, Clinton, IA

I'd like to see the government side with the people instead of big business for once. I work from home and rely on the internet for my income. Internet access is already too expensive in this country and the speeds are no where near as high as other countries. Do the right thing!
—John E. Hendricks, Albany, NY

Protect Net Neutrality!!!! Do not sell out the internet to greedy corporate interests. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE!
—Christopher Coleman, Blue Creek, OH

A free and open internet is critical for our democracy.
—Barney McComas, Berkeley, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Ivan Handler, Chicago, IL

protect the rights of the people not corporations!!!! DO YOUR JOB PLEASE!!!
—Scott Canning, LA, CA

Your job is to work for the PEOPLE - not pad the pockets of huge corporations. This is really a no-brainer. Get on board! All BYTES ARE CREATED EQUAL. DO YOUR JOB AND KEEP THEM THAT WAY!
—Kathy Condor, LaVale, MD

The Internet is a public utility. An informed people is essential to democracy.
—Thomas S. Meacham, Bowling Green, KY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Shirley Crenshaw, st. louis, MO

Please restore net neutrality. Fast access to information should not be reserved for those who can afford to pay the most.
—Kimi Nishikawa, Greenwich, NY

Enough is enough with Big Corporations buying their way to profits. We need people in government positions that are not influenced by corporate America. The internet was meant to be available to everyone at the same equal basis. Stop this nonsense already. WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY NOW!
—John Csaszar, Fleetwood, PA

Real net neutrality is needed. Do not allow the huge companies make another profit off the backs of the middle class. Don't say that net neutrality is important to you and allow the corporations to charge us! That is hypocritical.
—Kathie Daviau, Billings, MT

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION: RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS! NOW!
—Greg Collins, Coopersville, MI

the internet is an essential utility.
—Michael Rababy, los angeles, CA

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—Andreas Riris, Nicosia,

The internet MUST remain neutral otherwise internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. The internet belongs to everyone not just wealthy corporations that pay millions to lobby congress.
—Joshua Farrell, Fishkill, NY

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—Tamara M, San Francisco, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Gary Hudd, Lafayette, CA

FCC - Please watch the John Oliver video and see how ridiculous it will be if you allow traffic to be prioritized for a fee.
—Scott Severn, Londonderry, NH

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Randall Esperas, Cupertino, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Ryan Pusztai, Jenison, MI

FCC..... Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Gerald Rust, Troy, IN

I'm sick of Big Corporations getting larger share of the pie at the behest of the consumer. It's egregious and morally corrupt. No wonder we have income equality. Everything is leveraged in favor towards large corporations and wealthy individuals and institutions. This has to change. Sincerely, Timothy J. Larkin San Francisco, Ca.
—Timothy J. Larkin, San Francisco, CA

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—Jason LeValley, Tucson, AZ

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Steve Eisenberg, Dixfield, ME

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Valerie Guinan, Cupertino, CA

The biggest problem I have with the system proposed is that, ultimately, the bills are being payed by all of us - every single person who uses the internet - through our carriers. We overwhelmingly endorse equal access for everyone involved, so why should you side with the carriers? Are you complicit in this idea? I think yes. Grow a set and tell them no, they can't just grab it all and mete it out slowly. This shows the FCC to be a lowly tool - not an organization overseeing anything, just a device for the enrichment of a few. I would be ashamed to be that.
—Pat Wilkins, fitchburg, MA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Michael Taylor, Mercer Island, WA

America's internet is ALREADY among the slowest in the world. Ending net neutrality would be highly discriminatory.
—Nick Berezansky, Ridgewood, NJ

I already pay Comcast we'll for Internet access. Charging companies such as Netflix again for the same access, to retain their customers, is extortion. Please enforce Net Neutrality and break up the cable company monopolies.
—Lee Kupersmith, Madbury, NH

Please preserve Net Neutrality. It is a tool vital for a democracy and free society.
—Richard Zimdars, Athens, GA

Continued opportunity for small businesses...and for the explosion in innovation that the Internet has made possible over the last 25+ years (including Linux and other open source software initiatives) will CEASE TO EXIST IF NET NEUTRALITY IS NOT PERMANENTLY PRESERVED. Is that clear enough??
—Edgar Russell, Glen Burnie, MD

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—Harry and Jill Brownfield, Newport, PA

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—Ms. Alfa-Betty Olsen, New York, NY

I believe in protecting Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—julie Alian, Riverside, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows for freedom of speech and expression without regard to a person's ability to pay extra fees to access platforms. It also prevents companies, politicians, organizations, and others from censoring critical opinions and information.
—Mollie Madden, Minneapolis, MN

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—Edward Colley, Ellensburg, WA

Dear FCC With the appointment of your new "leader" I can see why Neutrality would be a foreign concept to you. However, in AMERICA we would like our internet to remain as is.
—Jason Salsbury, Little Elm, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Bret Sher, Vernon Hills, IL

The net was created by all of our tax dollars and should remain a public benefit as intended. Removal of net neutrality could kill seniors and persons with disabilities because they and their health providers would not be in the fast lane with the speed their electronic options expected for saving lives. Removal could also deny equal education access (e.g., AP classes) to children living in remote areas. Removal also would be expected to reduce the creativity and innovation our country's future requires. Regulate it as the public utility it is and should be for the public's interest.
—J Angell, Rescue, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Guy Perkins, Reno, NV

INTERNET FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE RICH FEW!
—D P, Madison, WI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Heather Haverfield, Langley, WA

Please deliver us from the curse of corporate rule. The media monsters are the embodiment of greedy, monopolistic, evil! Please don't put our fate in their hands.
—Brian Brian St. John, Spicewood, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Net neutrality has worked for a long time to make the internet a place where ideas are shared freely and people can learn about things quickly and easily. If you allow internet providers to prioritize content based on who can pay the most money, small companies, not-for- profit organizations and others will be pushed to the 'slow' traffic lane. This will cause many of them to cease to exist, so it really comes down to a form of censorship. You should reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect all of us who use the internet every day.
—Wynne Corson, Chicago, IL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Stephen Bogoff, Mill Valley, CA

The internet was built for all, not for the rich.
—Edward T. Hills, Westland, MI

The internet should stay with its current configuration with no one or two organizations controlling it. A controlled internet is a communist internet.
—Charlene Knop, Charlotte, NC

Reclassify internet as a utilities company.
—Noah Plakun, Brooklyn, NY

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—Nancy Carey, Gates, OR

THROW OUT THE RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY. I DON'T WANT MY ABILITY TO USE THE INTERNET HAMPERED BY THE GREED OF AT&T, COMCAST & VERIZON. STOP THIS NOW !!!
—Karen Neuforth, Great Bend, KS

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Chad M. Halsey, Salem, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Stan Sheggeby, madison, WI

Net Neutrality is vitally important for a free Internet.
—Ethan Ward, Lawrence, KS

The Internet should be accessible to all EQUALLY. No special access to only those who can afford it.
—Peggy Albrecht, Westlake Village, CA

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—ronald king, Salem, OR

Don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Timothy Gaughan, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet is important to everyone. We all deserve equal access. Period.
—Leslie Friedman, Junction City, OR

I ALREADY PAY FOR INTERNET SERVICE. I WANT TO THE SERVICE I PAY FOR TO BE PROTECTED. IF SITES I GO TO NEED TO PAY FOR A "FAST-LANE" FEE, THEN I AM BEING ROBBED OF THE SERVICE I PAY FOR.
—Steven Black, Bloomington, IN

Corporations should not be able to buy legislation on net neutrality. Keep the internet a balanced path for the flow information.
—Donny Kutzbach, Kenmore, NY

The internet should be viewed as a public utility.
—Cindy Thompson, Salina, KS

Because the Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers and governments 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.
—Mark Verkhovski, Walnut Creek, CA

Pay-to-play internet only serves to rid the country of smaller startups, mom-and-pop shops and anyone just trying to get going. You're ruining the ability of anyone to get a head because they can't pay to have decent speeds for their service. This is wrong. Do not let this happen. Make internet access like a utility, electric, water, etc... people can pay for what they use, but not how fast it is.
—Ryan Wallace, Seattle, WA

I fear our cost of Internet will go up a lot.
—Paul Rosenberger, Decatur, IL

RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Tory Wenger, Panama City, FL

Net neutrality allows a purity, a non-bias, and an intellectual freedom we wouldn't have without it.
—Susan r, TC, VT

I am insisting that FCC throws out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Pauline Priestley, Fenton, MI

Just like the telephone of the 19th century, the Internet is the predominant communication device of the 21st century and should be classified and regulated as such. To remain neutral all traffic must have equal & free access to the full speed of the internet.
—Paul Horne, Boynton Beach, FL

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—Daniel Burnham, Bloomington, IN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Al Daniel, Grosse Pointe, MI

I use the internet for both work and play. Please end Net Neutrality! It could cause me to lose a lot of customers and not be able to pay my bills or put food on my table.
—Kara Graul, Houston, TX

Verizon and Comcast make billions of dollars in profit each year. Billions. And yet for some reason, we're being told that isn't enough - they want to receive additional money based on the amount of internet traffic. If we were a purely capitalist society that would make a certain amount of sense. But we still fancy ourselves as a place where all voices deserve an equal right to be heard. In an age where corporate interests govern so much of our society, there needs to be a place where the people can make their voices heard. The internet has become that place. Please protect the dream of our founders that all men are endowed with certain inalienable rights.
—Thomas D Hendrickson, University Place, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers this is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Stephen Pazdziorko, Wilmington, MA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE The FCC needs to represent the interests of the human citizens of our country, not the corporate profit pirates of bandwidth.
—Pamela Leighton-Burwell, Austin, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Jean Friday, Belle Vernon, PA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Keep the internet open and free--no fast lanes for big spenders!!! Rule in favor of the people on this--not corporate profits. RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS. Protect Net Neutrality!!!
—Kathy Dasilva, Garden Grove, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Martha Utz, San Jose, CA

Anything other than net neutrality would be terrible for the economy and blatantly discriminatory.
—Anna M., Allston, MA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We need net neutrality.
—Rachel Wolf, Santa Cruz, CA

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—Margaret Ames, Kirkland, WA

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—Timothy Taylor, Los Angeles, CA

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—Michael Travere, aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't want the government in the business of playing favorites in choosing which content should receive preferential treatment. It will squelch what little competition exists and make things far worse for consumers.
—Angela Green, Oxford, MS

Isa 3:10-11 [NIV] Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds. Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them! They will be paid back for what their hands have done. Isa 3:14-15 [LB] First to feel his wrath will be the elders and the princes, for they have defrauded the poor. They have filled their barns with grain extorted from the helpless peasants. How dare U grind my people in the dust like that! the Lord of Hosts will demand of them. Isa 5:7 [NIV] .... And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.
—David Porter, jonesboro, GA

Please, just this once, do the right thing. I think that you'll still be able assure yourself that future career in the telecom industry by bending over backwards for them on some other issue. But this one is far too important to fuck the American public on. I hope you have some small shred of human decency left that will allow you to still see that.
—John Hoskinson, Los Angeles, CA

An open, neutral internet is required for modern democracy to survive. But aside from the freedom of speech and social justice issues inherent in any discussion of allowing current big business interests to throttle or restrict internet access, it's also simply bad for the future of all business. It is a bad business decision to limit access to new markets. Pay to play, tiered speed fee packages, it all adds up to the same thing. Big corporations will swallow or smother competition before it can even get started so they can maintain their own dominance. New markets that could be the future of our economy might never get off the ground.
—Pamila Payne, Reseda, CA

Reclassify the Internet as a Title II Communications service.
—Eddie Geller, Las Vegas, NV

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—Sonya Smith, Cadillac, MI

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—Wayne Kelly, Ashland, OR

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—J Miskelly, baltimore, MD

Free speech = net neutrality. All people are created equal and that goes for what we are charged for the Internet, and we should all be able to access any sites we want, we don't need Big Internet telling us what we are allowed to access.
—Patricia Dingleberry, Jersey City, NJ

DO THE RIGHT THING FOR EQUAL ACCESS AND FAIRNESS TO ALL. RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Belle Sprague, Chino Hills, CA

The free and unimpeded flow of information is crucial to a democratic nation. Commercial traffic for profit should not take priority over the functioning of our nation.
—Mr Moe Kafka, New Brunswick, NJ

I've said it before and I'll say it again. The internet was developed with government money and has been a driver for all sorts of innovation. If we don't protect net neutrality it'll turn into just another money pump for big corporations.
—Suzan E Syrett, Menlo Park, CA

If you think there is a tiered populace now - with major inequities - just wait. Destroying net neutrality will finish making this a 3rd world country. Serfdom will be pleasant compared to what will happen here. WE the people BUILT the internet - and WE the PEOPLE MUST be able to use it unshackled and equal.
—Ms. Ann Wilson, Garland, TX

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike Beer, Milwaukee, WI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mill Miller, Dayton, OH

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Harry Smith, Costa Mesa, CA

Do not hand us over to the cable companies and Verizon, which are already way too powerful and intrusive.
—Carol Casey, Baltimore, MD

Internet service providers should not have the ability to discriminate against content. Internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Kellie Smith, Deering, NH

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Jorge Flores, Morgantown, WV

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Shannon Cowett, Chantilly, VA

When I buy a pair of shoes, I get the same price, the same deal, as my neighbor gets. This fair deal should also apply to the Internet. The big corporations already have too much power. This needs to end. Let's have more power for the PEOPLE.
—Helen N. Hanna, Sacramento, CA

Hi, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks Joe
—Joe Jones, Sunnyvale, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—James Nowack, Highland, NY

Do the job you were hired for as the responsible party creating rule for all citizens, corporations and the common good- not for former and obviously by your proposals, future employers. The common good for all supercedes any connections and or payoffs you have and receive. Net neutrality can be sustained very simply- these rules seem to be written explicitly for the not so hidden hand and need to be rejected.
—Carol Jagiello, bloomingdale, NJ

This is not only democratic, it's anti-capitalistic. What happened to letting the market decide? Haha, what a sham, the "free" market. Say no to this monopolistic outline these rules propose for yet another of our media, perhaps the most important.
—Sam DeLeo, Denver, CO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE I use the net to obtain information from several sources, entertainment and my own website. net Neutrality allows freedom information to flow freely and is vital to our democracy and way; of life.
—Robert Berry, Petaluma, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mr James L Wolcott, Evansville, IN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Antonio Barbosa, Lisbon,

Keep the Internet a level playing field for all, or it will become the domain of the wealthy and powerful as has been proven by the actions of the cable and telecom providers that they can not be trusted!
—Wayne Williams, Sherman Oaks, CA

HEY WHEELER DEALER!!! VERIZON already has us by the short hairs. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. DO YOUR JOB!!
—Willard Goodman Goodman, bethesda, MD

No tiers, the internet should be treated as a telephone line, no fast lanes for some. ISP's are as common carriers!
—John Costello, Lancaster, NY

Do not give the OPEN Internet away to the service provider corporations. That is not the democratic thing to do. If you quash Net Neutrality, the poor, school children, people who are self-employed and others will be damaged educationally and financially. Do not go forward with your plans to coddle the corporations. Keep Net Neutrality in place as it has been since the founding of the internetl. Please. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!
—Sandra Whiteknact, New York, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Brett Gadbois, Bainbridge Island, WA

The internet belongs to everyone. It is a public utility and should therefore be designated a common carrier. It should not be a device for companies to profit via a tiered and discriminatory system of service
—Susan Blain, Gardner, MA

Internet service in the US is slow and overpriced compared to other developed countries. The reasons boil down to the fact that we've failed to treat it as a public utility, as other countries have. Not only have we left this essential infrastructure to the vagaries of corporations, but we've under-regulated them, resulting in a lack of competition, among other problems. Partly because of the FCC's loosening of regulations during the last few decades, at least 90% of traditional media are owned by 6 colossal, multinational corps. If we fail to act now to protect net neutrality, the same forces that bought control of cable tv and our political process will have the power to discriminate and censor content on the net. The net is where freedom happens now. Reclassify the internet as a public utility and regulate it to protect REAL net neutrality.
—Carolyn Sortor, Dallas, TX

We would not permit certain corporations to have privileged access to faster lanes of the interstate while the rest of us had to pay to use those lane. Everyday people, small companies, and start-ups should not have to pay extra for the the speed others with privilege get.
—Sandra L. Herndon, Shelton, WA

We should be leaders in Freedoms and Commerce. This assuredly will hamstring both Efforts!
—David Kwitkowski, Chicago, IL

Please do not allow the Internet to become yet another example inequality and the ability for those who can pay more are allowed to commandeer and overtake the Internet to the point that those who can't get squeeze down or out altogether.
—HiC Luttmers, Menlo Park, CA

Net neutrality is important, because the power to inhibit internet use shouldn't be arbitrarily determined by a handful of providers. Enabling companies to throttle internet access and speeds gives them the ability to interfere with commerce by companies they don't approve of, and customers who are unwilling or unable to pay their tiered fees. History indicates that leaving decision-making power in the hands of profit-driven companies rarely works out well for the consumer.
—Lewayne White, Grimes, IA

Please protect REAL net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Roger Bell, Morgantown, WV

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Dennis Kleinsmith, Lathrup Village, MI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Betsy Germanotta, Cambridge, MA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Jeff Stromgren, minneapolis, MN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Lucian Dixon, Jackson, MS

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE: FCC throw these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Geoffrey McCabe, Hollywood, CA

AT&T did not develop the Internet. Comcast did not develop the Internet. Verizon did not develop the Internet. America's military, supported by US taxpayers - people like me! - created and developed the Internet. DO NOT HAND OVER TO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WHAT BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC! Say a loud and furious NO! to ending Net Neutrality.
—Meryle A. Korn, Portland, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mitchell Slatin, Lakewood, CO

Please do not consider a two tiered internet - with "fast lanes" guaranteeing discrimination. Keep the internet FREE and NEUTRAL! Classify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you !
—Elizabeth Cross, Rancho Mirage, CA

The internet is a means of education for many underprivileged and poor people. They should have the same internet access and speed as the wealthy who want to limit internet access to the poor!
—Terry Huey, Lexington, KY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Beverly Williamson-Pecori, McKees Rocks, PA

Slippery slope to controlling what we see and hear. News needs to be unbiased and uncontrolled to have ANY value at all.
—Tristan Brandhorst, Madison, WI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Rose Hughes, Minneapolis, MN

Free the internet! We need real net neutrality! Make the net an public utility!
—Mr. Brenan Searain, Pueblo, CO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Any attempt to alter the course of true democracy is ill founded and for personal corporate gain only. That is what this propsed plan to control the internet is all about...in one word, greed. We're not buying it.
—J Benevento, gilroy, CA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christian Y Rivera, Homestead, FL

STOP INTERNET FUCKERY!
—Matthew Smith, hillsborough, NC

ISPs are and should be labelled common carriers.
—Cameron L Palmer, Garland, TX

It's already slow - Don't make it worse
—Kevin Wightman, sylmar, CA

More and more the USA is looking like a 3rd world country. Certainly not a leader by any means. You have contributed to the selling of our country to the highest bidder.
—Michael Sullivan, Marshfield Hills, MA

The internet is NOT BROKEN so why is the FCC trying to fix it so that service providers can make a "Fast" lane for anyone able to afford extra fees and a "Slow" lane for everyone else?--it's obvious the FCC is trying NOT to fix anything--but to break what's already working!!!
—Lynn Manzione, athens, GA

Democracy requires an equal voice for all concerned.
—Dean R. Sigler, Aloha, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Cynthia Fertman, Winchester, MA

Once again a large corporation is making money of the backs of the consumers. This action will cost the general public more with the end result being that the mega-rich corporations become even richer.
—Mark Mahallak, Crystal Lake, IL

Net Neutrality is the ONLY thing preventing companies from gouging us for services they don't own. I demand net neutrality!
—Shawn Wilton, Salem, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Please do not destroy net neutrality because it will pose a hardship to people who can't afford to pay for faster services.
—Barbara Sullivan, Peabody, MA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Robert Grillo, Chicago, IL

True net neutrality, in which all data is treated equally and there there are no "fast lanes," is vitally important to U.S. innovation and democracy. Please preserve net neutrality, and don't let ISPs created a two-tiered system, paid system. We the people want true net neutrality. Please preserve it.
—Gari Cruze, Cincinnati, OH

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Wesley Barton, Magnolia, AR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Jdalla@coxnet Dalla, Las Vegas, NV

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jaen Lawrence, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is the new requirement for an information-rich civil society. Education, technology, politics, health, and culture (in other words, everything we care about) will be impacted negatively, while the biggest of the big entertainment companies get richer, and our society as a whole suffers.
—Gin Ferrara, South Burlington, VT

You clearly are intelligent individuals and can see the importance of protecting net neutrality. Just because it's good for wallets and pocketbooks today doesn't mean it will be good for anyone tomorrow. Please do the right thing!!
—Mary Burke, lisbon, IA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Internet service providers should remain as common carriers equal to all! Democracy still counts!
—Cynthia Cynthia Maris Dantzic, Brooklyn, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—T Stephen Cody, Tucson, AZ

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Net neutrality is an indicator of a democratic society in which every individual is given the equal opportunity to exercise his/her freedom to communicate via the Internet.
—Roberta Desalle, New York, NY

Please throw out your proposed FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Sylvia Stack, Annandale, VA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Bruce Markens, New York, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Ed Rivera, Santa Cruz, CA

Please listen to the real people of this country and leave the internet an open place.
—Philip Wittlief, Chicago, IL

Corporate ISP's should be just like the power lines: how much we choose to use and pay for and what we use them for is our own business and none of theirs!
—Jim Liljeberg, Bay Springs, MS

Net Neutrality has given so many people the opportunity to start small businesses, share ideas and opinions without the threat of censorship, and allows for more innovation in technologies and communication. The proposed rules from Tom Wheeler would effectively kill net neutrality and allow rampant discrimination, which should not be tolerated. Instead, internet service providers must be reclassified as Title II common carriers to preserve real net neutrality.
—Matt Ringquist, Redwood Falls, MN

Internet is the future of communication. It is cruel to leave our experience to the judgement of corporations.
—Ahmet Emir Kara, Farmers Branch, TX

If you don't have net neutrality, it all boils down to greed and who has the most money and who can profit the most.
—Scott Mack, Indiana, PA

Dear FCC, Your position and proposed rules affecting open and neutral use of the internet is not well thought out and smacks of corporate lobbying and payoffs. Everyone will think this. You need to back off and leave the internet open for all and not let corporations do even more damage to the freedom of all americans than they have already done. Thank you.
—Gary Schuitema, Tucson, AZ

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—Suzanne Dalton, Canton, OH

Maintaining equal treatment of network traffic on the Internet is of utmost importance to the future of the United States economy. The US is already behind much of the developed world in terms of Internet access speeds which puts us at dire risk to be overtaken in development of new technologies and services. If ISPs are able to make extra profit by charging service providers for faster access to end users, the ISPs will be disincented to improve network speeds because they will then lose that profit if their networks become fast enough that the "fast lane" isn't necessary. It will become necessary to keep US Internet speeds low enough that basic access is inadequate to provide services in order to maintain that line of profit. Additionally, innovation will be stifled by the high cost of competing with established rivals. If a busines requires huge amounts of money in order to reach its potential customers effectively, it will be extremely difficult for new players with new ideas to enter the market.
—Jonathon Merz, San Francisco, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Ryan Reasor, Austin, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—James Hildebrand, Mobile, AL

As a librarian, I know, because I see them, that there are many people without internet access at home, and they depend upon free access at the nearest library. Libraries get so much use, that we have to establish time limits for each person in order that everyone can have a turn. A slow internet for libraries means that some people will have even more limited access to government, job, etc. information, which is many times available in no other format, and is vital for them to participate in public life. The proposed rules are a disaster. The internet is now fully as basic to modern life as telephone, water or any other utility. PLEASE do not allow ISPs to discriminate against any clients.
—B Dingley, Kansas City, MO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Glenda Goldwater, Portland, OR

No fast lanes, no slow lanes. These changes will kill inovative commerce.
—Michael Leighton, Henderson, NV

Hey, FCC! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Now.
—Tami Linder, Mountainair, NM

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—Joseph Zirker, Menlo Park, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Martin Banks, North Bay Village, FL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Linda Brebner, Rochester, NY

Net Neutrality is important to small business, jobs, and our economy. Keep it neutral! Classify it as Title 2 like it deserves to be!
—Jon Proton, Ithaca, NY

Please limit the influence that these corporations wish to inflict on the consumer. Net neutrality is a necessary state for multiple innovations to develop by small time individuals or small company. Don't create another Ma Bell type megacorporation
—George Lefayt, Columbia, MD

Net Neutrality is something that we all need. If we treat internet like T.V. then no one would want to be on the internet. FCC would ruin the Freedoms our founding fathers fought hard to get us.
—Juan Duran Cantu IV, Mesquite, TX

Please... Just stop.
—Thomas Rymer, Savage, MN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE We Must, as a free society, maintain Net Neutrality! Already we are behind a lot of the World technologically! Save America Greatness!
—Christopher Law, Laguna Woods, CA

Please don't push for a plan that would allow for a tiered internet. It is imperative that the US be a leader of innovation and internet policy. Don't let corporations run something this important.
—Jenny Dimsho, Portland, OR

The internet is a common carrier utility, exactly like the telephone system, and should be regulated like the telephone system. Whether transfering digital voice, or data, it is handled the same way by the equipment and should be handled the same way by the regulators. No one has to pay more for making phone calls than another person, and content providers on the internet should not have to pay to have their content delivered.
—Tom Dewille, Owens Cross Roads, AL

The Internet is a human achievement on the level of the printing press...but better! Coming up with a 'fast lane' for companies who pay for it will destroy it. FCC, you are meant to be the cops on the beat FOR THE PEOPLE when it comes to all these things - have you been bought? Please REGULATE cable companies and Internet providers, rather than cave in to them.
—Susan Gillespie, Chatham, NJ

please do it now.
—Leda Slattery, Idaho Falls, ID

I as one senior citizen struggling to make ends meet on just a monthly SS payment of $941.00 and a small part job with a grocery store chain amounting to an addition $100.00 cannot afford any price increases on anything and still make ends meet. To allow an inexpensive way to communicate with others as the internet has done we cannot allow corporations to interfere with this method of affordable communication by raising costs and taxes on its use.
—Richard W. Firth, Mechanicsville, VA

Net Neutrality is the only way to level the playing field and keep the United States on par with other developed countries. Let's keep America on the forefront of technology and support Net Neutrality.
—Jay Conrad Price, SAN DIEGO, CA

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—Kathy Bilicke, Los Angeles, CA

Ner neutrality is important because it stimulates commerce to a much larger and broader scope than any prioritizing will do. Any sale of bandwidth to highest bidder is antithetical to the concept of a public utility which the Wide World Web is. Selling access to bandwidth will hamper development of many businesses and severely limit choices. Vote for meet neutrality
—Gabriel Morner, Rutherford, NJ

Net Neutrality is a right of the people. It is our job to protect it, and that includes YOU Mr. FCC. Get off your asses! If you're not going to do shit, you might as well step aside and let us, the people, take care of this. If you're not in these company's pockets, do something NOW before it's too late.
—Juan Pereanez, Phillipsburg, NJ

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Angel Negron, brooklyn, NY

This makes no sense to me. Please stop supporting the ISPs. Represent the people.
—Dave Swift, Boston, MA

The Internet is and always has been a neutral platform for people to share with one another. It's not a corporate platform, for executives to control its content.
—Atli Hafsteinsson, Reykjavik,

No one should control the way information flows. Corporations, who are never accountable, and wealthy businessmen with an agenda (to make themselves bigger salaries at the expense of everyone else) should have nothing to do with administrating the world-wide Internet. Information is gold and should not be hoarded. It should be considered free as air. Too many people will suffer from information deprivation if service providers are the choosers of who gets to do what.
—Dana Ivey, New York, NY

Net neutrality will only help lazy corporations, at the expense of the consumer. Another welfare for Comcast & Verizon. I know they are greasing the pockets of FCC, I also know that these poor Corporations are now defined as People , by our corrupt Supreme Corporate Court! So go ahead, and do the thing that will hurt the consumer. Just remember, when we ALL are on Welfare, there will be no more consumers to grease these wheels!
—Allen Wickell, Fort Myers, FL

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—Serge Lubomudrov, Chicago, IL

The internet holds the key to information access, changing it in this way will further damage democracy worlwide
—Alejandro Andres Monreal, Auckland 1446,

Tom Wheeler: What's your problem with Net Neutrality???
—Nina Ramos, St. Petersburg, FL

There is far too much discrimination in this "democratic" country but so far use of the internet has been relatively equal for all and it should stay this way!
—Anne and John Hedberg, Golden, CO

I live on Social Security and use the Internet continuously to communicate with friends, research topics and get help around the house. My present bill through a cable provider is currently outrageous. I can only imagine what will happen to my access if my representative do not protect me.
—Jeffrey Bains, The Villages, FL

Net neutrality is crucial for education and free and easy access to knowledge. I am a teacher and rely on net neutrality in the classroom.
—Steve Bush, Santa Rosa, CA

The internet is where I learn, study, and pretty much do everything.
—Abbey Ash, Ashland, OR

Throw out these proposed rules that allow corporations to control the internet. What does the FCC not get about net neutrality being vital to our economy and communications? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kevin West, Austin, TX

I can't have others choosing my ideas for me, I can't have a particular culture forced upon me by priority being given to the ideas and thoughts and values of any particular entity or corporation.
—Shane Deal, Cayuga, NY

No less than our freedom and democracy are at stake. Net neutrality protects us from a form of capitalist totalitarianism.
—Kevin B Vaught, Antioch, TN

Hi there FCC! I know you guys work really hard, and have a lot on your plate. I also know you get a lot of gruff from people. I know you're not a bad group, but I do beg you to PLEASE restore proper net neutrality. The internet is quite literally the future, and back room deals or not, the current state of net neutrality is limiting our ability to innovate. With the way things are heading, while certain high ranking individuals (not necessarily in the FCC) are stuffing their pockets, we're trying our hardest to circumvent systems in place JUST so we can innovate and improve. An open internet is paramount to our future as innovators and creators, and I urge you to do your part to make America stand up for net neutrality and an open Internet so that we can continue to be the best country. Thanks!
—Andrew Hauser, Pensacola, FL

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—Caroline Binder, Mc Connellsburg, PA

FCC- watch this video - https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=fpbOEoRrHyU Shame on you Tom wheeler & FCC!
—Swetha Chellappa, GILBERT, AZ

NO ONE, EXCEPT THE MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR WHOM YOU PROSTITUTE (prostitute: #2 a person who sells their values and talents for an unworthy cause) SUPPORT A TIERED SYSTEM.
—Robert E Flynn, Minneapolis, MN

WE ARE TIRED OF BIG COMPANIES RULING THIS COUNTRY AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AREN'T YOU ALREADY MAKING ENOUGH MONEY OFF OF THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE? IS NO AMOUNT ENOUGH? CORPORATE GREED IS KILLING THIS COUNTRY. IF THE INTERNET IS NOT BROKE DON'T FIX IT!
—Tiffany, Conroe, TX

Protect NET NEUTRALITY.
—Chris Noyes, bloomfield, NJ

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.
—Judy Coughlin, Los Gatos, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Cyndi Hunt, Tallahassee, FL

I don't believe the telcos when they claim that a two-tiered system will do right by "the little guy." We need bandwidth for all destinations to have the same quality-of-service guarantees, or else we'll end up with a patchwork of better and worse routes, and innovation for the little guy will be stifled.
—Daniel Hardman, American Fork, UT

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—Sarah Hafer, Sacramento, CA

Pleeeeease. Keep net neutrality alive. It's all I care about!
—Austin Gould, Santa Clarita, CA

The internet has become an unexpected tool for social change and transparency. It works because it is open and organic. It is so much more than a delivery system for media content. Please do not compromise it's potential by putting business interests in charge. We had no idea that the internet would become what it is. We have no idea what it may yet become. Let us not continue to make the same mistakes.
—James Jentile, portland, OR

THE INTERNET SHOULD BE EQUAL FOR ANYONE WHO USES IT. NOT JUST THE GREEDY RICH!!!!
—Lynn Morris, Chicago, IL

FCC YOU MUST throw out FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler"s plan that would allow rampant discrimination online, FCC YOU MUST THROW OUT THESE RULES AND INSTEAD, "RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS." This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Elaine Balgemann, Mesa, AZ

We need Net Neutrality because it allows small business and self-employees expand their business to a global scale. Without Net Neutrality, it's going to increase the unemployment rate to skyrocketing levels
—Eliseo W. Perez, Homestead, FL

Keep the internet neutral!
—Alice Shechter, Brooklyn, NY

FCC: I am SICK AND TIRED of big money buying influence in all aspects of life, especially when it concerns profits! You WILL keep the internet neutral and equal for all users! Correct?
—Patrick Brady, Indianapolis, IN

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—Jeramy DeCristo, San Francisco, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—David Martin Ph.D., Norwich, CT

Like or not, the World Wide Web is a public utility in todays day and age. A significant portion of our population does not understand this concept partially because it has been treated as such for the majority of their conscious lives. It's ubiquitous presence in our daily lives is greater now then land line phone services was 20 years ago. Leave traffic flow on the net free and open. It's the cost of our digital age. Chapman Holbrook Houston TX
—Chapman G Holbrook, HOUSTON, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE We already have the most expensive and slower internet and wireless, than most countries. This is not going to change it. It will only make it worse.
—Mr. Scott Pierce, Portland, OR

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS HERE ARE HELL BENT ON TURNING THIS COUNTRY INTO THE FASCIST STATES OF AMERICA. STOP THIS NOW, IT IS CORRUPT. THE FACT THAT WHEELER IS THE HEAD OF THE FCC MAKES THIS POINT PERFECTLY CLEAR.
—Christopher Willcox, Santa Barbara, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Maintain net neutrality.
—Charles Wilson, Monterey, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Kirk Bails, Harrison Twp., MI

The idea that the internet should be treated is a common carrier is so obvious and so clearly true and so clearly in the best interest of the majority of the country and what we stand for -- an open society. The internet is already the main hub for communication and is becoming more so every day. To be on the side of economic oligarchs and against the majority of your country would be a monumental mistake. History is watching you. You have an opportunity to be on the right or wrong side of history. Do the right thing.
—Jonah Safer, New York, NY

The internet belongs to the world. Why should anybody or any corporation be able to pirate this?
—Margaret Rose, Seattle, WA

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—Eva Thomas, Woodside, CA

Don't discriminate against people who can't afford high fees for internet service. Freedom of speech, including net neutrality, should be your priority NOT the whims of large corporations who control Internet services.
—S Harrell, Fort Collins, CO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Sky Tripp-Schaefer, MIddle River, MD

Follow the money and you'll see why.....
—Arthur Krakowsky, Livermore, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Lindsey Sanders, WEST DUNDEE, IL

Please do the right thing and support Net Neutrality for everyone regardless of wealth and privilage.
—William Davison, Everett, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mark James Bedard, HONOLULU, HI

Discrimination is wrong on any level. Living where we do, in an area where our antenna brings us a very slow internet to begin with, we are especially concerned that our service could decline even further. We also understand all too well the deep frustration slow service would cause the population at large, causing it at times to turn off the whole thing in disgust. Please do not allow this to happen. Keep us all on the same level, fair, and playing field. No "pay to play."
—Joan M. Walker, Bell, FL

The internet should be free and available to everyone!
—Gary Haven, Agoura Hills, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE At 77 years of age, I find the Internet is my window on the world. I often seek out alternative news sources. Why should they be bumped/dumped because RICH Korporations can buy first? We-the-people strongly support Net Neutrality.
—Donald L. Anderson, HARPSWELL, ME

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tracy S Troth, Pearl, MS

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Blaine Nowak, Theresa, WI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mark Mendoza, Cincinnati, OH

I believe there is enough economical disparity. Net neutrality allows all to be informed independent of their bank account. Sincerely, Debora Sayre
—Debora Sayre, Pinole, CA

It would be utterly unconscionable to have a two tiered internet and a travesty for one of the last places where the spirit and practice of democracy is possible. So come on, stop appeasing corporate interests and listen to the people -- for once! I strongly oppose the FCC's proposed internet rules!!!!
—Herbert Long, Ashland, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Francisco de Tavira, Toluca,

Net neutrality keeps families who are separated by miles in contact. So how about preserving net neutrality as a "family value".
—A Bonvouloir, Sunnyvale, CA

A free and open internet is to this country being run for the people by the people as corporations are to loss of major freedoms and enslavement.
—Jessika Ojea, Wonder Lake, IL

I care about Net Neturality, because I care about democracy. Letting internet companies affect the speed of various sites is unAmerican. We are not supposed to be a Corporatocracy.
—Holly Mosher, Venice, CA

There is no way that you can truly justify a multiple tier internet system that is fair and open to all. It just isn't. Activities that have come to light (namely Comcast and Verizon throttling their own customers access to Netflix for instance) can't be disputed. It's a as if it was a mob shakedown, plain and simple, and should not be allowed. This behavior needs to be prevented and the only way to do that is to reclassify the internet as a class 2 common carrier. It's the only way to prevent the cable companies from getting away with what would be completely illegal if it was happening in the physical world. You are supposed to be making sure that the telecommunications companies behave in a fair and honest method, and the two tier system distinctly behaves in a manner opposite to this mandate. There is no true competition in the internet provider sector which would give for reasons that ISP's would not want to throttle connections to their customers. The market is set up in such a way that we rely on the government to prevent this type of behavior. In fact it is so bad that I personally think that the ISPs should be evaluated to see if they fall in the category of a monopoly and perhaps be forced to break up into smaller ISPs, just as the Bell system was broken up years ago, we seem to be into a similar situation, but this time with the ISPs instead of a phone provider. We probably shouldn't have a former cable company lobbyist as chairman of the FCC. Conflict of interest right there.
—Andre Trego, Chicago, IL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Justin Saegusa, San Diego, CA

We have to keep the net free, fair, and inviting to innovation and small business.
—Kevin Gracey, Satellite Beach, FL

Because you can't take people's voice away and expect them to be compliant.
—Marlena Maria, Norwood, MA

Net Neutrality should be protected by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. If rules need adjustment to make that happen then make it so.
—Chris Osborne, Raytown, MO

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Daniel Wright, Staunton, VA

NET NEUTRALITY IS FREEDOM
—Anthony Ponticello, Reno, NV

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Dan Sutton, Port Townsend, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Josh W Keyes, Ann Arbor, MI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Laurie Beringer, Lakewood, OH

Net Neutrality is important because all internet traffic should be treated the same no matter its origin. ISPs should be common carriers so that they cannot censor and interfere with traffic they disagree with (no matter the reason they disagree) under the guise of "They didn't pay me what I want". This is analogous to the mafia charging protection money. Furthermore, ISPs can slow my traffic down to dialup speeds and continue to charge me full price because the contract specifies a service level agreement of "up to the speed you pay for, but never guaranteed". With no neutrality, they can do this legally because I request traffic from a source that has not paid my ISP what they want.
—Chris Plummer, Woodbridge, VA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Douglas Philips, Pittsburgh, PA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mariu Suarez, Fort Worth, TX

All data on the internet should be treated equally. I support Net Neutrality.
—Roger Lankford, Eden, NC

The prices for the Internet are way too high now. With this setup gone to a two tier setup I will be out of business period. I am on Disability and the Internet is how I keep my self occupied. There is not enough money from Disability to live on let alone go somewhere. The Open Internet is very important to people like me who are Disabled or Retired on a fixed income. Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and others are so disrespectful to it's customers as it is that it is so pathetic to even think about a two tier setup. The two Tier Setup would totally destroy many people lives.
—Ronald Norman, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality is the only way to move forward with the internet. The FCC proposed Internet rules are on par with Citizens United in what they would do to the average person on the internet. We do not want a country where only people with lots and lots of money have any say in the way we operate. We the people for the people is not the same as We the corporations for the corporations. Do not change the way that the internet allows equal access to information for everyone. Let Freedom reign on the internet.
—Leslie LaMuro, Fort Atkinson, WI

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—Evelyn Palder, Rockport, TX

This is WILDLY important and not something that should be commercialized for the interests of big business.
—Renee Abousamra, Lake Oswego, OR

If you make these changes to the internet you will actually make the American dream impossible for lower income populations. The only reason to do this is if you are getting bribed! This will guarantee the decline and fall of America!!!!! Grow a pair and pretend to be as interested in America than you are in political games...
—Randy Johnson, Bend, OR

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—Brian L Skaggs, San Francisco, CA

Simply put, the proposed rules are garbage and allow for cable companies to double dip and charge both content providers as well as end users. I personally pay Verizon to act as the delivery system for any and all data I want. They should not be tasked with determining and taxing the importance of the data I'm requesting. Classify them as common carriers and keep the internet open as it should be.
—Andrew Gormley, Exton, PA

Democracy and fairness is at stake here. Instead of assisting corporations in taking over the internet, please assist U.S. citizens in keeping a level playing field. Please don't be responsible as a restrictor of freedom to the public air waves and access to the internet for all users not just corporate friends. Please act on behalf of the American public. Isn't that your job?
—Robin Wisdom, Roseburg, OR

These changes will do nothing but hurt the internet. ISPs already profit enormously!
—Gregory Dunbar, Portland, OR

Chairman Wheeler needs to end the threat of Net Neutrality. Every single user of the Internet, whether customers or third party content providers PAYS for their bandwidth... Subscription fast tracks are a breach of contract with ISPs and nothing more than a case of Mr. Wheeler working for his former bosses at big telecom/wireless companies, instead of working for the American people. Additionally, Mr. Wheeler has proven himself a corporate puppet and corrupt and needs to be fired.
—Ril'riia Kil'urden, Lewiston, ME

As the world's newest infrastructure, upon which communications and the flow of information depend, it is imperative that the Internet be treated as a public utility, regulated in the same way. Protecting equal and universal public and private access to this civilization-changing resource is the number one priority to insure and sustain the balance between private and public interests. To do otherwise, as did the Supreme Court's ruling giving corporations personhood, you add to the assault on our democracy, giving the value of wealth priority over equality, property rights over human and civil rights, and the few dominance over the many. Common carrier is the legal status that fixes the boundaries around those resources that in the social contract are deemed accessible to all without regard to individual economic status -- a refinement of the basic inalienable rights of all people.
—Ken Marsh, Los Angeles, CA

True Net Neutrality where everyone has equal access is important to me. Access to the internet should not decided by how deep your pockets are. Keep equal access to the internet available to all!
—David Kingsley, Loxahatchee, FL

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—Marc Lionetti, Austin, TX

THIS MUST NOT PASS! Please don't let the Internet be for sale to the highest bidder - (like the rest of our government) Can you imagine having the kind of Internet access China allows it's citizens? That's what we will end up with. Broadband providers must be classified as title 2 common carrier.
—Mary Ellen Pascucci, Fountain Valley, CA

The power of money must not be allowed to render us as sencond class citizens. The super wealthy already have a strong foothold on purchasing/owning the government. This is not the time to further cave to the super rich (unless you are for sale, also)? Please think about it ..... Save the internet and maintain an even playing field.
—Del D. Gomes, Southington, CT

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE You put the wolf in charge of the sheep: EVEN SO, WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY, NO TWO-SPEED ACCESS, AND THE CABLE COMPANIES SHOULD ALL BE BROKEN UP AND LEARN TO OBEY THE RULES.
—Therese de Vet, Tucson, AZ

Make all ISP's common carriers. Show them and the nation that the FCC isn't corrupt and keep the internet truly free from the kinds of evil Washington DC has given to us in all its other forms.
—Mike Hughes, pittsboro, IN

Net Neutrality is exceptionally important because the internet is a utility.
—Carl Nelson, San Francisco, CA

It is important that Net Neutrality exist because it means that everyone has a chance. If Net Neutrality is cloaked in a pay lane for performance, then we have an "in" for all types of control issues, such as pay for inclusion and pay for use. I already pay for increased broadband rates, why should I pay a second fee to enable a media, information source to have enough access to give me the promised results of my premium service? It is only a way to enrich and empower the cable monopolies. Virtually no community allows more than one cable company within their boundary, much like they don't allow more than one water or electric utility. This gives monopoly rights to the majority of broadband providers. I have never seen monopolies work for the Country or its citizens. They only work for the best interests of the monopolies and the politicians that grant those rights of exclusion. We must have an even and fair handed Net Neutrality. Anything else is handing the keys over to a nefarious and greedy few to destroy what the last 20 years has created.
—Michael Forster, Portland, OR

The FCC proposal to allow different internet speeds for different web content providers, depending on whether the provider pays a ransom. This plan will be disastrous. Your role is to watch out for the American public. You must reject Tom Wheeler's plan to promote discrimination online.
—Art Wagner, Pasadena, MD

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—Matthew Gerboth, Kennewick, WA

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—Andrew Hoelscher, Cambridge, MA

The Internet is a common-carrier public utility, and should be regulated as such.
—Mary Donch, New Rochelle, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrew Frey, Pasadena, CA

You believe in innovation, don't you? You believe in free enterprise, don't you? Well then, save Net Neutrality.
—Susan Klement, Tucson, AZ

Because I count on the Internet to be able to find unbiased information. There is no chance of unbiased information without Net Neutrality. We will be come a nation of agenda-oriented messages.
—Karen Smith, Aripeka, FL

The innovation that comes out of the internet is immeasurable. We can not afford, as a nation, to hinder access in any, way to the everyday person. Please use your power for the good of the masses and not the pockets of the few.
—Michelle Davis, santa Cruz, CA

The internet is a way for every day Americans to get information and exchange ideas with others of the same opinion or of different opinions without the interference of big Internet providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. Online content could be censored by relegating opinions they don't want people to hear to the "slow lanes" and only what they want people to hear will be easily accessible. Net Neutrality is important to Democracy in America. We are well on the way to becoming an oligarchy now. Don't speed the process and let the Internet in this country become like China, Iran, and other dictatorial countries.
—Jeanne Sipahigil, Liberty, IN

We already have a good set of consumer protection rules in Title II - make the ISPs follow common carrier rules now and make adjustments if needed in the future. ISPs are already able to charge far too much for the substandard services provided. Don't let them have an excuse to pass on even more fees to consumers.
—Eric J. Baker, Landenberg, PA

Internet IS Network Neutrality. Not classifying ISPs as common carriers - which they ARE - is equal to saying "Let Bell come back and monopolize entire telephone network". Its intolerable.
—Ozgur Zeren, Cercedilla, NC

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—Michael Bilotti, Erie, PA

Please ensure net neutrality, because if you don't, you will ensure monopolization of the internet.
—Anthony Doherty, Round Hill, VA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; don't destroy net neutrality.
—Patricia Stewart, Vincennes, IN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This will protect true net neutrality. Thank you.
—Robert P. Jehn, Cochranton, PA

The internet is the only medium where individuals have any semblance of equality in the world. The FCC is supposed to be a government agency and following the Constitution...of and by the people not of and buy the corporations. Allowing the further rape of our fragile society is disgusting.
—Lynne L Tracy, Delray Beach, FL

Net neutrality is as fundamental as free speech!! Corporate dollars MUST NOT be allowed to cherry pick the availability of information. Please FCC, do not dilute net neutrality. Lincoln King, Honolulu.
—Lincoln King, Honolulu, HI

No one should have control over the internet which currently is equally accessible.
—Sirina Sucklal, Laurel, MD

Classify ISPs as common carriers NOW. They already get the benefits of being common carriers - immunity from liability over content transmitted, for example. They need to give something back in exchange.
—Ken Rose, Fallbrook, CA

Net neutrality ensures a level playing field for all Internet users. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Martha Smith, Elmira, NY

Comcast is already a monopoly, I thought we didn't allow them to exist anymore, yeah right! Do not give them any more power over individuals. I suggest, it is time for the FCC to do it's JOB and BREAK UP Comcast. Do Not give them any more power.
—Mark Arsenault, Franklinville, NJ

Because Comcast and other ISPs should not have the power to tell me how quickly I can or cannot view something.
—Jennifer Jensen, Okemos, MI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Keep the internet as it is..Please!!
—Ian bernard, Santa Ynez, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as this is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. If AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are the only ones against reclassification, then it is proof that this is the correct route to go.
—Jason Nardell, Longmont, CO

Just do the right thing: reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and save true net neutrality and the TRUE open internet.
—Matthew Ikle, Alamosa, CO

Tom Wheeler should resign. He has no intention of allowing net neutrality to continue. Preventing cable company monopoly is the only boundary that protects us from oligarchy in this country. We have so little left that is not owned by corporations that have merged into bigger and bigger monoliths who (since corporations are now people according to the supreme court) control how we live.
—Mary Bennett, Seattle, WA

We, the tax-payers of America, paid for the invention and perfection of the internet then, why are we having to fight for what is rightfully ours?
—Rolando Arango, Fairfield, CA

Don't let the big Telcos and ISP's control the internet!! If they have their way it will be just to rape and pilfer all customers bank accounts! Keep the internet open for all users. Keep it fair, so even the poor can have a chance to be heard and seen, and access what they need or want to access. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Robert Harley, Cottonwood, AZ

We need to be going in the opposite direction from rule by the super-rich, which this is part of. They have never had long vision, and they certainly don't now. It's the people who need to drive change for the better.
—Peter Burchard, Fairfax, CA

Instead of contemplating ending net neutrality, you should be talking about how to dismantle Comcast and Verizon and Time Warner and the other predatory malefactors. Their top executives should be brought to justice, not further enriched. And those scum buckets are no better than their lobbyist-regulators on the FCC.
—Andrew Levine, Denton, MD

Basically, the FCC, in sync with the cable companies, is attempting to limit free speech in this country by giving the corporations free reign over our right to choose the least expensive cable service! This is NOT right and the general population will remember this during elections!
—Pastor George M Melby, KANSAS CITY, KS

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE The head of the FCC was a chief lobbyist for the cable and ISP's ?? Seriously. We want - no demand - a free and neutral internet.
—Maureen Peterson, Saint Petersburg, FL

Keep the Internet open for everyone EQUALLY!
—Francoise Frigola, Idyllwild, CA

This is absolutely immoral.
—Norris Williams, Gainesville, FL

I have only one high speed internet provider and if they decide to have a slow lane for an application I use I have no recourse.
—Cliff Carson, Woodstock, NY

NET NEUTRALITY IS VITAL TO OUR DEMOCRACY!!! PROTECT U.S. CITIZENS, FROM CORRUPT, GREEDY, AND ABUSIVE CORPORATIONS!
—S E. Williams, Stafford, TX

I live in an area where I cannot get fast internet service, and have to pay way too much for the slow service I can get... I know what it's like to have to live with this problem, and the disadvantage it puts me in. We should ALL have a level playing ground when it comes to our internet service!
—Dayna Hanks, Radford, VA

We already get crappy TV service from the cable companies. Don't let the cable monopolies ruin the internet also. Keep the internet neutral and free to all.
—Reba Stone, St. Simons Island, GA

Replace Wheeler!!! Placing lobbyist in positions of authority in the field that they are lobbying for is inherently a terrible idea. Replace Wheeler!!!
—Ross Aird, Waterford, MI

Please do not allow Comcast and Time warner to bully consumers and providers. Please allow us to share information equally and efficiently. This will allow for a better country. Please do keep the internet NUETRAL!!!
—Peter Martin, los angeles, CA

I'd like the Internet to remain how it is now- where speed is not determined by how much money the content provider can spend for it, but rather is equal for everyone.
—Caryn Graves, Berkeley, CA

The internet is a public utility and economic competition, growth will suffer if content is restricted by any means at all.
—L S, vallejo, CA

The ISP's do not own the internet, only the transmission hardware. They already overcharge us for inferior service. The corporate takeover must end.
—Craig Sulouff, Sunbury, PA

Don't be that guy, Federal Communications Commission. We know what you're doing. Don't be that guy.
—Sketch Macquinor, Atlanta, GA

I pay a monthly fee to my ISP on how fast my connection to the internet. I do not want another tier of service that is beyond my control. Now, if I want all sites to be slow I pay my ISP less. They will all be slow. What the ISPs themselves want to get more money from the sites. This will make what I pay my ISP for connection speed a good deal if I only go to wealthy sites that can pay for faster connections. If I pay my ISP lots of money for speed and I go to a poor website I will get a slow connection. This means I am PAYING for something I am not getting. It will turn into a place with only those with money can play -the way politics is now.
—Steven Alexander, Milwaukee, WI

I belive in Net Neutraility! Don't give companies priority because they can pay more. This is destroy the possibilities of small businesses and startup websites changing the future. It will hinder the evolution of the internet and make strong, wealthy companies stronger and weaker, up-and-coming comapnies non-existent.
—Andrew Salomone, Brooklyn, NY

Political democracy is practically dead in America and economically, so is social mobility. Is this to be the final straw? This is an egregious takeover of one of the last platforms of equality in America. Ruin this, and you will be cursed forever. We are not as ignorant as you like to think.
—John McGovern, Lopez Island, WA

There is almost nothing more vital than maintaining net neutrality - actual net neutrality - for the United States. All ISPs are common carriers, transmitting information from one place to another without altering it, and it is imperative we classify them as such. Protect the internet. Regulate for the people, not corporations.
—Scott Santens, New Orleans, LA

The credibility of the FCC, and indeed the entire executive branch is on the line with proposed changes to net neutrality rules. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers or there will be massive political consequences.
—Robert Oberdorfer, Portland, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE IN RECENT YEARS THE FCC HAS CONSISTENTLY FAILED TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BY ADVANCING THE INTERESTS OF MULTI-NATIONAL MEDIA COMPANIES. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THIS NAIL INTO OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS TO OBTAIN THE UNBIASED INFORMATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRACY. THE PROPOSED BREACH OF NET NEUTRALITY IS EGREGIOUS.
—Richard Stuart, Bow, WA

Net neutrality must be open to all and without fees for faster service. The net is an example of democracy at its best. You must do the right thing.
—Carol Sperry, lancaster, PA

Nothing may change our commerce and society as much as the proposed changes to the way Internet is delivered to customers. I strongly urge a no vote on creating a two tiered ' pay for access' internet. Here in Idaho we need an open Internet to help with our clients, schools, and businesses. Don't hamper free enterprise and the flow of information. Keep the intended open nature of the Internet for the greater good of all.
—Nikki Pacheco Theard, Coeur d Alene, ID

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE No two-tracl internet access. One lane only. No consolidation no matter the territory. Citizen comments for one lane, net neutrality trumps Tom Wheeler's title and his history as a lobbyist for carriers.
—Yvonne Hansen, Austin, TX

We don't want huge corporations in charge of what can and can't be seen on the internet. The internet is a utility that should be available to everyone and the same speed should be given to everyone.
—Eddie Olivas, Eugene, OR

The internet is the universal collective human brain and it was built by the people, not by the corporations looking to fence it off. If you want to destroy innovation and close off the last avenue for group human discourse, then you do not belong in your job.
—Catherine Curtis, Santa Monica, CA

For life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, WE NEED TO KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!!!!!!
—JoAnne Hangen, Lancaster, PA

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—Dimitar Dolnooryahov, village of strelets, IA

Net Neutrality is important. Do NOT give into the demands of cable companies, media moguls and such. This is about Americans not corporations.
—Gary A. Russell, Minneapolis, MN

The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to throw out the FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Alexander Mouton, Seattle, WA

I want to manage what I see myself. I fail to see why child pornography cannot be stopped ,yet money can buy net neutrality! This is disgusting.
—Rebecca Hickey, Portland, OR

Can someone tell me ANYTHING good that would come from a two-tiered internet? The ONLY benefit I can imagine coming to anyone, is that ISPs would make more money. MORE money than they make now. That's just what this country needs, isn't it?
—Mr. Jim Thurmond, Bloomington, IN

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers - I want to be able to afford the internet. I'm 82 and the internet is everything to me.
—Ronnie Moehrke, Augusta, GA

The internet is as much a public utility as electricity or water. It should be regulated so that it provides the same level of service (i.e. no fast lanes) to all customers.
—Justin Sweet, Seattle, WA

This is the wrong direction for the Internet in America. The Internet should be reclassified as a utility, not a corporate playground.
—Todd Nadenichek, Chicago, IL

There is strong evidence that ISPs have already demonstrated their willingness to compromise principles of capitalism and free trade by destroying net neutrality. Approval of a so-called "fast lane" will destroy the additional economic potential of the Internet. Do not let these monopolistic practices stand!
—Eric Hansen, Draper, UT

We need to reclassify the internet as a common carrier, that way the internet will remain free and open.
—George Raymond, Palm Springs, CA

Open internet is the gateway to a higher quality of life. The world is finally taking advantage of this, and big telecom is taking advantage of us. Help.
—Keith Warner, Charlevoix, MI

Really? This is even a discussion? Stop pandering to your corporate overlords and do something for the people. No pay to play! Hands off the internet!
—Michael Childers, Fitchburg, WI

Big business doesn't deserve a fast track to more income. Keep the internet for all.
—L Sherwood, bham, WA

Net Neutrality is crucial to freedom from corporate control.As theU.N. has declared internet access a human right Keeping it free from content and thought control is crucial.
—Norman W Kolody, binghamton, NY

Do NOT allow Internet providers to create a two tier system. The only things this would do is line the pockets of the already terrible providers and, perhaps worst of all, spell the beginning of the end of the Internet.
—Bill Lathrop, Greenville, WI

Net neutrality must be preserved. Please throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrew Lee, Maplewood, NJ

Americans have always lived, defended, and died for the fundamental right of freedom. Without a completely open and neutral internet; it will be the first time Americans say "No Thanks, I would like my freedoms restricted or taken outright from us." Support Net Neutrality
—John Falkiewicz, Little Egg Harbour, NJ

Keep the NET neutral!
—Douglas Wright, Baytown, TX

The internet is available to everyone and should not be segregated by companies looking to gouge people for more money.
—Jim Hoffman, Fairfax, VA

SHOWS US THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY THE FASCIST COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION! AS WE FALL BEHIND COUNTRIES LIKE ESTONIA, YOU GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO ALLOW MORE PRICE-GOUGING OF OUR CITIZENS BY CORPORATIONS THAT HAVEN"T IMPROVED THEIR PRODUCT IN OVER A DECADE! DISGRACEFUL AND SHAMEFUL!
—Christian McCarty, Seattle, WA

The bottom line is the internet should be a public utility, thereby insuring equal access to information and all the resources the web has to offer for everyone, regardless of whether or not you can afford the high price services. The public should have equal access to all content on the internet regardless of the content providers ability to pay premium prices. The internet is the last bastion of democracy, don't hand it over to the corporations.
—Linda Olson Pehlke, Brookline, MA

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—Jackie Schwartz, Santa ana, CA

I want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. If I could force Comcast out of business I WOULD! As one of their "customers", with no other options, I speak from experience. The FCC must sit on the ISPs and Telecoms like a ton of bricks.
—John A. Wiles III, Olive Branch, MS

Scrapping Net Neutrality will ruin the internet for everyone but the cable companies. It will kill small businesses and generally make the internet unusable.
—Pierre Brownlee, Wickford,

I don't think you'll care, since Tom Wheeler obviously is in bed with the dark side here. But just know that, as a citizen, the less neutrality the internet has, the more I consider you to be a horrific force of destruction to all things American. Do the right thing. Prove me wrong. I double-dog dare you.
—Jennifer L Roberts, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is basic to the democratic use of the internet. All are equal under the current system and that is how it needs to remain. I can't understand why these rules even under consideration. It is a travesty. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and let the internet live on as the democratic institution it has become for all who use it around the world.
—Ms. Jill Sheinberg, Park City, UT

WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH YOU STUPID FUCKS!!! YOU NIGGERS NEED TO QUIT BEING THE FUCKING PUPPETS OF THE CORPORATION. PULL THEIR HANDS OUT YOUR ASSES AND QUIT FUCKING THE ONES WHO APPOINTED YOUR POWER. YOU ALL ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS YOU SHOULD BE SUCKING OUR DICK AND MAKING US HAPPY NOT FUCKING THE INTERNET. AND CREATING NEW MONOPOLIES.
—Frank Timoney, Phoenix, AZ

Keep net neutrality!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Louisa Reppucci, Falls Church, VA

Why are you trying to fix something that's not broke . Leave the net . alone .
—Kenneth R Nash sr., Newbaltimore, MI

John Oliver got it right. Please do not harm the many for the benefit of a rich few. The internet is a wonderful invention and should remain that way. Do not let large corporations of any kind take control -- no matter what they say about how restrained they will be.
—Harry Green, Riverside, CA

Internet Service Providers in the US are already gouging consumers with prices that are several times higher for worse service compared to other countries. Eliminating Net Neutrality would only make those problems worse, by giving ISPs a further financial incentive to extort companies to use the "fast lane."
—Kevin Mulqueeny, Houston, TX

The Internet should be a protected space and not a toll way guarded by highway robbers. Please protect Net Neutrality properly and classify it as a Title II communications utility. It is disappointing that a government regulatory agency reports to corporate owners and not to the american people. Show us you have the courage to follow the people and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I thank you if you do so.
—Peter Rennolds, Wilmette, IL

The internet is for all, not higher speed for sale to the richest corporations and screw small companies, startups, and individuals. STOP this and preserve Net Neutrality.
—William Showalter, Miami, FL

WRWe have enough inequality in our nation. The internet has been the last equalizer. If someone gets a faster speed then someome has to be slower. Communication should not be for sale to the highest bidder.
—Jeanine Keeney, Lakeview, MI

Net neutrality is important prevent a two tier rate for how fast and much people will be forced to pay for access tot he web. It is not right for web providers to divide up the country to prevent competition and charge the most of any country to provide this "service" to its customers. Please keep net neutrality.
—Brian Waitkus, laramie, WY

Removing net neutrality is like closing public libraries, silencing passengers on the bus, train or plane, or silencing all phones and televisions. FCC stop hurting the public.
—Susan Jarvis, Austin, TX

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—Tiffany Gaal, Bryn Mawr, PA

Reclassifying the Internet as a public utility is the gold standard of Internet freedom. The new FCC Chair should fully support Net Neutrality -- or step down so President Obama can appoint someone who will.
—Courtney B Keller, Loveland, CO

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Lisa Liebman, New York, NY

Please reconsider selling the internet to the highest bidder.
—Kevin Wren, Columbia, SC

I am always concerned when big business sees making money on a service that we Americans have taken for granted. The Post Office, Social Security, Medicare, & public schools come to mind.
—Rachel Scarlata, Divide, CO

The FCC exists to protect the American people, not to do the bidding of Comcast, Verizon, or any other corporation. Free and open communication is vital to a functioning democracy, Please do not let Internet providers control any aspect of that communication.
—Jack Stansfield, Stanwood, WA

this is a free country--all viewpoints and information sources need to be on an equal footing--let the people decide
—David Heitkemper, Seattle, WA

There is clearly a lack of competition in the telecom industry. Please do the right thing and protect the interests of tax payers instead of lobbyists. Unlawful monopolist price increases for services are damaging the country.
—Michael Caro, buffalo grove, IL

We don't need a tiered internet system. The telcos shouldn't be able to decide what we can and cannot access on the internet. The internet should be treated like every other utility.
—Sandi Tanco, Auburn, WA

The current FCC proposal to end Net Neutrality is unacceptable to all Americans who believe in any form of democracy. Reclassify telecommunications as the utility it is, and regulate it to provide equal services to all users! This is a clear case where the greed of a few corporations is threatening our social fabric.
—Dorelle Rawlings, Aptos, CA

The internet cannot function as well as it has if there is uneven access to services. We already pay more for slower speeds than many countries in the world. We already pay for content in one way or another (subscriptions, ads, etc.) We pay for connection. Internet Service Providers should not be able to extort money from content distributors on top of what we pay them to delivery content. We already have so little competition that effectively there is a monopoly. Without any competition carriers will be free to collect from subscribers and content owners whom they also happened to compete with in many cases. This is a great explanation of why this will stifle innovation http://www.youtube.com/watch?v =NAxMyTwmu_M. If you haven't seen it, it is essential that you consider this explanation.
—Michael Bierman, Santa Clara, CA

I'm a freelance writer; I am hired to write website copy for small businesses and entrepreneurs. My income depends on a free and equal internet. If you allow the corporate giants to control speed and delivery, you will be doing so at the expense of millions of smaller entities, including me. Keep the net neutral!
—Dianna MacLeod, Langley, WA

I have only internet and have avoided having to deal with these cable giants for my entire life. The idea that they have anything to say in this matter is obscene.
—Jim Quinby, Ashland, OR

Of course the provider companies want a new revenue stream. But is there anyone who doubts they will stop with negating net neutrality? Of course not. And can someone from the FCC clearly explain how this serves the better interest of the population? AND keep in mind that the Internet, from its very beginning, was engineered to foster equal access. Ask them.
—Barry Rossinoff, St Johnsbury, VT

Don't destroy Net Neutrality!!!
—Fred B. Chase, San Francisco, CA

This would be one more example of "money talks, bullsh*t walks." Something becomes popular and big business wants in to make money on it. Well, don't think the American public doesn't see what you are doing and we are tired of you trying to wedge yourself into our lives.
—Carolyn Dennison, Garden Grove, CA

You know the Internet is a powerful tool when companies and governments are falling all over themselves and doing everything they possibly can to contain and control it. It doesn't belong to them; it belongs to everyone. It should remain open & free. For once, dear FCC, do the right thing and ignore the almighty dollar. The future will thank you.
—Shannon Gray, Baltimore, MD

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—Hazel Arnett, Cambridge,, MA

Not only did we subsidise the creation of these networks, but we also directly pay for them. ISPs are common carriers and their greed is out of control.
—Carmel Ammon-Mulloli, Auburn, CA

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—Angie Johnson, Seattle, WA

The idea that these proposed "fast lane/slow lane" rules won't be abused is laughable. It is the very nature of the beast; when given the opportunity rent-seeking will occur. It's what monopolies/cartels do. This will just make it legal. The extraction of uncompensated value from others without making any contribution to productivity...I can't wait.
—Rodrigo Hulse, Portland, OR

The internet 'net' is for everyone. Developed by the Defense Dept. and opened up to all of us to use for FREE. This instrument must NOT be controlled by the powerful media companies that are presently attempting to consolidate their power throughout the USA. Keep the 'Net Neutral'!
—Ira Goldman, Boynton Beach, FL

It's time to call it like it is. The Internet is a telecommunications medium and MUST be protected as such. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Martin Frost, Half Moon Bay, CA

Because the internet has become a 21st century utility and everyone should be allowed equal access.
—Marylucia Arace, Fullerton, CA

Don't ruin the freedom of the internet.
—Daniel Alexander, Simpsonville, SC

Remember the Law of the Sea? The reasoning is that the oceans are the common heritage of mankind. Communication should also be our common heritage. IT SHOULD NOT BE TURNED INTO A POWER BASED MONOPOLY TO MAKE MORE RICH PEOPLE RICHER. I support net neutrality. You know what it looks like.
—Nancy Poore, Indianapolis, IN

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE - THE VALUE OF THE INTERNET IS ITS DEMOCRATIC NATURE. YOU GUYS WANT TO SELL IT SO THE RICH CAN BENEFIT AND THE POOR CAN REVERT TO THE 1990's. JOHN OLIVER IS RIGHT. LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE. -- BILL BUSHNELL, AMELIA ISLAND, FL 32034
—Dr. Bill Bushnell, Amelia Island, FL

We need a level playing field in this country. The proposed law is egregious. Do the right thing and play fair.
—Patsy Martinson, Decorah, IA

Ending Net Neutrality will be a disaster for the American people. Do not do this. Just this once, think about the actual people you are supposed to serve.
—Leora Troper, Portland, OR

In the 21st century, the internet has become an essential public utility. It is time that the law treated it as such. Please do the right thing.
—Christopher Brewer, Chattanooga, TN

Net neutrality protects creativity on the internet. producers are able to use the internet freely and openly share their work with the public without being overshadowed or hidden behind big name powerhouses. please leave the internet alone you fucking cunts.
—Garland Rogers, El Paso, TX

Get rid of the lobbied rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Brian J Huenefeld, Arvada, CO

Just another indication that our society has changed from a democracy to an oligarchy. Only the wealthy are powerful. Where did freedom of the press go? And why is a former lobbyist now a chairman of the FCC?
—Marlene S Warkoczewski, Coatesville, PA

Keep the internet open. There is nothing wrong with the system other than not opening it up to having more providers. No one industry should be under the influence too few providers. We need more competition for access so that content can not be manipulated by a few. Keep the internet open for education, research, and free speech.
—Lisa LeBlanc, Austin, TX

Please make sure we keep the net neutral!
—Ronit Corry, Santa Barbara, CA

Enough. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect our endangered democracy. I hope Wheeler gathers some integrity, ignores his personal interests and serves not people of the US and does the right thing.
—Mary Dean, Walnut Creek, CA

I'm already paying an incredible amount of money to get the highest speed available to me from my cable company to stream at 90MBs. Even when paying more than their average consumer, the service is slow at times and sometimes not even available. Allowing this companies to charge even more for the crappy service they provide is not only wrong but should be illegal. Save net neutrality.
—Jesus Fernandez, Orlando, FL

It's one of the few national resources that haven't been sold out from under us.
—Alan Myerson, Culver City, CA

The phrase "Net Neutrality" is an illusion created by your corporate friends. If you want to be useful to all of us, make the internet a Public Utility so that we all get the same abysmal service. I can't afford more to pay less, as the companies would prefer.
—Lloyd W Loring, South Bend, IN

I don't want providers to be able to discriminate against sites with opposing views or anything else that they might wish to curtail with limited access with control over bandwidth.
—Walter Kopec, Newport, RI

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Please do not let big corporations such as Comcast have any more power to run our lives. In my opinion they are already in gross violation of US antitrust law and should be broken up. It would be madness to give them the power to end net neutrality and discriminate in favor of big firms that can pay more. It will undermine democracy, possibly fatally. Please act in the public interest.
—Mehrene Larudee, Indianapolis, IN

I am OPPOSED to the division of internet speeds into pay-for-play tiers. The internet should not only be free of corporate exploitation, it should be free of corporate control. Internet availability should be a public service, and the already-powerful should NOT be granted MORE power over it.
—Marian Allen, Corydon, IN

All users should have the same services available to them. Money should not be a factor in privilege. It should be considered part of the commons.
—Jean Giedt, Mariposa, CA

Dont be evil, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and stop being anti-American and Greedy. You need to Protect The internet.
—Rob Hashemi, Thousand Oaks, CA

Internet has become a utility. Please recognize this.
—Kendra Hershey, Los Gatos, CA

TO THE FCC: I am retired and on a relatively stable income, which doesn't adjust for higher prices. I depend upon the internet for my basic news and information about the world. I understand that if net neutrality is not maintained, I would be forced to a second-class status in terms of bandwidth or have to expend much more to access a higher bandwidth status. The high numbers of poor and disemployed certainly face an even worse choice than mine. Our democratic principles say that there should be equality for all Americans. The loss of net neutrality would subvert those principles.
—John Renfrew, Marquette, MI

If Net Neutrality is not maintained, Paddy Chayefsky's "Network" will be one step closer to becoming completely true: There is no America. There is no democracy. There is only IBM and ITT and AT&T and DuPont, Dow, Union Carbide, and Exxon. Those are the nations of the world today. What do you think the Russians talk about in their councils of state - Karl Marx? They get out their linear programming charts, statistical decision theories, minimax solutions, and compute the price-cost probabilities of their transactions and investments, just like we do. We no longer live in a world of nations and ideologies, Mr. Beale. The world is a college of corporations, inexorably determined by the immutable by-laws of business.
—Mr. Craig Byrd, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is the only way to keep online speech truly free.
—Nora Parrish, Jacksonville, FL

The words of Comcast, TWC and other big companies do not match their actions. You should be striving to increase internet speeds for EVERYONE like has been done in countries theoretically much less advanced. ONE speed, very fast, for all equally.
—David A Dresser, Berkeley, CA

When an ISP Provider is also a content provider for TV (and most people get their internet over their TV broadband connection), there is NO WAY to prevent special treatment/intentional punishment via slowing down speeds for websites/access of your competition. This is a horrible idea, and COMCAST has spent18,810,000 in lobbying last year. How is a newly emergent company with a new idea going to compete with that? Cable companies are already monopolies...most people have only one option for cable. This makes that even worse.
—Terri Hunt, Champaign, IL

The people of this country need a free and open internet and not yet one more mode of communication that is controlled by big corporations.
—Nadya Tichman, Oakland, CA

Because i don't want corporations telling me what i can look at! Stop feeding the corporations, and let the citizens have power again!
—Richard McClure, vancouver, WA

Like many Americans, I depend on being able to use the Internet for work purposes. When you push through your phony "neutrality" rules, I'll be one of the many who suffer. But you've already made it clear that the only real standard you follow is the New Golden Rule: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.
—Susan Hathaway, Pico Rivera, CA

The great thing about the net is it's democracy. Everyone is treated the same. No one can buy advantages. The greed of the wealthy 1% doesn't matter. Don't change it.
—Helga Guequierre, Milwaukee, WI

In Russia and China the state squeezes internet users. Here we will allow unaccountable corporations to do it. Which is worse?
—Eileen Kapetsky, Lelend, NC

You will destroy my business if you do this. You will also destroy the marketplace for an evolving technology.
—Nicholas Johnson, North Hollywood, CA

Cable companies are monopolies that will only reduce service and increases costs (e.g., Netflix reduced speeds during the Comcast talks). We need *true* net neutrality, a free internet, not fast and slow lanes. Discard FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carl Crysler, Pottstown, PA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Claire Daniel, vannes,

Net Neutrality is the back bone of the internet that is it keeps us all on equal footing... It means that the über rich has the same level of access to the internet information as those with very little or no income. Getting rid of Net Neutrality means only those with lots of money will get access to information they need.
—George MacWayne Hite II, Springfield, VA

I feel Net Neutrality is of vital importance in our democracy. Keeping information equally available to all is fundamental. Allowing Verizon and other huge telecom companies to charge for internet as they do for cable will just continue the downward slide of our country - from democracy, which we once had, to oligarchy/plutocracy, which we already mainly have. Let's reverse this trend and go back to the ideals of the founding fathers.
—Sarah Shifferd, Portland, OR

All ISPs should be declared common carriers like the phone companies and be done with.
—Mark Zimoski, Valley Glen, CA

FEW WOULD ARGUE THAT THE AGE OF THE INTERNET IS HERE. EVERY DAY, NEW POSSIBILITIES ARE OPENED UP. WAYS TO MAKE US MORE EFFICIENT, PRODUCTIVE, AND RESOURCEFUL. THE PLAYING FIELD SHOULD BE MORE LEVEL TODAY, NOT LESS. LACK OF NET NEUTRALITY ALLOWS NET PROVIDERS TO CHARGE CONTENT PROVIDERS MORE. CONTENT PROVIDERS WILL CHARGE US MORE. FINAL, NET PROVIDERS WILL BE ABLE TO CHARGE END USERS MORE. WIN/WIN FOR THEM. LOSE/LOSE FOR US!
—Brian J Brinkman, Cincinnati, OH

These new rules the FCC is advocating are a travesty to American freedom. In one more instance, the democrat held Whitehouse wants to speak the language of caring without actually DEFENDING US. DO SOMETHING! This is CRAZY! Don't join the SCOTUS in ruining America. Have at least a modicum of integrity and DEFEND NET NEUTRALITY LIKE THE PRESIDENT PROMISED MULTIPLE TIMES. NOW!!
—Penny Starr, Clarksburg, WV

My access to content should not be decided by anyone but me!
—Joe J, Greeley, CO

Equal access is essential for this essential utility. Protect net neutrality.
—Jean Richards, Greenfield, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE the internet should be publicly owned and democratically controlled with no private profiteering allowed until and unless such private entities create a greater good beyond their personal profits.
—frank scott, pt. richmomd, CA

The internet is not intended to be owned -- it is part of "the commons". Like the air we breath, it belongs to no one but is there for everyone, with equal measure.
—Meredith West, Chicago, IL

Without an even playing field democracy is lost.
—Ms. Anna Myerson, Camden, ME

Net neutrality is the American way, If you submit to the big providers wishes, by implementing the proposed FCC rules for the use of our PUBLIC AIRWAVES, you will be UN-American, and should be treated as such when your election time comes. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS and do the job the American people elected you to perform.
—Bruce Larsen, Schiller Park, IL

I'm against monopolies and believe the playing field should be level for the big guys (e.g., Comcast, Netflix, and Time Warner) as well as the start-ups. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep net neutrality! PLEASE!!!
—Mike Weber, Washington, DC

FCC Chairman - I have a small business and I cannot afford to pay more for faster service. Please level the playing field for all. Thank you. Rashida Basrai
—Rashida Basrai, Mountain View, CA

The net belongs to the people, the citizens, why are you discriminating against them in favor of big corporate interests?
—William L. Sharfman, New York, NY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC
—Patricia Lynk, Port Orchard, WA

Net Neutrality has worked just fine for ever, don Net Neutrality has worked just the way it is, don't fuck with it.
—Howard Weiss, Wenonah, NJ

Net Neutrality promotes open environment for free thinking and free speech. To chip away at the neutrality of the net is to chip away at freedom itself. Net neutrality may not be needed in other countries like China. However, here in the land of the free and brave, I believe it is a requirement. It takes courage and endurance to continually say no to the many lobbyists who fight against the interests of United States citizens. Think about us citizens first when making your decisions.
—Christopher A Jacobs, San Jose, CA

As a small business owner and someone who works out of my home, I use the Internet for many different tasks. I urge the FCC to throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Kristine Rees, Tucson, AZ

OK, fellows at the FCC. You must keep and honor Net Neutrality. That is your entire job. We don't care that your head used to be a corporate lobbyist for cable. His job now is to listen to the masses of us who demand Net Neutrality. Do your job. Do it! Start over. Toss out the ridiculous rules, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—James van Maanen, Jackson Heights, NY

If the telecoms are allowed to charge a different rate for faster access for streaming by video services it will almost guaranteed that they will carve up internet access in the same way that cell phone service is now carved up with the best and fastest access being reserved for those that are willing to pay premium rates. Your proposal is a betrayal of net neutrality at it's core and gives the telecoms the foot in the door they want in order to charge whatever they want for internet access.
—Don Wiltsie, Saugerties, NY

A neutral internet is the last bastion of free speech and it must not be sold to the hightest bidders. The FCC is supposed to protect the public's interest not be a watercarrier for the corporations who already have failed to deliver world class internet despite our tax dollars and their empty promises. Corp media is already a wasteland of garbage programming, they don't need new means to keep that garbage flowing. These new rules are a joke and must not be allowed to succeed.
—John Conner, Pompano, FL

Im just gonna say this once my grammar might suck but the msg is still true, If you guys do this you are only proving that the goverment is complete bullshit and you will be giving all the Hacktivist groups more ammo and even more of a cause to over throw your shit. Ever watch a movie where the goverment goes to far and then bunch of ppl across the world take it into their own hands to fuck u in the as sback? yeah it's a movie but it's still incredibly plausible
—Robert Brevard, beltsville, MD

I ought to be able to link to any site on the internet and be certain that the bandwidth I enjoy will not be a function of some premium paid by any service provider. "Pay for priority" will limit competition and raise costs of using the internet, in my opinion, and I'm against any idea of a two-tiered system of information transfer. The members of the FCC need to take seriously their obligation to promote the general welfare, not the corporate welfare and not the ISP welfare, but the GENERAL welfare.
—Oliver Seely, Lakewood, CA

Dear FCC board members... Your proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mike Jones, Orange, CA

The internet is not broken you idiots. Stop trying to screw it up. Keep net neutrality.
—Roy A. Jensen M.D., Gardner, KS

"FREEDOM" is the American WATCHWORD. If the (appalling!!) possibility that the FCC limits full and open access to ALL...the FCC will FOREVER be associated with a totalitarian mindset. IS it that for which you want to be remembered -- FOREVER??
—Paula J Gordon, Jasper, GA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Allowing Internet Service Providers to create a 2-tier Internet is worse than a BAD idea. It's horrific! - for anyone/anything that is not a HUGE Corporate Lobby! Our TV coverage is already a disaster with no choices except big $ for stations we don't watch. This change would be a business and political disaster.
—Jo Ann Howse, Tulsa, OK

You are obviously trying to establish a monopoly through which you will be able to control and limit the most powerful equalizer ever invented by humans. 1) well played 2) fuck you 3) stop
—Eric Burnet, Montreal,

Allowing companies to prioritize internet traffic is an assault on the best and most effective parts of the internet. Don't ruin this technology by allowing money to come before human innovation.
—Margaret Rodriguez, Irving, TX

You have already screwed up enough, leave the internet alone. (period) I like my internet and I want to keep my internet. (period) I like my provider and I want to keep my provider. (period) Are you starting to understand what I am saying. (period)
—Ken Morrow, Fairfield, IA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—vincent bell, coloma, CA

money is censorship/ it must be stopped
—Rebecca Cohen, Baltimore, MD

Keep the net a fair playing field. A two tiered Internet is a terrible idea. The public DOES NOT approve of Wheeler's plan!
—Nathan Price, Lincoln, NE

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Gene Hillegass, reading, PA

The end of Net Neutrality would be damaging to all businesses. Creating a fast lane would allow for those businesses with the most resources to deliver content quicker, this is the polar opposite of all content being treated the same. Also many of these companies have side projects that they could allow to access content faster without charging for them; i.e. Comcast and Hulu. That would be beneficial to Comcast and would be harmful to competing products. Honestly these rules stink.
—Kris Juchau, avondale, AZ

The internet should be a utility with the same speed for everyone. As a veteran I feel betrayed by these corps. They have no competition and the lobbying effort and amount of money thrown at Washington is obscene.
—Paul Bliss, VALHALLA, NY

I use the net for work a lot, to keep in touch with family & friends, to buy most everything, for music & to look up everything from work to music & between. It is already much slower than what I get when I travel outside of this country. Eliminating a free net will put this country even further behind the competition. Please DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY
—Carole Katz, cortlandt manor, NY

It is important for all content to get the same exact service to ensure that the ability to pay more does not determine who gets through at any given speed. I do not want other people with money determining what products I use and what sites I have fast access to. Please consider ISP's to be common carriers.
—Wyliam Holder, SAN GERONIMO, CA

The internet should NOT be auctioned off to the highest bidder. SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY!
—H B. Auslander, Kresgeville, PA

Because without Net Neutrality the internet is being signed over primarily if not exclusively to the service of large corporations and the super-rich. This is obscene.
—Perry M. Smith, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because my business can't afford to pay the difference, let alone hire a lobbyist.
—Ms. Hope Carr, Brooklyn, NY

internet speeds should be the same for everyone devoid of extra fees. browsing & streaming speeds should not be regulated on a monetary system.
—Chandra Mathes, Centereach, NY

DO NOT allow cable and Internet companies to charge content providers a premium for faster speeds. You are supposed to be a regulatory agency working for the public good. Moving forward to destroy net neutrality is an announcement to the country that the FCC is a not only useless, but harmful.
—Lindsay Katai, Los Angeles, CA

If the FCC allows an alteration to the current state of the level playing field of net neutrality, we, the population of the United States, that you are supposedly in place to protect, will know once and for all that you are owned by the services you supposedly regulate and that you couldn't care less about the citizens of this nation. Do the right thing; protect the internet as a fair playing ground for all, not just those with multimillion dollar lobbies.
—James S. Ferraro, Carbondale, IL

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible.
—Paul Loveless, Petersburg, IN

All people and companies should have equal access and the same speed of delivery of content on the internet. Please do not allow a pay to play internet service. Do not abolish Net Neutrality.
—Mark Dorsten, Prescott, AZ

The cable companies would doubtlessly abuse the two tier system of internet access. Their monopoly is already too dominant in the US at it is, and should not be promoted any further. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Klaus Yoder, Somerville, MA

Would some body please explain why you want to do this thing? Thank you, Judith Grogan-Shorb San Francisco, CA
—Judith Grogan-Shorb, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial not just for competition and innovation in American business, but for the survival of democracy itself. Allowing service providers the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications as they see fit will cripple the web for everyone but the most wealthy. Please support net neutrality--it is fundamental to the continued greatness of our nation.
—Jesse Stewart, Shoreline, WA

Net Neutrality means equality of access to the internet. We can not allow richer and more powerful people to block the communication from the rest of us.
—Germaine Gogel, Clinton, NY

Dear FCC, The importance of the internet cannot be understated, it allows everyone to access information equally. The changes proposed to net neutrality by the cable companies are horrific, they will create two classes of users, us and them. I can assure you that the vast number of thems out there do not wish this change to take place, to leave them with inferior service, slower connectivity when today the speed of service the US consumer receives is slower than that of Estonia. I am aware that the present head of the FCC is the former lobbyist for the cable companies. I found this conflict of interest egregious and in the interest of proving to the world that the current clear conflict of interest will not affect us I urge you to oppose any change in net neutrality. I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.
—Frances Lynch, marblehead, MA

The Internet was invented and developed by public institutions and is a public resource. Do not let private interests claim this resource as their own and to charge additional fees related to the content of communications. Take the steps to recognize that the Internet is a public utility, owned by the public. It should be operated by public agencies.
—Mr. Kurt Hulse, Littleton, CO

PLEASE! CRAWL OUT OF BIG ISP'S POCKETS AND KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!!!! MONOPOLY IS A GAME; NOT AN ACCEPTABLE BUSINESS REGULATION!
—Karen Tablish, Yellville, AR

Net Neutrality is democratic. I can decide how important a site is based on its content rather than its ability to pay for greater delivery speeds. The sharing of information, the ability to compete in business with larger companies, and the capacity to connect with people are all benefits of true Net Neutrality. The internet provides a fertile soil for the development of minds, businesses, and social fabric for Americans. Please preserve Net Neutrality.
—Jesse Boyd, Durham, NC

FCC... throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers....
—Robert Zorn, Portland, OR

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HEre freedom
—Robert Turner, portland, OR

Eroding net neutrality in any way is a terrible idea for business innovation and growth. A free and level playing field Internet has made companies like Google and Facebook possible! If the net had not been neutral... these companies would never have had a chance against other well established companies.
—Tim Southernwood, Edmonton,

The proposed new Internet Net Neutrality rules are disingenuous and deceitful. No scheme with more than one pricing and speed tier, however labeled, is "neutral" in the common understanding of that word and to say that the rules the FCC now has come up with will preserve Net Neutrality is - to call it what it is - simply a lie. One might expect such underhandedness from Republican-appointed commissioners but from those appointed by a Democratic president was not expected and is profoundly disappointing. Shame on you! It is time to classify Internet Service Providers as what they are: utilities, which can and should be regulated. End the too-convenient pretense that they are not.
—Douglas P Luna, Belleville, IL

Freedom of speech requires that the town square have equal internet speeds for EVERYONE. Even though the FCC Chair is in his heart and history the lobbyist for the telecoms, please find 3 votes not to give the internet to these corporate behemoths. Whatever happened to the right wing's interest in business startups, level playing fields, unbridled capitalism? This is a mob shakedown. Don't do it. Keep the net fair and neutral.
—Arnold Kotler, Paia, HI

no toll lanes
—Dolores Cellier, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

FCC ... throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Freeman, Saint Charles, MO

Monopolies are bad for the "free" market. The absence of net neutrality cannot be defended by any honest argument. Then why are we having this discussion?
—Henry Weinberg, Santa Barbara, CA

Internet is how I make my living if ypu put a stop to my food supply me and many others will suffer. Please restore net neutrality.
—Luis pineda, valrico, FL

Net neutrality is so important - throw out your new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Zachary Lincoln, Burlington, VT

I use the internet to stay in touch with family and friends, to check on financial transactions, and to pay bills, to research information, to make appointments, and reservations. I rely on the internet to provide information and access to a world of ideas and services. I need net neutrality to preserve my free and uncensored sources of information!
—Patricia Ann Liske, Falls Church, VA

Net Neutrality is essential to Business Innovation in America! If the FCC chooses to modify in any way, they are in my mind screwing with the very tenants of democracy!!! I'm very concerned with the FCC being influenced by the ISP's, and will see any modifications of an Internet for all as treason!
—George H Lutz, Yonges Island, SC

The internet is a UTILITY! -NOT!- a private for-profit business for the eternal and infinite greed of the monopolists!
—M Solomon II, Harrisburg, PA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE No one should be able to have faster Internet service than anyone else. Internet speed should be increased for everyone! Keep the internet open and neutral.
—Linda Bolduan, Lake Oswego, OR

Save net neutrality! Do not allow two different speeds. The internet is part of the precious "commons" and must be defended as such. Allowing it to become subject to the highest bidder would destroy one of our most precious assets.
—Bruce Nissen, Hollywood, FL

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mary Dally-Muenzmaier, Milwaukee, WI

Ending net neutrality is the cyber equivalent of repealing FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW ..... and one way or the other, should he manage to override the WILL OF THE PEOPLE in this matter, WE THE PEOPLE will prove a quid-pro-quo between the thoroughly corrupt and contemptable fascist FCC chairman and the industry he was appointed to oversee and regulate - and he WILL ultimately be found guilty and imprisoned for his crimes against the people.
—Frank Blankenship-Bacharach, Lewisburg, WV

freedom to choose
—Mike Stepankiw, Houston, TX

Any time the phone/cable providers want to change things, you can bet that the customer will end up the loser in the long run. Especially applies to people in non-urban areas, which we don't get very high speed to start with.
—Wayne Gifford, Laquey, MO

The plan before the FCC would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janice Berg, Redmond, WA

The FCC is RESPONSIBLE for serving THE BROAD PUBLIC INTEREST. Instead, the FCC has been CORRUPTED BY GIANT CORPORATIONS. I implore you to LET DEMOCRACY FLOURISH WITH THE FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS, without catering to rich corporations and letting them get preferential treatment. THE F.C.C.'S CREDIBILITY IS AT STAKE, and so is DEMOCRACY ITSELF.
—Glen Anderson, Lacey, WA

I believe that changing current internet structures into tiered speed lanes is anathema to our democratic society's one uniquely neutral communications system. Leave the Internet alone!
—James Dissette, Chestertown, MD

The FCC should protect a utility for all citizens, not a monopoly's desire to extort profits that it provides no services to obtain.
—John Schumacher, Ann Arbor, MI

LEAVE THE INTERNET TO THE COMMONS!
—Jody L. Fritzke, Stacy, MN

Come on Obama - Stop this nonsense!
—Randall Nichols, Englewood, CO

Please DO NOT MESS with the internet. It is not broken, there is nothing to fix. "Net Neutrality" is absolutely essential.
—Dale Marshall, Gold Hill, OR

A two-tiered Internet is a very bad idea. Corporations should not have privileges over other Internet users. Why promote monopolies? Internet service speeds in the US are too slow to begin with. Act in the interest of the public. ISP's should be classified as common carriers.
—Neil Freson, Henrietta, NY

The deck is stacked against the common person enough already. Given time and a short enough leash, ISPs will find ways to choke out freedom of expression and filter the internet to their liking. Enforce net neutrality and keep the internet open and in the hands of the people.
—Daniel Cieplinski, Kent, OH

With Net Neutrality in play, I can say what needs to be said on any matter, and most people can either agree or disagree on it. If you let "Cable Company F**kery" out in the open- then a mighty outrage will take place.
—Spencer Blais, Greenvile, RI

I am already affected by the lack of competition. I believe the concept of net neutrality must be enforced and the only way to do this is reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ron O'Brien, Fort Lauderdale, FL

The FCC's plan for a two-tiered internet is doing a huge disservice to all of us, except the Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon who wish to create 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. I am demanding that you and the FCC "get out of bed" with these providers and give them a resounding "NO" on this idea. This plan is an egregious, unfair, and allows the internet providers to pick and choose what (free) information users can get by the power of our wallets. THIS IS AN OBVIOUSL NO GO for this country and anywhere else these companies have influence! These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. I thought the FCC was supposed to protect the public and it's access to media and the internet. As the banking ad says "What's (or WHO's, in the FCC's case) IN YOUR WALLET? I think the public knows, and we will most certainly know when/if you make the wrong decision and go against the good of this country as a whole. Think twice. Then, think again.
—Sherie Helstien, New York, NY

It will destror the internet. Dont do it
—Nikolas Rasmussen, Albertslund, TN

Messing with Net Neutrality is a very bad, un-American idea. I hate the way cable companies do business so much, I don't even HAVE cable. Unleashing them into a "two-tiered" system will make them even worse. You're not fooling us.
—Bonnie Furlong, Strasburg, VA

Corporations are NOT people!
—Kathy Wittwer, Elmira, OR

This is devastating to the backbone of America...small businesses and freelancers who depend on net neutrality to run their businesses. Keep the net neutral!!!
—April C Sanders, Eagle Point, OR

The Internet isn't perfect but it's better as it is than if the FCC changes the access rules.
—Lisa E Stone, Houston, TX

Prevent cable company Fu**ery, as John Oliver has said. Net neutrality is important. Represent your constituents.
—Miles Aikens, Ann Arbor, MI

Internet belongs to the people, not the corporations that we entrust to maintain it! Net neutrality is imperative and so is your job to protect the people's assets, not the corporations!
—Sashi Muralidharan, Lakewood, CA

I have said this many times..but eliminating net neutrality is basically legalizing cable mafia where companies will have to pay for "protection". We are meant to be going forward as a society..not backwards.
—hristos Karavoulias, Norwood, MA

You are just another government agency looking after the rich and to hell with the public. You are just another government agency that is the fox watching the hen house. The public wants net neutrality, it is the fair way. You have ruined out news on tv, you have allowed monopolies that do not promote fair and balanced news, you should not be called a communications anything because you have ruined my right to be informed, to be entertained, to be free to chose whatever I want to watch on tv without huge prices and now you want to ruin my internet. Shame on you and please go to hell.
—Lee Smith, CA Hot Springs, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in an open and free internet. Because I believe in what is right, not what corporation's lobbyists yearn for.
—James Rutter, Henderson, NV

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—Ed Mezynski, Pittsboro, NC

If net neutrality is defeated America's internet will be controlled by Oligopolies. At "best" there is usually only 2 competing companies for high speed internet in any area. Not only will there be Price fixing to consumers and corporations but throttling internet speeds will continue to be common practice if not checked. America's high speed internet infrastructure will be superseded by very other industrialized nation, particularly China. As has been stated before: "We agree with your previous statements and those from President Obama that expressed similar concerns. ISPs will continue to explore ways to boost revenue by imposing discriminatory charges that will decrease the openness of the Internet. There is ample evidence that protecting the open Internet against such threats is critical for users and businesses alike. However, reports indicate that the current FCC proposal creates an Internet fast lane that would prioritize some Internet traffic and allow ISPs to discriminate against everyone else. The FCC cannot protect the open Internet by allowing discrimination. " From Ellison, Grijalva Lead Letter to FCC Chairman Demanding Net Neutrality.
—David Botros, Westford, MA

Your proposed rules are an outrage! Throw them out and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Murphy, Accord, NY

If the internet is not free and equal, it is likely that democracy will be lost. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect democracy.
—Janet Jai, Pittsburgh, PA

Free or cheap access to high speed telecommunications is no longer a priveledge. It is a necessity to understand and be successful in today's competitive world. To allow telcos to use the internet as an even greater cash cow than the bonanza it already is, is utterly unacceptable to the health and safety of our democracy.
—Mark Laube, Mountain View, CA

Net neutrality is important to secure our future as a leader in the world. And I am not referring to the supposed "net neutrality" proposed by Mr. Wheeler and his corporate masters.
—David & Judith Laws, Bellingham, WA

Monopolization and corporate control of our methods of communication will NOT be tolerated. The greed and unconscionable intrusiveness of these companies and the federal agencies that allow/enable them must be halted.
—Dan Lieberman, Wildomar, CA

As a member of the working press, net neutrality is critical for me to do good research and write accurate news stories.
—Peggy Malnati, Farmington Hills, MI

The internet now is one of the last bastions of free speech and free dispersal of information. If the FCC changes that, we may as well throw out the Constitution of the US. Don't let the Koch Brothers buy up everything. Leave a voice for the 98%. Thank you.
—Jeanne Lebow, gautier, MS

Net Neutrality allows the internet to be a open environment, where the winners and losers are not picked by cable companies. Do not allow a tiered internet.
—Kalin Lundquist, Seattle, WA

net neutrality will stop entrepreneurs from having the same potential as big companies to invent, make new markets, etc.
—Jon Barnett, Spartanburg, SC

The Internet has become another public utility, much like our telephones or postal service and should be treated as such. Our ISPs are already charging consumers based on their connection speed, now they want to throttle the speed at which content is available to squeeze us for more money.
—Kelly McConnell, Tigard, OR

Equal access is very important. We can not trust the corporations to allow this.
—Andrew Weinberger MD, South Orange, NJ

Please protect our right to free speech. Don't let companies control our lives!
—Teri Meadows, Fairfax, CA

Net neutrality = by the people, for the people. Not by corporations for corporations. Net neutrality is essential so that all may contribute and share without having to pay a toll...the heavy hand of corporate greed will always try to squeeze more from us unless we stand together and say NO MORE!
—Chris Lavender, Springfield, OR

Please keep net neutrality. This is very important. Don't side with the cable companies.
—Beth Bannor, Oak Park, IL

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISP as common carriesrs. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY.
—Sharon Hixon, Jefferson City, TN

CC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is a decision that will be fought, guaranteed! The fallout of this going into law will be epic. When you take away the last real freedom Americans have had since the 1990's, then the backlash will be digital armageddon.
—Sean Cook, Portland, OR

The FCC should not disregard the american public to satisfy the lobbyist need for more and more money. The internet is one of the last level playing fields in the USA. Please think outside the lobbyist box. Sally S Grady 763 B Street Ashland, OR 97520
—Sally Grady, San Francisco, CA

The internet is not broken. Net neutrality allows innovation and a level playing field in the marketplace of ideas. Allowing the cable industry to shakedown content providers, software companies, and startups in industries that may not even exist yet but which could potentially be the economic engines of the future will stifle innovation and creativity. It is the cable industry that is broken. It is a monopoly. Where I live, I do not have a choice in cable and internet provider; I'm forced to use Comcast. That is anti-capitalist. And in January when Comcast throttled Netflix's pipe in order to shake them down during a negotiation, that was un-American. We believe in Fair Play in this country, or at least we used to. Now we're apparently an oligarchy, where monied interests can buy favorable treatment and the rest of us are relegated to the second class status as plebes. We need more regulation on cable & internet providers and media conglomerate, not less. These companies need to be broken up like Ma Bell in order to undo the damage of two decades of consolidation into the hands of the plutocrats, whose voices have poisoned the well of American politics and free thought.
—John O'Brien, Chelsea, MA

Keep the Internet free. Quit trying to make more money off people.
—Raul Gutierrez, Paso Robles, CA

The internet is THE crossroad of the world. It should be every person's vehicle for free speech and a universal tool for education. The privatization of access is nothing short of criminal. Common carrier status, at a minimum, seeks to minimize the intrusion of business on what should be the right of every person.
—Karin Lukas, Glenview, IL

For individuals and businesses alike, keeping Net Neutrality is a crucial piece in keeping our freedom in the coming age. Taking away our right to a neutral internet infringes upon our free rights to information and speech - some of the rights that make our country so great. In addition, without fair and neutral access to the entire internet, our country will fall even further behind in comparison to much of the developed world.
—Michael Honiotes, Centennial, CO

Net neutrality is the only real viable future for the internet as we know it. Without net neutrality unpopular speech and difficult ideas will have no place, new forms of media and new ideas will be stifled.
—Gustav Sallas, West Palm Beach, FL

This will be very bad for the economy.
—Arthur McKay, Mount Prospect, IL

he intenet needs to remain open and not under the control of cable companies. This is an unfair practice. Net neutraility is extremely important. Do not allow this corporate take over.
—Teri Plows, Burlington Flats, NY

It's been said many times: we DON'T want some companies getting hyperspeed and everyone else a slower speed! That would simply add to the oligarchy problem we're trying to overcome.
—Nancy Porter-Steele, Halifax, NS, B3H 4K1,, CA

Neutrality is the only thing that will allow the next facebook, youtube, netflix, or hopefully the next paradigm shift in communication from not be blocked by those entrenched big companies. We already see netflix paying extortion fees over the last mile - instead of what should be normal peering agreements. The last mile *must* be a Title II, regulated, utility - just like the other requirements: electricity, gas, water, sewer, ...
—Richard Nelson, louisville, KY

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Henry Greer, Houston, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Internet access is a fundamental aspect of contemporary democracy. Introducing two tiers of delivery would stifle innovation and the sort of open communication that democracy requires.y
—Catherine Elgin, Lexington, MA

It is essential to maintain the openness and equality of the internet, that encourages open competition and equal access for all us.
—Shari Kelts, Kirkwood, MO

I'm not sure there needs to be anything more said than what John Oliver said in regards to Net Neutrality, but this is an issue that bypasses most Americans, for the sole benefit of a few large corporations with fat pockets to grease political representatives on Capitol Hill. This really should be a simple issue. Access to the internet is a necessity today, and one most of us are willing to pay for (the benefits far outweigh the costs), but the problem here in the US (compared to many other civilized and industrialized nations) is that access is lacking, access is being fettered, access is being restricted. And if I'm unhappy with my provider, in most cases, I have no choice, part from not subscribing. At the same token, proposed rule changes and proposed mergers on the table, are working in exactly the opposite direction from increasing choices for the consumer. It might actually be better to go back and have a "Government Provided" internet - as while likely not up to snuff, it'd would at least not line the pockets of a few well connected individuals. No FCC, time to look at ways to increase competition, to provide for more open channels (or if you'd like; unfettered IP packets) to reach an ever growing consumer base. Work with municipalities to make it easier to run fiber optic lines (as for the foreseeable future that is the technology that has the greatest capacity, even though LTE technically is there already but as long as we lack spectrum, will not be a fully viable alternative). And FCC, time to both educate our lawmakers, as many are totally "lost" when it comes to communications technology/policy (they are simply too old), and time to educate the populous, as most people simply do not know what we are talking about. And that FCC, that is one thing an open and unfettered internet can help change - as there is more "content" out there than just video clips, or spam mail.
—Per-Ola Selander, Kirkland, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE We already have the most expensive internet of the world with no good service to show for it. Don´t increase inequality even more. Keep Net Neutrality
—Warren Salyer, Calexico, CA

Policitians doing these companies bidding, nothing to do with voting for what the electorate want. Opposition to Net Neutrality just shows what we already know, politicians are corrupt and greedy. Bought and paid for.
—Jon, Davidson, NC

I much prefer my internet in it's current form. Allowing traffic to have disparate speeds will negatively affect many of the services I rely on. I urge you to keep the internet in it's current state.
—Ryan Cole, Spokane, WA

Keep 'net neutrality!! It is not in the public's interests to give telecomms and cable companies the right to create tiered delivery systems. The internet is the best communication system ever to be created and was DESIGNED to have free-flow of data. The proposed rules will be discriminatory based on income, restrict freedom, result in less competition and poorer service, and serve only the interests of the telecomm industry over the rights of the public interests that you are sworn to protect. Throw out the rules changes - they system is not broken, so don't fix it!
—Mark Williams, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Free speech demands we ensure that the internet treats all content equally, now and for as long as the first amendment shall stand. And the only way you can ensure that is to declare it to be a common carrier -- the only one left now that landlines are obsolete!
—Timothy F. Havel, Boston, MA

Keep all access equal - IT WORKS!
—Deane Plaister, Santa Barbara, CA

ISP's are de facto "Telecommunication Providers." As such they need to be reclassified as such and regulated as common carriers. The current classification as "Information Providers" is merely a gift to the ISP at the expense of the American puplic
—John Villere, Colchester, VT

The fact that the U.S already lags behind the rest of the World in internet speed, which is an embarrassment to a supposedly 'free' and 'advanced' Country, now you're trying to abolish Net Neutrality? This is absurd. The internet needs to remain free. Keep your hands out of it, Government. Your control is not absolute and it shouldn't be. The internet is NOT broken, leave it the Hells alone. Curb your damned greed and stop trying to ruin everything!
—Jade Angela, Memphis, TN

Net Neutrality means freedom to create our own forms of entertainment, business, and education. Average people can create themselves and develop their businesses on outlets such as Google, Youtube, Facebook, and Amazon in ways they never were before. Net Neutrality is the last of the American Dream which we still cling to. The internet, a neutral ground for every individual, is free from monopolies' death grip regulating what we see and what we do not. In this way, and only in this way, are people still able to build themselves ad individuals and as businesses. Please, stay with Net Neutrality. It means so much to us in many more ways than you could possibly imagine.
—Kate Durr, Galena, OH

Net Neutrality is as necessary to free speech and the free exchange of ideas as the First Amendment. Classifying ISPs as common carriers is the only course of action - the ONLY course of action. Please do the right thing. Thank you.
—Gabrielle Leider, Boise, ID

Your Chairman is the former head of the cable companies' lobbying arm? And you're talking about adding a rule to cripple net neutrality and (further) boost ISP profits? Really? And this doesn't seem even the least little bit corrupt to you? Please. I hope you are being flooded with an unprecedented number of comments opposing this travesty. Please consider this one of them. Thank you.
—Jon Povill, Topanga, CA

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO TRASHING THE VALUES WE HOLD DEAR IN AMERICA BY ALLOWING CORPORATE INTERESTS TO TRUMP THOSE OF THE PEOPLE. A TWO-TIERED INTERNET WILL SERIOUSLY IMPERIL THE COMMUNICATION. PROBABLY GONE TOO FAR ALREADY IN ELIMINATING THE RULES ONCE ESTABLISHED FOR BROADCASTING IN WHAT WERE THE PEOPLE'S AIRWAYS. WHY DOES NEW TECH MAKE BROADBAND ANY LESS A DEMOCRATIC MEDIUM? ISPs MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS; THEY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE - AS DO YOU! PROTECT THE NEUTRALITY OF THE INTERNET.
—Michael Goldstyn, Oxnard, CA

Do your job, and look out for the interests of the American people. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and keep Net Neutrality.
—John Lamkin, Cumming, GA

Mega-corporations already control too much of our lives.
—Lawrence Turk, Hendersonville, NC

The internet allows for an informed democracy to exist for the first time in human history. It provides the gateway for education, de-mystification and innovation. Corporations as the gatekeepers are a conflict of interest. Even governments should be prevented from controlling the internet through a check and balances system of some sort.
—Christine Golden, Woodland, CA

Are we India? Are we in a caste system or did the US once stand for freedom and equality that made her great??? Does any of these CEO's EVER think for one second they will no longer be the richest corporations? Because when NO ONE can afford their mafia style business dealings, then NO ONE PAYS for their service except the one percent. Do they think they will remain rich on ONE percent of production? How ignorant can they be? Its is amazing to me that the leaders of these companies, the CEO's who lead, will lead these companies into pure disaster for their profits. So how is it these idiots make CEO??? Please do explain.
—Scott & Patti Martin, SPRING HILL, FL

I am a senior citizen who has watched so many good things go bad and eventually go down the porcelain convenience. Unadulterated GREED is wrecking our great country. Net Neutrality MUST be preserved. The Internet wasn't broken, so PLEASE stop trying to "fix it." Give all people an opportunity to enjoy the Internet. Make our Internet faster and LESS expensive so that more people can use it. Preserve Net Neutrality - prevent cable company take over!
—SM Corbin, Hermitage, TN

As a Comcast shareholder, I strongly disagree with it's advocacy of a two tiered internet. I strongly support net neutrality and urge the commission to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to insure equal access for all providers and users.
—Kellon Thames, Union, ME

It disgusts me that net neutrality fast and slow lanes on the internet even a question and a possibility of happening. Giving these companies the ability to force other companies to pay a premium to make sure they provide the same speed to their customers would be atrocious. Do NOT allow ISPs to give fast and slow lanes on the internet. It should be the exact same speed no matter where the web surfer goes to on the web, period.
—Mr. Kraig Becker, Shakopee, MN

If there's going to be a chance to achieve critical mass and preserve our Planet Home for future generations, it will be by educating and organizing on a free and open internet. Of course, that's why those corporations want to "privatize" it...to make sure we don't organize...
—Chet Gardiner, Tucson, AZ

No online discrimination! Please do not approve these rules. They are unAmerican. Thank you, Tina McBride
—Tina McBride, Lexington, MA

FCC, The free Internet is an incredibly valuable and important part of our modern lives. It's one of the few places we all have a somewhat level playing field. Don't screw it up for the whole planet! Seriously.
—Live Standal, Nøtterøy,

This is about freedom of speech. This is being billed as 2 speeds, but really it is about data priority and when congestion occurs, that means some data gets through and other data is blocked, denying communication to those who haven't paid and stifling their speech. The right thing is to classify the internet as "telecommunications" like we all know that it is, then use the rules that have already been honed for regulating telecommunications.
—Ross S. Heitkamp, Mountain View, CA

Efficient, consistent internet is a necessity, not a luxury. Our country's workforce and infrastructure depend on everyone being able to access the internet quickly whenever they need to, and our country's values of freedom are firmly against letting a few corporations allow or prevent access to any given website based on whether or not they like its content.
—Maret Gable, Mashpee, MA

This is the only place that all economic levels of society can have ascess to info valid or not, on equal footing. Keep it free and neutral!
—Nancy Olson, Cheyenne, WY

Basic economic fairness & Tom Wheeler? Unbelievable Pres. Obama, unbelievable.....
—Toni Reading, Sultan, WA

There will be a day, when the 99% rise up and say "enough is enough." It's coming. I will be there to hold the Elitists accountable.
—Sean Murphy, Vero Beach, FL

The internet needs to continue and always be open for all. A two-tiered system is not an option, especially when the system in place already doesn't allow for competition with internet companies.
—Amanda Ellexson, Phoenix, AZ

Does appointing the former head lobbyist of the cable companies to the head of the FCC prove our current government is the most corrupt in our history? Yes it does. Is his campaign pledge to protect Net Neutrality just another lie? Yes, yes it is. You people aren't even bothering to pretend anymore; liars, cowards and whores, that is the sum of our leadership. It's a very sad time for my country.
—Kevin Brennan, Kansas City, MO

The internet must remain neutral and held in the highest public interest! Creating "fast lanes" for the benefit of corporation & the rich is a contemptible idea that I & the public utterly reject. I urge you to restore net neutrality immediately!!
—Gary Henderson, Apache Junction, AZ

Your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. As technology advances, more and more of our media will be delivered via the web. The Internet applications we have now allow us to watch television and movies, listen to the radio, make telephone calls, play interactive video games and more. Many Internet service providers are also in the application business. They should not be allowed to prevent their customers from using competitors' applications or charge them more for doing so. Network neutrality would also keep them from discriminating against competitors in more insidious ways - like making sure their own video applications or Internet telephone services work faster and better on their own networks than services offered by competitors. If I'm shopping for anything online, I should be able to shop on any and all websites, not just with the ones with whom my provider has a preferred business relationship. Or if I want to use my high-speed Internet connection to make phone calls, my provider should not be able to impede my ability to do so.
—Steve Dupuis, Dallas, TX

I am paying my ISP to provide me with access to the internet; all of it. Since I'm already paying exorbitant monthly fees for the second slowest internet speeds in the industrialized world, the least they can do is deliver all the sites I want (not the ones they want) at full speed. The notion that essentially 3 massive companies will get to decide the future winners and losers of the internet based on who can pay them off the best is completely contrary to everything the internet stands for. Is this happening in any other country? Of course not, because in other countries they don't allow cable company lobbyists to become cable company regulators. Nobody wants this besides the cable companies. Nobody. You are supposed to be on our side, not theirs. If this goes through it will send a clear message that our nation's internet regulators are completely bought and paid for by the companies they are supposed to regulate. I sincerely hope that is not the case. Please, do not destroy the internet. Do your jobs and regulate the cable companies. It's already bad enough that I have literally one choice for internet service; please don't make it worse.
—Joseph Berman, San Diego, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Mariana Delbue, washington, DC

The Internet is not broken! New rules for who can send information quickly and who cannot WILL break it. Please, do not dig up that level playing field. To take just one example: I can just barely afford streaming movies. If the FCC adopts the proposed rules, I will end up having to pay more to receive movies via the Internet. Not Fair! The same with my newspaper, which I read via the Internet, and magazines. I can no longer read a printed copy.Will I be financially penalized for that? NO FAST AND SLOW LANES ON THE INTERNET. KEEP THE TRAFFIC FLOWING AS IS, PLEASE!
—Judith S. Bellin Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC

Net neutralith is serving the public well. Why change the rules and make the people unhappy with the outcome. I favor net neutrality
—Marion Seymour, santa fe, NM

Dear FCC, Please do not promote online discrimination. I request that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers and throw out your new proposed rules. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. This is the only way to keep cable monopolies in line.
—Suzanne Lentz, Columbus, OH

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!! Listen to the people of this country, not the corporations!
—Jocelyn Moon, Asheboro, NC

Creating a two-tiered system would stifle competition, but more importantly, it would effectively end free speech (in at least two connotations of the phrase) on the internet. Don't implement the two-tiered system!
—David J Smith, Denver, CO

Your internet rules are terrible. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gabriel Finkelstein, Denver, CO

The internet helps to redress the imbalance between money and speech. Please keep the interent neutral with no fast lanes.
—Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto, CA

I've said this before, and I'll say it again: if you allow the cable giants like Comcast to create different tiers of service, the vast majority of us will be left out in the cold when it comes to internet access. More and more people, small businesses like mine, depend on the internet for both their telephone access and their customer prospects. If Comcast is allowed to do this, people like me will be shoved down to the bottom rung of service... spotty telecommunications at times when our business depends on fast response! I've participated on the internet since the earliest days. Believe me, giving the giant ISPs this kind of leverage over the little guys is not going to end well for anyone but the large corporate customers. This kind of discrimination is the kind of thing that will KILL SMALL BUSINESS if it's allowed to go forward. PLEASE, for the sake of the small business people, the ones who drive the economy, rethink this dangerous decision!
—Nancy Krempa, Davisburg, MI

Maintaining one internet speed is crucial to preserving opportunity for new creation, whether that be entrepreneurism, communication, or entertainment. Allowing internet service providers to choose who gains access to greater speeds is a hindrance to freedom. The bandwidth they can provide is not infinite. Allowing faster channels for some creates slower channels for the rest.
—Sean Jeffrey, Lincoln, RI

Net Neutrality is the way it all began and it should remain the guiding principle of free and democratic societies. As soon as the "rulers" start making laws about what lawful citizens can and cannot do, citizens slide toward un-democratic, fascist ways of living. You know what the right thing is- the web needs to remain neutral!
—Mary Ann Lammersen, Lund,

The internet is the public forum. Allowing money to dictate who has access to that forum would be corrupt. Protect Net Neutrality.
—James A. Merrill, Oxnard, CA

No, no, no, no,,,it is our job to prevent "cable company f--kery" at all cost. DO NOT let the ones with "Big Money" jeopardize the internet. Stand by the people.
—Robyn Meadows, Lacey, WA

I've had a retail internet company for over 14 years and have watched it decline in 'popularity' in search results in recent years. And that's WITHOUT internet discrimination! It's vital to our economy and our freedom to keep the internet free and open and NEUTRAL for ALL people and companies and websites!!
—Mary Clement-Hill, Corvallis, OR

On Wednesday, May 14, 2014 01:21 AM, I received an email from Tom Wheeler's Office stating the following: "Thank you very much for contacting us about the ongoing Open Internet proceeding. We're hoping to hear from as many people as possible about this critical issue, and so I'm very glad that we can include your thoughts and opinions. I'm a strong supporter of the Open Internet, and I will fight to keep the internet open. Thanks again for sharing your views with me. Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission" Was he lying - or does he believe the online public is stupid?! We want action for democratic media, not platitudes as smokescreens for corporate domination of the Internet. We want net neutrality. JUST DO IT! Seriously!! No more privatization of public assets to enrich the 1% who contribute 0%!!! No more privatizing profits while socializing all avoidable corporate messes and disasters - from exploding crude oil trains to fracking-caused earthquakes and oil spills, etc., caused by greed-driven short-cuts and deliberate negligence. NO MORE!!! As one of the cogs in the wheel that helped build and shape the net, I demand it remain neutral as originally intended before inequality pushes the majority over the brink... dashing their hopes and dreams upon the unrelenting and undeserved waves of misery, for no greater reason than to provide a handful of entitled gluttonous leeches with more blood money than the most ravenous parasite could possible need and/or use. Please. No more blood for the 1% leeches sucking our society dry. Save Net Neutrality! PLEASE!!!
—Cheryl Dykstra, Niskayuna, NY

Net Neutrality stifles innovation and destroys a level playing field. How can the next big idea of tomorrow get its start when it has to pay extra fees to get into the fast lane of the internet to be heard? Please do what should have been done for a while now: reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shannon Bahler, Indianapolis, IN

Absolute neutrality on the part of companies who deliver requested data across the internet is a vital part of our economy and an important aspect of American life. We MUST NOT allow ISP's to favor data from one source to be handled preferentially vs another. This doctrine has been the core concept which has allowed tech companies to thrive and kept the playing field level for all. Consumers need protection from greedy companies who want to create tolls on the internet and to create protection schemes to favor their own interests. The FCC is THE regulatory arm that represents the American public in this matter - I urge the FCC to use its power to declare ISP's "common carriers" and prevent them from having the power to regulate, discriminate, or to degrade in any form the data content it delivers to its customers. I promise to do everything in my power as a tax-paying citizen to make sure my elected representatives hold the FCC accountable for keeping the internet truly free and open.
—Mark Robison, Suwanee, GA

Protecting net neutrality will help small businesses compete and low income children who need to rely on the internet for schooling. A multi-tiered internet will price the people who need the internet most out of the market.
—Charlotte Pirch, Fountain Valley, CA

The FCC's two-tiered Internet proposal is anything but Neutral. It spells the death of a free Internet, and the end of one of the last platforms for free speech left to us. It is, in a word, evil. PLEASE reclassify the Internet as a public utility instead of giving it away to Comcast, Verizon and their scummy ilk.
—Lawrence D. Snyder, Davis, CA

We cannot afford to allow cable companies to infringe citizens' rights to access information.
—Tonya Mertens, Costa Mesa, CA

the change to a paid for service ----rapid --medium -slow would result in m any of we seniors able to maintain our service ---censorship on the part of my carrier or govt violates my constitutionbal tightss
—Lou Stammer, Columbus, OH

1. Is there a single, legitimate, consumer benefit to canceling Net Neutrality? 2. Is there a single real argument against Net Neutrality? I've never heard a real answer to either, and I'd love to.
—Ben Majoy, Los Angeles, CA

Everybody should have equal, open access to all sites on the internet. Big business should not be able to charge for more open and/or faster access.
—John Comella Comella, Philadelphia, PA

I don't want the internet controlled by cable companies.
—Paula Wyche, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet was started as a level playing field for ALL to have a forum without regard to status or money. We need to keep it this way.
—Julie Heveran, FRIENDSWOOD, TX

The internet is for everyone - not just for the wealthy. It is WRONG for anything less that absolute equal access. The rest of the world understands this what the hell is wrong with the United States Government? Even suggesting that Government should take the HORRIFIC action of turning the internet over to Big Business is vile! It would be aHUGE-HUGE-HUGE injustice!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Lynn Marie Macy, Cranford, NJ

Protect Net Neutrality Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sarbaga Falk, Carrboro, NC

Net Neutrality is essential for technology growth. Just because the cable companies are now the main providers of the internet, they will not dictate and prioritize traffic for a fee. When the medium changes from cable to wireless (which is the immediate change we can foresee) are they going to go after companies to pay a premium to prioritize the traffic again. Who is next? Just like the freedom of speech, freedom to net neutrality is a right for every individual on this earth. Stop putting ex-lobbyists in FCC posts and making internal deals with the cable companies.
—Mahesh Rumale, Cupertino, CA

It is almost inconceivable that the FCC would seriously consider doing away with net neutrality. Please don't do it. For once, I'd like to see my government do what's right for the citizenry instead of rolling over yet again for Big Business. Just once.
—Albert Porterfield, Amherst, OH

Keep the Internet fully neutral. No fast lanes. You know their lawyers will loophole it to death. Put the Internet back under the telecommunications umbrella. And Chairman Wheeler you must resign because you are not being objective with your decisions. You are still being a lobbyist and you must quit before this rule is finalized. Your job is for the People, not the cable CEOs.
—David Childs, San Diego, CA

Don't limit my choices. Net Neutrality is extremely important. Don't use this as another way to make the U.S. another third world country. I would like to be proud of my country but it is nearly impossible today.
—Shirley K Johnson, Saint Paul, MN

Net Neutrality is only fair! Please do not let the big communication companies play God with the internet. Every site deserves the same treatment and every person deserves the same access & speed when they go to a site of their choice!
—Pat Wagner, Averill Park, NY

It is not fair, it is not right, and it will allow big telecom to control what should be a right for everyone.
—Andrew Lai, Mountain View, CA

It is imperative that we protect net neutrality. I beseech the FCC to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. tanina davanzo
—Tanina Davanzo, Boulder, CO

FIRST AMMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF SPEECH
—Ashley Ray, Cosby, TN

I predict there will be a grass roots uprising, with liberals joining progressives, and progressives joining conservatives, and tea-par-tiers joining up with libertarians...all will be united to win back our freedoms from the corporate oligarchy that rules us.....Go ahead FCC and Chairman Wheeler....make our day!!!!WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Paul Kussmann, N. Wataerboro, ME

Keep the Net fair
—Dave M Ogilvie, Santa Barbara, CA

Just another corporate grab.
—Thomas Moher, Rifle, CO

Don't sell out. We're watching you. Closely. Very, very closely.
—Eric Grunewald, Columbus, OH

Net Neutrality means, to me, that I'll receive all the internet services that I use at a fair speed. I won't have some of them slowed down or dropped because they didn't pay the mafia like fee the providers demand to make their traffic faster. I depend on a wide range of services and it is NOT up to my internet provider (or upstream providers) which services I'll get at a reasonable speed. Other countries are laughing at our terrible internet over here compared their 10 to 50x faster services they have at less cost. Letting the corporate internet providers and their upstream carriers double dip is not the answer!
—Tor Nichols, Las Cruces, NM

Net Neutrality is important to me because it means that I chose the rate of download and NOT the internet provider deciding the rate based on what a content provider has paid. providers should only provide the channel for communicating and not be allowed to control the rate in which content enters the channel.
—Warren Bean, Garland, TX

THE INTERNET SHOULD BE JUST ANOTHER UTILITY, PLAIN AND SIMPLE; LIKE FLICKING A LIGHT SWITCH.
—Terry Brady, SURREY,

Because I want absolute electronic freedom.
—Michael Baldwin, Milwaukie, OR

It is very important that net neutrality is protected for the sake of democracy. It cannot be allowed views of different people to be stifled in favour of bias
—Ged Walsh, colwyn bay,

If the proposed Internet rules are approved, this would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Please throw out these rules and instead, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Lois Jordan, Tucson, AZ

I already pay for internet service. ISP's should not be able to make additional money by charging internet companies for preferred access.
—Brian Sallee, San Luis Obispo, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In fact, what you should do is claim government ownership over all of the cable companies fiber optic cables the same way you did for telephone wires, proclaim Internet access as a public utility, and charge the cable companies for the right to compete in every single home in America. Also, make cable channel packages to be a la carte. I'm sick of paying for sports channels that I don't EVER watch. For once, do the right thing for the PEOPLE of the nation, not the corporations.
—Mr. Jeffrey Brady, Brooklyn, NY

Maintain net neutrality Keep all data equal Do not allow discrimination of data due to affordability The internet is not broken and so does not need to be fixed Do not allow cable conglomerates to effectively choose content Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Courtney Courtney, Woodside, CA

The maintenance of Net Neutrality is essential to assure free and fair information flow over the internet. Please do not had over control of this service, which is essentially a basic utility in this country, to a handfull of giant companies that would exploit it for profit at the expense of the public. Do not approve these rule changes.
—Tom Hopkins, Milwaukie, OR

Restricting my access to allow me to work from home will cripple the ability I have to support my family. All traffic being supported equally (LIKE TELECOMS) is the only way to prevent abuse of my livelihood.
—Franklin T. Anonymous, Stop Messing with me, big government jerks, IL

Tom Wheeler, you are the saddest excuse for an FCC chairman that ever existed. I do not believe you when you say you are for Net Neutrality. You are a joke. Our voting is a scam. I want net neutrality now, you dumb scatterbrained idiot. Comcast, Att and Time Warner and Verizon are only after money. Whereas we are after freedom, which you know nothing about., you scumbag. Someone needs to send you to the moon with a one way ticket. If you vote against net neutrality I will do everything in my power to see that you get to the moon and never come back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!
—Joan Marie Churton, Raleigh, NC, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve Net Neutrality.
—Scott Baekeland, Bisbee, AZ

When everything comes tumbling down around us (99%) this will be one small aspect of the tyranny of corporate power in the US. Corporations don't exist, except on paper and they should NEVER have the capabilities to manipulate our "alleged" freedom and founding principles of equality. Eventually, we will revolt and begin again to live up to the "alleged " values of our land. It is easy to think that it is all a scam considering our historical treatment of African-Americans, Women, Native Americans, and the vast others we exploit. We are coming to a point where oligarchy reigns, democracy is a fiction, and the USA will be settling in the bowl of the world's toilet. In this issue give us a real FCC chairman, not a hack, a puppet or a "yes" man. Give us someone who can see beyond the quarterly profit and loss statement. Give us a Public Servant, who has new eyes that are honest and far sighted. If there is a USA 2.0 I know where the upgrades will be and what code will be eliminated. Live up to the Fourth of July rhetoric we endure each year knowing it is mostly fiction.
—Frank Smith, Virginia Beach, VA

Net neutrality service as the basis the new American economy. Allowing the monopoly that is cable Internet control who gets to send data and at what speed will stultify our economy, enrich the monopoly, and kill jobs. There is nothing more important to our economy than maintaining net neutrality.
—Daniel Kelber, Chicago, IL

The Internet IS a public utility. The rules should protect that status. Don't mess with the one of the last bastions of democratic free speech.
—Arthur Rosenberg, Minneapolis, MN

JOHN SAID TO TURN ON CAPS LOCK SO WHAT THE HELL. WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOUR DOING. WHO PUT THE FCC IN CHARGE ANYWAY?.....OH WAIT NO ONE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. HOW DARE YOU TRY TO TAKE OVER THE INTERNET FOR PERSONAL GAIN. SO, FUCK OFF AND STOP MESSING WITH THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE POWER OVER YOU SELF-RIGHTEOUS TWATS!
—Arran F Clarke, Machynlleth,

Closing an open internet will stifle entrepreneurs and innovators (exactly what wanna be monopolists want). Try not to be corporate shills/tools - do something right for America - history will judge you - try to emulate Lincoln, not Madoff
—Bob Drake, cincinnati, OH

I'm not sure what kills me more, that Net Neutrality is at risk, that you put a cable executive at the head of the FCC, that the cable companies have the government in their pockets, or you continue to ignore the public sentiment on the issue. I speak for many when I BEG YOU NOT TO DO THIS. Please allow the Internet to remain truly free and open, not in the hands of the cable companies.
—Heather Ebert, Franklin, TN

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Diane L Kuhn, West Columbia, SC

We need to keep access to the internet available to everyone on an equal basis. Please declare the internet a public utility.
—Emma Bartholomew, Seattle, WA

Nothing is as important as Net Neutrality for an equal playing field. The cable companies and others who provide Internet service are already monopolies in many regions of the country. Please don't give them even more power. Thank you.
—Lo Auer, Columbia, MO

STOP THE ABUSE AND CORPORATE TAKE OVER OF EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS IN THE UNIVERSE! NOT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE OWNED BY A FEW GREEDY PEOPLE!
—Og G., Phillips Ranch, CA

I am a small business owner, and rely on the internet for much of my business activity. I do not think that building a two or more tiered system for internet speed is good for the economics of small business people. There is already so much built into the legal and banking systems that favor the multinational corporations, small businesses cannot take another hit on our economics.
—Jane Reading, Phoenix, AZ

Net Neutrality as it exists, without preferential pricing for premium speed, has been critical in creating the diverse internet. The proposed rule virtually guarantees windfall profits to cable companies while suppressing innovation by smaller internet businesses. Faster premium service for a few well-heeled clients will inevitably mean slower speeds for everyone else. Internet service providers already collect fees based on volume of uploaded data; that has to be enough.
—Diane Wilson, Greenville, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—William Clifford Birtwell III, Ashford, CT

Crimes against humanity. They do not forget, they do not forgive.
—Brian Fløe, Berlin,

the very core of the internet is level playing field where everyone is on the same footing. not keeping to that principle destroys the very nature of the internet and change it from the current, great form to just another commercial platform controlled by a few.
—John Greenfelder, herndon, VA

the corporations do not own the internet. It belongs to the entire world. Keep it open and neutral and classless.
—Mr. Wallace Schultz, las vegas, NM

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE I am writing you to share with you my opinion regarding Net Neutrality. As a consumer and a person who you represent, I am strongly against any changes to the internet, especially anything that would just be a benefit to a very few large corporations leaving all consumers behind. It is in our best interest not to change the internet. Thank you, Gary Trevisani
—Gary Trevisani, Aston, PA

Money should not be able to buy the internet. The sites I like to visit have too much integrity to bribe the FCC. Please do not corporatise one of our few remaining democratic institutions.
—Marilyn Hoff, El Prado, NM

The cable companies already have a monopoly and can raise rates with little effort. They already are charging more for faster speeds, to the benefit of those with higher incomes who can afford a bigger monthly hit. Now what they want is the ability to traffic and censor content based on price and whatever other standards they want. So if they so desired, they could charge specific politic groups whose agenda they disagree with higher rates that those whose content they agree with, to send out their messages/videos/ads/informatio n etc. When are the people going to be considered in this equation? Other countries all over the world have direct access, faster, for lower cost. They take it for granted and are absolutely taken aback at what they find here. It's not just that there's not universal access; we have access for the privileged. This has to stop.
—L Glasner, New York, NY

Do the right thing - reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The Internet should not be a profit center for the wealthy!
—Robert Ridgard, The Villages, FL

FCC, I don't think I'm able to express why Net Neutrality is so important to maintain better than experts whose arguments I sincerely hope you've heard. I'm a recent college graduate looking to pursue a career as a librarian, and one of the main drivers behind this choice for me is that libraries have always been great equalizers. They are places where, so long as you get a library card, you can have the same access to information as anyone else there. The Internet is a great equalizer, and my job should be finding ways to help people access the knowledge they need to explore the world and explore their humanity. I should help them access the Internet, but if the Internet is no longer equal in its service, that will limit the help I can provide. When services have to be able to pay for access to audiences, the loudest voice is not necessarily of the smart or the many or the knowledgeable or the profound, but of the rich. Money should not have the power to dictate who can access what information, and it is no place of any other entity than an individual browser to decide what information is worthy.
—Anne Meuser, Oxford, OH

This is oh so wrong for so many reasons. I suppose this is in keeping with Marxist Ideals/Rules for Radicals in limiting the public's access to a limited and controlled scope of information ideals to further the cause in restructuring this country to the agenda of those in power. Congratulations Comrades for your part in the Amerikan Revolution. May there be a special place for you in the final analysis/history.
—Phil Frank, Houston, TX

I'm a web developer and I earn my living with websites. Do not punish me because I can't buy Washington or afford to be extorted by the cable mafia for decent internet speeds! Net Neutrality is the only way the internet can stay the wonderful platform it is today.
—Ben Ku, Atlanta, GA

As internet service becomes more and more widely used in business and private communications, I think we should follow past procedures and classify ISP as common carriers. This would help ensure that all users have equal access.
—Raymond E. Marshall, Foresthill, CA

Please don't destroy Net Neutrality! We need the internet to be as free from corporate interference as possible.
—Katherine Underwood, Arlington, MA

I oppose the idea of introducing any form of tier system into the Internet. Please simply reclassify ISPs as common carriers subject to the same rules and regulations as everyone else.
—Jereme E Guenther, Lebanon, OR

I pay a lot (too much, really) for the right or privilege of connecting to the internet at a somewhat high rate of speed. No one should be able to slow that down. Not the government, not corporations, no one.
—Howell Selburn, Campbell, CA

The FCC must quit trying to appease internet service providers and regulate the internet as a utility. No matter how you try to sugar-coat it, it's just plain wrong to allow fast and slow (or fast and faster) speeds of access.
—Mary J Martin, St Charles, MO

Net Neutrality is important to me, because corporations like Comcast, Time Warner, and others already have too much power. They should not have the power to regulate the Internet. That's what the FCC is for, or that's what the FCC SHOULD be for. Unfortunately, our never-fails-to-disappoint President chose a telecom lobbyist to head the FCC, one who refuses to simply have the Internet reclassified as a public utility. After all, who can make money from a public utility? And making money is what our corporate masters - and those who serve them, like Obama and FCC Chairman Wheeler - are all about, right?
—Robert John Bennett, Honolulu (Absentee Voter in Germany), HI

Freedom of Speech shouldn't be for the wealthy only, & gutting Net Neutrality would do exactly that.
—Michael Presley, Rockwall, TX

2nd attempt to post this: To the FCC: That the internet remain free and open is extremely important to me as a user. The only way to protect net neutrality is to reclassify the internet as a common carrier. Doing so is well within the FCC's power. Your current proposal will allow the big service providers to create a 2-tiered system and to control user accessibility to online content and applications. It will create even greater monopolistic power. Do the right thing and do not allow mega corporations like AT&T, Comcast, etc, to control the internet. Do your job and ensure a free and open internet for everyone. Reclassify the internet as a common carrier!
—Chris OBrien, Key West, FL

If the American government writes into law that ISP's can control what is delivered across the internet how then is that any different then the Chinese communist government putting firewalls up or the Korean government controlling what it's citizens can see. If we are to believe the American government than freedom of expression or speech is right there near the top of universal rights so to borrow a few paragraphs from "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Freedom_of_speech" <Quote> Freedom of speech is the political right to communicate one's opinions and ideas using one's body and property to anyone who is willing to receive them. The term freedom of expression is sometimes used synonymously, but includes any act of seeking, receiving and imparting information or ideas, regardless of the medium used.Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights The right to freedom of expression is recognized as a human right under and recognized in international human rights law in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). Article 19 of the ICCPR states that "[e]veryone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference" and "everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice". Article 19 goes on to say that the exercise of these rights carries "special duties and responsibilities" and may "therefore be subject to certain restrictions" when necessary "[f]or respect of the rights or reputation of others" or "[f]or the protection of national security or of public order (order public), or of public health or morals".[2][3] </Quote>
—Tyler Craft, Renton, WA

So that heartless corporations don't further enslave humanity with its greed and fascist power.
—John MacPhee, Ottawa, NY

We need some way to stop the fat cats again from taking advantage of the average Americans.
—Roy Warshawsky, Lombard, IL

A two lane Internet is going to hurt us all. Don't do it.
—Joni Solis, Kentwood, LA

The Net must remain neutral. It is not broken and it does not need to change. It is a device that should remain untouched.
—Ken Spreng, Sioux Falls, SD

Do not "fix" the internet. It is the most amazing invention. I assume u do not use it. Ask someone to show it to you.
—Suzanne Hartley, Phoenix, AZ

My training has been in scholarship. However, I don't know how to deal with the present proposal because it is so obvious that the corporate-controlled news media are moving the country toward totalitarianism. When one controls the news media, one controls everything. Please do not allow the FCC to follow the "Lewis Powell Memo - A Corporate Blueprint to Dominate Democracy" (1971) to be game plan for the FCC to deny Main Street America equal access to the Internet, that marvel of level-playing-field communication.
—Dr. John Kelsey, Killingworth, CT

Companies like Comcast, TimeWarner, and others have already carved out their territories. All that is left is to merge and buy each other out to get the Ma Bell back that we worked so hard to get rid of. Keeping an OPEN and FREE internet will at least slow down this sleeping giant. If these companies are allowed to dictate speeds to companies that can pay more we will never see another facebook, Google, or Netflix. No new companies will be able to afford it to catch on. We the People will never even hear about them. P.S. No former lobbyist should EVER be given a Gov't job that has any kind of control over what they once lobbied for.
—Michael Berkery, Loves Park, IL

Net neutrality is the most critical pillar of a free and open internet, which, if properly used, enhances democracy. Tom Wheeler is in the pocket of Comcast and Verizon, and as an opponent of net neutrality, is a traitor to America. The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and Tom Wheeler needs to resign immediately.
—Justice Ender, Missoula, MT

If net neutrality is surrendered to the cable provider loby it will be the last straw . Do not let it happpen ever.
—Mr. Thomas Field Voorhies, Escondido, CA

My cable provider is Comcasst. I live in a very nice neighborhood where satellite dishes are frowned upon. There is no other internet provider-by-cable that Comcast. I hate Comcast as much as everybody else, mainly due to their astonishingly high monthly fees, assured by a compliant Congress. Please do not give Comcast another way to screw over the American people. Make the internet a public utility. Preserve Net neutrality.
—Richard Rutherford, Staunton, VA

As a member of a small business in the technology sector, I play a tremendously important role in the growth of our economy. However, recent moves by the FCC and Cable Companies are threatening to change the stability and equality which helped to found the internet. It we agree to allow a multi-tiered system of communications to become the status quo, companies like mine will be forced to close and slow down the pace of innovation. Do not allow these rules to pass through the FCC approval process. Stand up for a free and open internet.
—Joseph Mabus, Evanston, IL

Tom Wheeler, former lobbyist, assured us he wants an Open Internet. This does not say he will not allow it to become 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. That is plain wrong, and corrupt.
—Nancy Churchill, Oregon, IL

Communication and innovation have been the driver of economic growth in this country and around the world. Turning this fertile engine of progress over to the control of corporate interests is the surest way to help widen the income gap even more in coming years.This was technologies created through government investment for the benefit of all Americans,not the politically connected powers that be
—Dennis Hall, Citrus Springs, FL

Hey Tom, Be a mench, reclassify isp's as common carriers. Even your kids and grand kids will love you again.
—Cathy Goodrich, Verdugo City, CA

neutrality is basic; no two tiers!
—Chris Horwitz, Pittsburgh, PA

I do believe the fact of the matter has been spoken about time and time again: This is a measure that effectively quashes the spirit of competition, essentially looking to circumvent the ideals of a free market in much the way previous practices in the sphere of the private to political juncture have produced in the past. In this case, the internet is one final, worldly frontier. It is, where I personally believe, the "American Dream" still thrives precisely because ideas can emerge independently of a system where resources are squatted upon and held out for those who can afford them. To capitalize upon those already standing at the top to give a better foothold in all endeavors is, in essence, going to be one of the many nails in the coffin of an already stagnating system. Stop this idea of the lanes, whatever it takes. It can only hurt those already hurting, it can only take away the spirit of ownership and entrepreneurial ingenuity that often can only emerge on the internet. It's time to take a stand and say that this won't be a matter to be jerked around by the horns on.
—Joshua Watson, Carrollton, TX

Good evening monsters. This may be the moment you spend whole life you are trying for. Ice castle would give her hypothermia and she dead in an hour. Fuck you.
—MacHiko Hollifield, dallas, TX

No no no no no.
—Mr Vincent Ross Johnson, Somerset, KY

It's critical that everyone have equal access to the internet.
—Angie Affolter, Mundelein, IL

So long as it's free of tyrannical meddling, the Internet is quite naturally a level playing field. To break it for the benefit of a select few (who already benefit from a broken economic system that allows communications monopolies) is obscene. For the FCC to advocate anything less that complete Net Neutrality is to betray the American people and trash the principles that the US government vows to protect. Do the right thing, FCC. Listen to the people you're supposed to serve. Reject the current plan and put a new one in place that makes true Net Neutrality a reality. Classify ISPs as common carriers. Because by the established definitions, that's what they actually are.
—William Wright, Coralville, IA

I'm protesting the possible takeover of the Internet by the large ISPs, AT&T, Comcast, Verizon if the FCC's proposed rules go into effect. The best way to continue the Internet's neutrality is to make it a common carrier (Title II). The Internet must not be allowed to become a high speed highway for the few who can afford it.
—James Bachman, St. Charles, IL

With the free and unregulated flow of information, the internet will continue to be a viable conduit for continued flow. By allowing the providers control it will cease to exist.
—William L. Parker, Phoenix, AZ

I in NO way support a two tiered internet system!! Internet providers like Comcast are essential monopolies already and overcharge customers because they can. I do NOT support the proposed new rules for them and DEMAND that Net Neutrality as it exists today be maintained and protected. Please protect the consumers and citizens not the greedy and power hungry corporations.
—Thomas Lopez, Kalamazoo, MI

We'd like OUR internet back! You know, the one we built with OUR tax dollars before you stole money from us and bought out our congress members one by one with your ill-gotten gains. Get your blood-soaked, greedy hands off our internet before we have to get out the pitchforks and anything else we can get our 309,000,000 hands on and come find you. Even the Kochs can't hide from ALL of us forever.
—Jones Karen J, Sonoma, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, My business depends on the internet being free. If the telecoms start charging me for preferential treatment, I might as well close my doors. I convert gas vehicles to battery electric. It is cheaper than buying fuel (310 MPGe), it has a net positive on the environment and the local economy here in America. Since I don't have millions of dollars in inventory, I don't have the volume to deserve the huge discounts that large corporations get. Since my goal is to be affordable and these are big ticket items, I don't even have enough profit built in to pay for credit card fees. With such a small margin of profit, I need to cut costs where ever I can. If Net Neutrality is over, I'm sunk. Please keep the internet free from corporate influence. It's the only way a better mouse trap has a chance.
—Tim Foster, Spokane, WA

Please do not allow the cable companies to manipulate you and everyone else accessing the internet. They already make an exorbitant amount providing unreliable service that seems to go down every other month. The internet the way it is is fair and allows for the small companies to compete with large companies the way that this nation was set up to do. You really have to look at who benefits from cable companies discriminating speeds on the Internet. Is it the small company trying to compete with the established leader? No. Is it the end user using the Internet? No. The only people that benefit are the CEOs of the cable companies. The fact that this is even being considered is disgusting. Do the right thing and keep the Net Neutral!!
—Richard Stahr, Severn, MD

To the FCC: Net neutrality is crucial for the citizens of this country to participate in a true democracy. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.
—Susan E Peck, Portland, OR

I am fed up with corrupt politicians giving everything to big corporations. The internet was built with public money, for public usage.
—Michael Mounteney, Springwood,

Dear FCC, It's clear that there is a monopoly being constructed around the American citizen's choice for high speed internet access. In some countries, governments have realized that making broadband a municipal service allows for a healthy competition between internet providers, while in the United States it seems as though there were nothing but an allowance by the government of corporations to cut up the country as if it were a slice of beef, each owner deciding what they want to charge for their cut, without hardly any competition at all. Isn't competition the most crucial characteristic of capitalism?
—Peter Tschann-Grimm, San Francisco, CA

I have never seen a more shameless attempt to monopolise and exploit what should be a free and open resource. In most states, cable and utility companies are already monopolies, forcing customers to pay higher prices for often terrible service (ask any Verizon customer in New York City where I live and they will agree). The FCC needs to abandon this plan that no one wants immediately. So Mr. Wheeler and your gang of thugs at the FCC, if you succeed in getting this passed, then damn you all to Hell. Clear enough for you?
—John Leporati, Brooklyn, NY

Discarding neutrality is ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE on EVERY level!!! It's only purpose is to further enhance the divisions created by the "1%ers"!! The firms involved have ALREADY proved the baseness of their intentions!! This is simply ANOTHER facet of "farming the populace"!! It is ultimately,...in the long term,...fatal to the society and, in fact, the corrupt business entities involved themselves!!! Net neutrality MUST BE PRESERVED....and, indeed,.. ENHANCED!!!
—Katherine Waid, Mendocino, CA

As a small content provider, my sites will get swept aside by a two-tiered internet, because neither I nor my clients will be able to pay for the fast lane. The Internet has been the largest force for innovation, global participation, and free enterprise that the world has ever seen. A two-tiered Internet would handicap all of that not only within the U.S., but also in our dealings with the rest of the world. The big telecoms already limit our ability to access the Internet as end users by their refusal to upgrade the systems to the level that other countries enjoy; the proposed two-tier system would handicap the providers of content as well. It would also effectively be a form of censorship, as those unable to pay the fees would be drowned out by those who can. This is un-American, and too many of our cherished freedoms have been eroded in the name of "security" already.
—Harry Thomas, San Antonio, TX

Preserve Net Neutrality. Treat all data the same. This equality of content distribution is essential for the Internet to continue to be the source of innovation and growth of new business. Internet Service Providers must not be allowed to carve up the Internet and discriminate based on premium pricing. FCC Chmn Wheeler's proposal for reasonableness is a fraud because as long as Internet Service Providers like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T can donate vast sums to candidates for Congress and President, they will have purchased the influence that will be rewarded by the appointment of people from the industry or who want to be hired by the industry - like Powell and Wheeler - who will adopt policies that will increase ISP's profits without improving or protecting service. Preserve the open Internet. There is plenty of opportunity for profit for ISP's without providing some of the worst Internet service in the world for some of the highest prices. But killing Net Neutrality will destroy the opportunity for new businesses to get started, and will ultimately lead to limiting free speech online.
—David Weiss, Brookline, MA

Net neutrality is the underlying principle of a free and open Internet that all users can access the content or run the applications and devices of their choice. These Internet Service Provider companies can and will take away our ability to access information by charging higher prices and essentially squeezing out the “little guy” content providers who can’t afford to pay. These companies had nothing to do with inventing the Internet, the World Wide Web or Web browsers. While their infrastructure costs money, they were heavily subsidized for this with our tax dollars, and they already charge for both bandwidth and access. Don’t be fooled into thinking that these companies would not continue to provide these services and innovate if they did not have this additional revenue stream, which will only serve to enrich their shockingly high level of profits.
—Angie Pete Yowell, Austin, TX

There is nothing wrong with the internet. Why do you think you need to "fix it"?
—Frank Young, Freeport, NY

Net Neutrality is important because it protects the ability for the internet to be home to a truly free market. It gives small businesses an equal chance to compete with larger corporations who could easily throw money at the cable companies to boost their speeds.
—Penn Glendinning, Ashton, MD

I use the internet to shop, to do things such as ind out what vaccines are recommended for my upcoming trip to Africa, to check on the weather in places I will be visiting, to assist in researching topics in which I'm interested, etc. I see no earthly reason for a "slow lane" and a "fast lane" other than corporate greed. All sites on the internet should be treated equally. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality.
—Penny Luce, Santa Barbara, CA

Dear, Chairman Wheeler and other members of the FCC, Please, prove to the American people, your children and grandchildren, that you are a true, patriotic American. Show that you care about the future of your country, its economy, and the well being of your the next generations. Do the right thing. Preserve Net Neutrality as it is. Do NOT allow and sanction any tiered system for the Internet in America. Thank you. Francesco Somaini
—Francesco Somaini, EUGENE, OR

All packets need to be treated equally! By allowing companies to treat information differently you are silencing groups who will not be able to afford the rates for 'high speed' packets. Additionally destroying net neutrality will allow cable companies to double dip. Consumers are already paying for the ability to access data, there should be no need for Netflix or Amazon or any other company to pay additionally. Instead of cable companies using disgusting amounts of money lobbying the government, maybe they could reinvest in improved hardware?
—Nathanael Letchford, Austin, TX

The internet is unique in that it allows large and small companies to compete on a level playing field. The rule change proposed by the large ISPs would destroy this equality. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers because that is what they are. The internet should remain a free and open medium for commerce and the exchange of ideas. Further privatization will only result in a higher cost to the consumer and lessen the quality of service.
—Michael Bloomer, Willimantic, CT

We need an even playing field. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way to potect real Net Neutrality.
—David Coffman, San Antonio, TX

It's not broken, don't try to fix it!!! Net Neutrality is the way forward. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Loey Cohen Kirk, Albuquerque, NM

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—Isaac Robitaille, Dixmont, ME

Our democracy has been bought and paid for in too many ways. The Net is one way to get different points of view, to go into depth about issues, to be informed voters. But creating another bought and paid for by the rich method of delivering vital information ensures that democracy is one step further towards being owned by the rich.
—Beth Birnbaum, Flushing, NY

Don`t take away my rights & fredoms ... leave the internet the way it is & the way it was designed ... for & by the public. it dose not belong to the FCC ... it belongs to the PEOPLE!
—Ellery Lepain, naples, FL

Net Neutrality maintains the boundaries of equal access to all people and companies. Without it, monopolies will exert greater influence in the realm of telecommunications. Please consider how net neutrality re-instills the democratic greatness of the internet. Special interest lobbyists thwart the best interests of consumers which needs to be monitored and contained by our government.
—Laura Rugarber, Jersey City, NJ

Many of us live where phone service is not reliable, and poor when it does work. These are reliant on the very companies you are considering giving control of the internet. Please consider making the internet a utility because we need to have at least one good means of communication.
—Linda Yow, GlenAllen, MO

Traffic on the net must not evolve into one of one's ability/inability to pay for faster access to the internet. All access must be equal. The development of the internet was financed by all americans and not a few ISP's who now benefit from the citizenry's investment.
—Joe Weis, Reedley, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me quite simply because I believe in equality; we should not be treated differently, and cost should not make a difference.
—Ms. Julia Morgan, Ithaca, NY

Basic fairness.
—Brandon Juhl, Mercer Island, WA

net neutrality is key to democratic decision making. It is key that consumers have the ability to make independent choices about which media companies to consume news and information. It is absolutely essential that the internet be totally net nuetral in all aspects. Please do your jobs and represent the best interests of the american people - in the long run - rather than representing the best interests of the telecom companies.
—Elizabeth McManus, trenton, NJ

Don't small businesses move the highest percentage of capitol?
—Kevin Whalen, Aurora, OH

Fair and neutral internet access is vital to education and open access to information. Don't let the megacorporations choose who gets the best access based on who pays the most.
—David Field, Santa Cruz, CA

The internet is a reprieve from boredom, from having to deal with pushy people with entitlement issues, and from expecting localities to have the things we want. By keeping the net neutral for all humans, Americans, people, users, w/e, you are giving children a chance to learn while on a sick day at home, all people that want to learn the access that they deserve, and anyone who has access a chance to escape from a potential miserable situation. If you take away neutrality, expect an American Spring, since no one outside of the egalitarian class will have access.
—Josh Berger, Harvard, IL

This is the earthly ecosystem's last chance.
—Bob Hamburg, Glenside, PA

Use the Internet to connect people, not make certain companies rich. Classifying the ISPs as common carriers will insure that the Internet remains neutral.
—Bill Pringle, Woodlyn, PA

Free speech (and distribution of free speech) depends on net neutrality. Do not let a few company's determine the fate of the internet for all. Do what is right for all of the individuals and companies in this country.
—Jennie Chamberlain, Los Angeles, CA

Please stand with the public by protecting Net Neutrality once and for all. 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. Net Neutrality is the cornerstone of innovation, free speech and democracy on the Internet.
—Joe Tatro, San Diego, CA

REAL Net Neutrality is important to everyone.
—Nancy Mueller, Chapel Hill, NC

This should be a simple concept ... all service at the same speed for the same price. Only one class ... No first-class for those with deep pockets and steerage for the rest of us. Please stop being tone deaf and listen to what people are saying. Thank you.
—ALVERA99@bellsouthnet Pritchard, MIAMI BEACH, FL

Chairman Wheeler: I do not want you to let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please reclassify the Internet as a utility and do your job representing the people and NOT YOUR FORMER EMPLOYERS!
—Amy Ettinger, Phoenix, AZ

The promise of the internet is being killed off in favor of the large companies all in the name of profits for them -- the hell with ordinary citizens.
—Al Veilleux, Vernon, CT

Our economy can not afford to allow monopolistic cable/internet companies with record profits to institute a pay-to-play fast lane. They promise they will not degrade normal traffic, but we know these corporations regularly lie and will instantly break the internet to shake down both companies and consumers like the mobsters the aim to be. It is time to protect the internet and the economy. It is time to reclassify the ISPs and common carriers and ensure they do not destroy the economy and the internet through their rampant greed. Do the right thing - reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Justin Nelson, Kent, WA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE The Internet is for everyone. I don't need or want to experience one more time where the powerful and selfish create something that benefits only them. Greed may be rampant but we don't have to accept it.
—Barbara Gray, Berkeley, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is proposing a plan that will allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules will mean the end of Net Neutrality. This plan will let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies will have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one will be able to do anything about it. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. The internet should be free and equal for everyone.
—Leroy Frankel, Longmont, CO

How much money is enough for big business? What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of a few billionaires compared to the good a free internet will do?
—Erline Towner, Milford, NH

All men are created equal. No American citizen would deny that this concept is integral to our nations identity. However, by allowing the rich Americans to give better internet service, the FCC is directly combating our nation's ideals. Frankly, you've done a terrible job. The USA has the internet speeds of third world nations with the largest economy in the world. Don't mess things up more than you already have. Listen to the mandate of the people. Continue net neutrality.
—Jeremy Pitock, Villanova, PA

EQUALITY OF VOICE IN A DEMOCRACY IS ESSENTIAL!
—Rebecca S. Casstevens, Binghamton, NY

The airwaves belong to us and we've hired you to protect them.
—Sandra Petersen, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

ENOUGH of the corporate takeover. Competition is the right of every democracy. Even in a capitalistic regime like the US.
—Thomas Marinello, Los Angeles, CA

Chairman Wheeler - ARE YOU HIGH?!?!?? Good grief man give it a REST. Your plan is completely UN-AMERICAN. If you're so hell-bent on rigging the system for the good of a few, please move to Russia, or Syria, any other ass-backward system. STOP trying to kill Net Neutrality. Thank you!
—Jerry Brennan, Evanston, IL

I recently read that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow discrimination online that will mean the end of Net Neutrality. From what I've learned, this plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow road for the rest of us. These companies would also have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers or there will be no protection of real Net Neutrality.
—Jennifer Scholte, Mather, CA

I'm absolutely fed up with over paying for freaking every damn thing. my internet service isn't particularly good (nor has it ever been), and yet I've been with the top companies paying the highest fees. Now you want to allow these huge corporate entities have as much power as they like??! Oh, I don't think so. I find this so objectionable. So disgusting. And yet so typical off how life in this damn country has become. Please don't let this happen; if it does, we know how it happened. Via an extremely corrupt system of payoffs and .. well, buggery.
—Jane Millerick, New York, NY

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is a bad idea and with At&t just purchasing Directv it is a bad idea for my family seeing that I will not CHOOSE At&t service because they BAD IDEA FOR US. i KNOW how THEY WORK.
—Heidi Wood, Greeley, CO

Net Neutrality is about freedom of speech and providing access to all to information.
—Mara Schoner, Idyllwild, CA

Please consider the interests of the American Public and do not allow cable companies to destroy the internet. Corporate greed must not supplant basic human needs. The future depends on an open internet. There are services yet to be built that rely on an open internet. If ISP's are allowed to charge content providers extra then the extra charges will most assuredly be passed on to the consumers. We are already charged too much for internet compared to other countries. Do the right thing and classify ISP's as common carriers!
—Jeremiah Johnson, Morgantown, WV

We must maintain an equal access for all, in fairness to all! Big business should not be allowed to squeeze out any small competitors and startups.
—Mr. Roderic G Stephens, Redding, CA

This is a democracy, not a plutocracy, and the Internet should reflect that. It should be neutral, with the same experience and possibilities available to every user, regardless of ability to pay.
—F Corr, Montague, MA

it treats everyone equally and levels the playing field.
—Larry Fishman, Oakland, CA

The internet was conceived and is utilized as a public utility with equal access for all - not just those who can afford to pay extra. Internet Service Providers should not be allowed to discriminate against online content and applications and websites that cannot afford extra fees for preferred accessibility. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this incredibly important issue.
—Debi Jackson, West Chester, OH

IT IS ABOUT FAIRNESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—M Smith, HOUSTON, TX

I am fucking sick and tired of being overruled by corporate greed. I don't have cable because I have the internet. You are going to fucking ruin the one thing my godforsaken generation has going for it. For a few moments, have some backbone and do what is right rather than what is easy or profitable. Have some integrity for once.
—Cori Bishop, Brigantine, NJ

THE INTERNET IS NOT A TOY FOR THE 1-PERCENT CROWD. THE INTERNET IS NOT A METHOD TO OPPRESS THE LESS FORTUNATE. THE INTERNET IS FOR EVERYONE. CLASSIFY IT AS A TITLE II COMMON CARRIER.
—Ian Cannon, Oakland, CA

Commissioner(s): Please take this historic opportunity to classify the internet providers as telecommunication providers, thereby simultaneously holding them to standards of equal treatment for all users, and absolving yourselves of the corruption inherent in your attempts to appear to be regulators of the very corporations who purchase you. Recall that while employed by U.S. government, you are sworn to work for us, not a few corporate elite.
—Richard Schnibbe, Fresno, CA

I'm a retired elementary school teacher long concerned by the fact that we do not have a smart board in every classroom and a laptop for every student. Eliminating Net Neutrality will mean I need no longer be concerned because education, typically the last on the list, will have no functional access to the internet. Proving the United States can always be made less competitive.
—Carol Mock, Fremont, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Being disabled, I rely on the Internet for so many things that improve my quality of life. I live on a fixed income and cannot afford being left to the whim of giant corporations who can affect my ability to access vital information.
—DE Whitcomb, Tucson, AZ

Network neutrality is essential for the continued healthy development of the internet! Do NOT limit it!
—David Toboz, Burnsville, MN

Everybody needs Net neutrality to freely deal with the internet.
—Martha W D Bushnell, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality is a warrant of freedom
—Matthieu Brillet, Armaille,

I agree with John Oliver: To real people, Net Neutrality means "Preventing Cable Company F*CCery". There should be no fee-only Diamond Lanes on the internet.
—Kae Bender, Lancaster, CA

Net neutrality must be preserved, in opposition to the cable companies wished, to ensure a free and open society.
—Michael Smith, Seattle, WA

If You give the power to the cable companies, if you allow them to bully services and force more money onto consumers, which will happen, I will gladly downgrade to a smaller provider, and forever take my chances with slower internet, so I never again, have to give Verizon or Comcast my money again, so long as I live...This act is just selfish, and evil. More and more people are aware of this, and we will not let it stand.
—Arthur Kozakiewicz, Red Bank, NJ

IT IS MY LIFELINE AS A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES, WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE INTERNET I COULDN'T SUSTAIN MYSELF OUTSIDE OF A NURSING HOME!
—Nicholas Molson, Carney, MI

Let's not bullshit about keeping "the spirit" of the open internet, and instead just classify it as a public utility. I don't want to hear about who is a strong supporter of the free internet, I want you to do your jobs.
—Daniel Guerriero, Nanuet, NY

NET NEUTRALITY IS VITAL TELEPHONE AND ALL MODERN COMMUNICATION. NO NEUTRALITY = NO FREEDOM OF SPEACH .
—Dennis Murphy, Taylor, PA

I am an artist, and like so many we want to be free to create material and make a living off of it online. To limit that realm's freedom in any way would be too compromising for us.
—Steven Gordon, Springfield, MO

Our economy is no longer a manufacturing one - it is a service one based on the internet. As it is, the private companies have no invested as they should. Our internet speeds pale in comparison to those throughout the world. How did this happen?
—Dan Glovier, Mt. Prospect, IL

It would ruin the internet if we lost neutrality!
—Allen Gundlach, Rochester, NY

Two tiers means two levels of service means second class status for the majority.
—Joseph Weir, swansea, IL

The internet IS a Common Carrier. The FCC needs to declare it a Common Carrier to enforce universal access on those who would use their size/power to gain unfair advantage.
—Gary Fariss, Saratoga, CA

FCC: throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sarah Basham, Raleigh, NC

HHello. Why we need Net Neutrality should be a no-brainer. It supports our personal freedoms, enriches the lives of everyone - despite their place in the economy - and helps create jobs and improves our economy. The large telecommunication companies are clearly monopolies and clearly do not need to increase their profits. We need our leaders to support the 'every man' in this country - and to keep net neutrality!
—Billie Little, murfreesboro, TN

An example - if we had these rules in 2007, then the small startup Facebook could not have afforded fast access for their users, while the established MySpace could have. Facebook was a clearly superior product, but they simply could not have competed because users would have complained about how slow it was. Please don't create a situation in which a new company simply can't compete against an established company.
—Jason Thomson, Atlanta, GA

Dear FCC Commissioners, I and my family wish to ask you to PLEASE not tamper with Net Neutrality. We view it as fundamental to the future well being of the democracy as well as to the health and vitality of a truly innovative commercial sector. Thank you for your service and the integrity to protect a level playing field for all citizens. Sincerely, Martin Kilmer & Family
—Martin Kilmer, Cotttage Grove, OR

The people should not have to pay for rich corporations to get a special lower rate. The Internet should be the same for everybody, poor and rich alike.
—Don Bay, Östersund,

President Obama promised us Net neutrality. I want to remind of his promise
—Ms. Suraya Karjeker, Plano, TX

John Oliver says it way better than I can. :)
—Stan Zaske, Bartonville, IL

Simple.. Do NOT END net neutrality.
—Pete Orth, Marshall, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me because without it, our free and open speech medium, the internet, will be muffled. In fact, I'd like to see all the internet highway socialized and maintain by the government and any person or business that wants to have the same voice big heard and not stymied by the Comcast, Verizon and ATT of the worlds. keep the Internet open and flowing freely for all citizens! Don't turn us into a cast nations by internet special fees to the people who control our internet. Socialize it and keep the internet available for all citizens.
—Susan Hoog, Reno NV 89509, NV

ISPs should not be able to 'double-dip', paying for their own network trunks while charging 'access fees' to companies that have already paid for *their* own trunks in order for those companies to reach consumers. The fact that Comcast is charging Netflix while running their own on-demand video service smells more than a little. Companies like Google, Facebook, Netflix, etc are the reason people want connectivity, ISPs charging for customer access will throttle newcomers lacking the deep pockets to pay off the providers. Common-carrier status and arms-length separation between providing bandwidth and content is the right move to take.
—Robert Halloran, Jacksonville, FL

net neutrality is essential to promote small businesses and entrepreneurs. And to ensure that the democratic process has a level playing field
—Martha Marcom, Columbus, OH

Net neutrality will ensure that our democracy endures. Otherwise, every avenue of communication and dissent will be based on $$$$$.
—Lynn Miller, Portland, OR

I believe allowing companies like Verizon and and AT&T to create two classes of internet speed with a fast and slow lane for profit is criminal. Corporate promises to not abuse such a system are meaningless, as simply giving them the legal option to do so means they can and will. Cable companies already act like monopolies by cutting up the country and not interfering with each other's territory, and now you're going to let them shake down companies and possibly some day even people to be able to use something that should be open for everyone to use equally. Make the internet a public utility.
—Jeremy Lefevre, Silverthorne, CO

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers!
—Patricia O'Leary, College Park, MD

Please do not give access to Internet Service Provides a 'fast lane' for the Internet. Please protect net neutrality.
—Cathy Donovan, Los Gatos, CA

Net neutrality is the single MOST important thing you MUST do to ensure a free market place. Do your job the internet IS the only form of communication. It is phone, tv, radio, etc. In case you missed your job it is to make sure the net remains Permanently Neutral. That should be your sole and single job as far as I am concerned. If you don't do your job we the people of America have no use for your branch of the government and you effectively eliminate your job. Now GO DO YOUR JOB!!!!!!! We have some of the slowest internet in the world! We pay the most of any country in the world! Do not let the corporations keep lining their pockets with this crappy service. Mr. Wheeler...you are a disgrace to you country if you don't make net neutrality permanent.
—Rich Fuller, Longmont, CO

I am on a fixed income and losing Net Neutrality means internet access will probably cost more and I will lose out on content. Freedom of choice is vital one the Net. My son is a small businessman, and I do not want his business to lose access to potential customers if he can't afford to buy into a high-speed "channel." I support many local businesses, many of them small and vulnerable if Net Neutrality is lost. Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Beth McCammon, Columbus, OH

Keep net Neutrality, I mean really, Tom Wheeler used to be the cable companies lobby, I can't believe Obama appointed him to the FCC. I will probably never vote democratic or republican again.
—Richard Broussard, plano, TX

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE The majority of people in this country cannot afford one more abuse perpetrated to us by the rich and powerful. We need to enjoy at the very least the same access of the internet we already have now. Enough is enough!. The President promised to us to maintain Net Neutrality. I expect him to keep his promise. FCC THROW OUT YOUR RULES AND INSTEAD RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. This is the only way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Gladys Fahrenkopf, Miami, FL

Let's learn if the government can put the public interest above corporations. Please assure net neutrality
—Aileen Jeffries, Winthrop, WA

Mr. WHEELER, REALLY??? DO NOT GIVE THE CORPORATIONS UNFAIR ADVANTAGE ON THE NET. I EEMAND THAT NET NEUTRALITY REMAIN AS IT IS! THIS IS SIMPLY ANOTHER CORPORATE ATTEMPT TO REMOVE FROM US PUR FREEDOM! STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW.
—Mr. Michael Holler, Key Largo, FL

As a consumer, I have to pay for my internet access. The government should be treating internet providers like common carriers. It is NOT a profit making tariff system for big business. It is a utility that is licensed by the people FOR the people.
—Ms. Patricia Cahill, Irvine, CA

Net Neutrality is vital to avoid a "Big Brother" future in which giant corporations control every aspect of the economy, and indeed our lives.
—Steven Hayworth, Ypsilanti, MI

Please keep Net Neutrality going. It is very important that companies like Comcast, Verizon, ATT and TWC cannot choose who they are going to give faster service to. This is not how USA is supposed to work and certainly not the internet. Both large and small companies should be able to get the same speeds at the same cost. Already the USA is way behind most countries including India at the speed and cost which most customs get service. Please do't make yet another bad ruling to make us more ashamed of the way capitalism is playing out in the USA.. Please get rid of these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Nan Wicker
—Anne Wicker, North Myrtle Beach, SC

WE NEED TO HAVE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, JUST AS THE AIRWAYS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE, OR SHOULD BE, SO SHOULD THE INTERNET BE, AND HAVING A LOT OF MONEY SHOULDN'T BE WHAT DETERMINES THE KIND OF SERVICE WE GET. ALREADY THE US IS BEHIND OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE IN INTERNET ACCESS AND SPEED. WE NEED TO INCREASE SERVICE TO EVERYONE, NOT JUST RICH CORPORATIONS.
—Wendy Scott, Ceres, CA

We have the slowest, most expensive internet access in the industrialized world, do not make it worse!!!
—Herman Rhein, South Padre Island, TX

ISP's must be classified as common carriers. Net Neutrality must be preserved. The FCC must climb out of the pockets of ISP's like Comcast and AT&T...
—Jack Whalen, Ridgewood, NJ

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Hey, FCC! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Max Frazier, COLUMBUS, OH

Please save Net Neutrality
—Jeff Lee, Placida, FL

Net Neutrality is absolutely required to keep free speech. If you kill it, you'll be part of infamy's history. Please, do your duty and defend people's fundamental rights rather than telecom companies' economical interests.
—Jose M. Latas Latas, Pontevedra,

This the absolute worst plan and needs to be stopped. The FCC needs to regulate the cable and Internet providers, not help them make more money while screwing up our economy. They have already been allowed to become monoployies, don't hand over total domination of the internet to these mega-goons.
—Max Maurer, Seguin, TX

The proper function of government is the protection on the public citizen - not the greed of corporate conglomerates. Net Neutrality is primary to the individual. Cost of subscibing to Broad Band service is already prohibitive for people of modest or low income. Where are the Trust Busters of old when we need them?
—Patricia Artz, Federal Way,, WA

A free and open internet is essential for a free and open democracy. Any disruption of the flow of information between citizens is censorship and only acts to make us slaves to the highest bidder.
—Richard Selleseth, Lodi, CA

The idea of having a two tiered system for internet providers only paves the way for abuse and collusion among the minimal options that exist in the first place. The cost of service for access is already at grossly overcharged that providers will basically render those that can't pay exorbitant charges back to pre-dial up connection days. All the while this will further push this country into the tailspin that already exists by allowing the very few elitists with a huge advantage of the the overwhelming majority. Another cog in the wheel of pushing the United States into third world status.
—David A Wagner Jr, Greenfield, WI

The KEYWORD for our America is... FREEDOM! Let's keep it that way!
—Beverly Smith, Cottonwood, AZ

the internet as we know it now is a balanced playing field. Any internet content creator, company, or innovator can use the internet and is guaranteed the same speed and quality of service as anyone else. This makes the internet more inviting to businesses and entrepreneurs than any physical place on Earth. It is a model of perfect capitalism. ironically, allowing ISPs to regulate interenet content would ruin this order. As a supporter of the free market, the current regulations must be upheld.
—Salvatore Puglisi, Orchard Park, NY

The internet is a basic human right, one that is being infringed upon by the monopolistic companies that are actively seeking to limit our access to it. This is a line that must not be crossed. The FCC is headed by a former cable company lobbyist. This in and of itself is disgusting, and the actions being taken by Comcast, Time Warner, and others are proof that our government is completely a slave to these corporate interests. This will not happen. This cannot happen. We've seen the bullying tactics from Comcast that forced Netflix to pay a premium. We've seen the FCC act as if they are UTTERLY opposed to the interests of the American people. Enough is enough, FCC.
—Beckett Snedeker-Short, Chicago, IL

Why the hell do I have to be JEALOUS of the internet speeds of ALL of my friends when I visit them in Europe. No matter what country, they are ALL FASTER than what we have in the US. I HATE COMCAST - but have to use it at my home. I HATE AT&T but they have a monopoly on connections in my office building. I am embarrassed beyond words at the spinelessness of the FCC. You are supposed to serve US, the American people. NOT the monopolizers of the internet. ISPs are COMMON CARRIERS. We need to catch up with the rest of the world. Sue Hestor hestor@earthlink.net 329 Highland Ave San Francisco CA 94110
—sue Hestor, San Francisco, CA

This is one of the most important issues of our time. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Diann Darnall, Fairbanks, AK

Net neutrality is possibly the last remnant of our barely functioning democracy. Don't shred it.
—Dr. Connie Falk, las Cruces, NM, NM

Are you kidding me ... are you dimwits seriously giving over the internet to the cable whores? FUCK you treasonous halfwits.
—Rufus Godbold, Tallahassee, FL

the cable companies are already reaping enormous profits, keep the internet free and equal!
—Mr. Kirk Mehtlan, Tucson, AZ

Surrendering Net Neutrality to the telecommunication monopoly is a disgusting feat that clearly demonstrates how low and far our fine country has fallen in these days of corporate exploitation and dominance of our government. Telecommunication companies have no right claiming ownership over the internet, as they had absolutely no hand in it's creation; they merely are trying to buy out something that is leaving them in the dust. Net Neutrality exists to protect our rights as individuals, our rights for free communication and sharing of content, without restriction powered by corporate greed and nepotism. Without Net Neutrality, people lose their last true form of communication and access to information, and as we have seen in scenarios such as the Arab Spring and with the recent unveiling of the NSA's behavior, we need this unbridled open access now more than ever. Don't allow this to happen. The future of the internet would be bleak and it would only be privatized for the wealthy. No one will be able to afford to pay for the experience that we already have today, with the exception of moguls, politicians, fortune 500 companies, their relatives and employees; the social elite. America was once the home of the free. Now it's a world-leading example of corruption, betrayal, espionage, self-interest and an ever-increasing socioeconomic divide. Are you really going to help put the nail in the coffin, in full consciousness, and go against your original purpose of protecting consumers and communication services, and destroy them instead?
—Eric Rosado, Bayonne, NJ

NO MULTITIER INTERNET SPEEDS/ACCESS!!!! NO "FAST LANES" INTERNET ACCESS PROVIDERS ARE GENERAL TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS.
—Scott White, Rockford, IL

You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve net neutrality. Mr. Wheeler - you are not working for the cable industry now - you are employed by the American people. Do what is best for us, not greedy corporations. There is no way a two-tiered internet could ever be fair. Cable companies are constantly incrementally raising prices and lowering service provided, and this would make thing so much worse. They are already nickel and dimeing us to death. Prove that you are not just another corporate shill lobbying from the inside of the government. Do the right thing.
—Mary Rocco, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me, because the internet is good for education. Also, discrimination is never good, and nobody even owns the internet.
—Danma Rin, Monroville, PA

Every Internet company is paying for bandwidth already. If I run a web site, I'm paying (directly if I run my own web server, or indirectly if I am using a hosting company) for the bandwidth to the Internet. Everyone connecting to the Internet is already paying for their bandwidth. The proposed rules would make this vastly more complicated. Instead of my web site having 100Mbps connection to the Internet, it would have 100Mbps to the Internet, but only 10Mbps (for example) to Comcast unless I payed some fee to Comcast directly. Basically all Comcast customers who use my web site would be harmed by this. And my Internet site would be harmed, as Comcast customers would be less likely to use it at the reduced speed. I can't imagine how it makes sense to legitimize this harmful affect on ISP customers, and Internet services. Net neutrality, and the basic idea that we all pay for bandwidth already, should not be undone by any new FCC rules or interpretations of rules.
—Scott Douglass, New York, NY

We run a very small web design business. Without net neutrality both we and our customers would be at a severe disadvantage. ISPs should be designated common carriers, which they are.
—Todd Bannor, Oak Park, IL

Without net neutrality, the Internet will cease to be the engine of commerce and innovation that it has been so far.
—Steve Olson, Aptos, CA

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues in my life time and must be maintained at all costs. We must stop playing political games with our public airwaves, internet connections and phone service. These communications mediums are the lifeblood of a free society and robust capitalist system. If you allow this next wave of consolidation and control to occur it won't be too long before we are truly a third world power. How are the riches companies in the world allowed to provide the poorest service and one of the highest relative prices anywhere around the globe? Why does the 1% not understand that they must leave a few scraps for the rest of us so we will be able to purchase their goods and services? Now that the world is run by a few global companies that are more powerful than any government, don't they understand that unconstrained greed is not a long term strategy? Our strength is based in our ability to innovate. Our freedom is based in our ability to communicate. Don't sell America to the highest bidder. If you consider yourselves to be public servants then act like you have something in your heart besides profit and personal gain. I am also appalled and ashamed that my President, Barack Obama, has installed one of the chief lobbyists for the cable industry as the head of the FCC. When will Washington, democrats and republicans, stop appointing and approving regulatory agencies that are staffed by the very same people who run and exploit these industries for personal gain. Are there no qualified inspectors we can appoint who have not already been a long term part of the problem? Please save us from the march to oligarchy that Washington and many of our state legislatures seem hell bent on achieving. I hope someone at the FCC has the courage to wake up and stop this madness. This latest effort to control the internet is cloaked in language that claims to be 'protecting us' while in reality is designed to remove the last vestiges of freedom and opportunity that most Americans will ever have.
—Bruce Monnier, Durham, NC

This is such an obvious piece of legislation biased in favor of cable companies that I am surprised it has gotten this far. Please keep the internet neutral and not favoring large corporations.
—Mike Nestor, Toledo, OH

Don't accelerate inequality in the US. The oligarchs have too much power already with "free speech = cash" from the Supreme Court, the Picketty results for the upper 1% in the areas of income and wealth, and the attack on working class and middle class jobs and against public education since 1970. Losing net neutrality is a major boost in state facilitation of corporate greed and radically extends and intensifies inequality. Letting those who can pay be fast means eventually everyone else will be slowed and forced out.
—Hugh Peach, Beaverton, OR

i WORK FOR A SMALL ONLINE TRAINING COMPANY. i ALSO WORK FORM HOME...THIS WOULD KILL MY ABILITY TO WORK FORM HOME AS MY COMPANY COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR A "FASTLANE" FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. i AM CONSTANTLY IN CONTACT WITH COWORKERS VIA IM AND UPLOADING AND DOWNLOADING CONTENT TO OUR SERVERS AND WEBSITE. THE SERVICE PROVIDERS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL ME HOW TO WORK WHEN I DON'T WORK FOR THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Kelli Lent, Alameda, CA

The internet is not broken, so why are you trying to "FIX" it? How would a New start-up ever become a Facebook without real Neutrality? This has all the ingredients of a Mob shakedown! Cable companies are the ones who benefit, so tiny tidbit: Comcast spent almost $19 million on lobbyists last year, almost like the military industrial complex... are YOU a recipient of Comcast money, or are you a real Decider?
—Beate Nilsen, Malibu, CA

Mr. Wheeler, It looks like your lobbying finally paid off when you got yourself put in charge of the FCC, are thy going to pay you off in stock or cash??
—Joyce Cousino, Deming, NM

The internet gives the public fair and equal access to broadcasting and receiving of information. It would be a crime to society to change that so that the amount of money one spends can affect the quality their access.
—Bill Blakeslee, Ambler, PA

Tell me it isn't so FCC
—Frank J Cunningham Jr, Doylestown, PA

The good ,free, innovative ideas will be buried by the monopolies. I vote! --I vote for "net neutrality
—Rob Sauer, Arcadia, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I see the Internet as something more. It represents how far we've come and how far we have yet to go. The Internet brings us closer together as a whole, to learn, to laugh, to share. We use the Internet for commerce, to communicate, to create new programs and software. The Internet does so much more, even if I don't understand it all. But I do know that we shouldn't stifle it, because if you do that you are in effect silencing thousands of voices. Kindly, bug off and leave us alone.
—Caitlinn Stoltz, Landenberg, PA

WOW! Big Telecoms bought the government to solidify their monopoly. How can the politicians who took their bribes, and the lobbyists who did the bribing, sleep at night. It absolutely disgusts me.
—Ole Nielson, Abbotsford,

I think it's about time we ended Water Neutrality. Pipecast, a large business that manufactures and lays down the municipal piping our tax dollars pay for, should have the option to limit water flow to those that can't pay a premium for high water pressure. Sure, they still get their water, but it'll come out at a trickle if they can't afford the Broadpipe package. It doesn't matter if they had high water pressure before, either. No, the company that put down that pipe has to upkeep it, so they get to dictate how fast water flows through it. Next, Pipecast will be allowed to make deals with a handful of large water companies that produce most of our water. This way they can strangle out smaller competitors that can't afford to pay for high-speed piping, stagnating the competitive water market as a result. What's more, Pipecast will also be allowed to make deals with sink, shower, toilet, washing machine, dishwasher, and other water-based product manufacturers, ensuring them that their products, and not their competitors products, will have priority access to Broadpipe. This guarantees that consumers will have to replace their current water-connected machines with only approved products to access the water pressure they already paid for. The cherry on the shit sundae is that Pipecast and the small group of piping megacorporations it pals around with were already paid billions of dollars to lay down Broadpipe connections across America, which they never did. Meanwhile, South Korea enjoys water pressures hundreds of times higher than the United States does, at a fraction of the price. Free-market capitalism at its finest.
—Will Shroyer, city, IL

Please show your public that you still serve it. Net neutrality is fundamental.
—Richard Mathis, Santa Cruz, CA

Internet access speeds in this country already fall far, far behind those of many other countries. This is just another attempt by Comcast, Time Warner, etc to squeeze more money out of the public and provide worse service. But what is at stake is far more important that access speeds. The future of democracy itself is in jeopardy because dissenting voices will be drowned out by the wealthy. And the FCC knows this and just wants to keep those lobbiest dollars coming. Disgusting.
—Bob L Muzzy, Berkeley, CA

Internet is like a library. We all need equal access.
—Marian Bauman, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers to protect the most valuable and complete form of democracy in existence - Net neutrality. Robert
—Robert Dixon, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality allows the internet to remain a free forum for people of all backgrounds. Let's keep it that way.
—Stephen Silman, Kissimmee, FL

Americans already pay more and have slower internet speeds than other countries. i feel these new rules will just make things worse. The internet needs to stay open to everyone.
—Carol Klingsmith, Marceline, MO

What do you care about neutrality will it cost you more ? maybe not and buy the way who gave you this job ? who do you work for ? if you can't stand up for me than who can you stand up for ? do not put the service providers in a class of common carriers if you do you will kill the internet
—Mr. William Ruch Jr, Cranbury NJ, NJ

I DO NOT, AND NEVER WILL, TRUST THE CABLE COMPANIES NOT TO ABUSE THEIR POWER TO SLOW DOWN NET SPEEDS FOR THOSE WHO DON'T BEND THEIR KNEE AND PAY MORE FOR THE SPEEDS WE ALREADY HAVE. WE HERE IN AMERICA SHOULD THE FASTEST SPEEDS FOR THE LOWEST COST. INSTEAD, WE HAVE THE SLOWEST SPEED FOR THE HIGHEST COST. IT IS OUTRAGEOUS AND UNACCEPTABLE. MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY. NO EXCEPTIONS!
—Brian Galford, Sharon, MA

The Internet has been developed by the government at the expense of the taxpayer and belongs equally to all the people, not to corporations to monopolize and discriminate. Net neutrality is absolutely necessary for the free exchange of ideas, and to maintain equality among all as opposed to selective monopolistic practices. With the limited competition and access now use of the Internet would only become worse with the loss of net neutrality. The Internet should be declared a public utility and regulated as such in the public interest.
—Rev James L. Swarts, Rochester,, NY

LEAVE THE NET NEUTRAL. I PAY FOR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND WANT ACCESS TO ANY WEBSITE I DESIRE WITHOUT DELAYS OR HAVING TO PAY SO THE SITE CAN BUY FAST DELIVERY. The internet was designed to make information, all information, available to anyone who desires it. To allow cable providers to pick and choose who will get fast service and who will not is just another way to censor information the cable companies don't want people to see. We don't need censorship unless it involves illegal activities on the web. LET THE INTERNET ALONE. IT IS NOT BROKEN AND DOES NOT NEED FIXING!
—Patricia Armstrong, Manchester, MO

I understand its important to the US government that the richest people in the world continue to make record profits but if you do this there will be lasting consequences for everyone who uses the internet for generations to come. We see through your spin and your PR and we know whats really at stake here and its freedom of speech. The internet is the last bastion for dissenters to have a voice, how easy would it be just to slow down their connection speed to make it harder for them to be heard? In hopes that this might not fall on deaf ears, please low level employee of the FCC being paid to screen these comments do something to help us we already know who your chairman is in the pocket of.
—Frank Anzaldua, Oakland, CA

FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—David M Conroy, Phoenix, AZ

Inequality is rampant in the United States and now there is going to be inequality from internet services. Corporations have too much power and now they are going to take over the internet. Stop the plan to destroy Net Neutrality!! Reclassify the internet service as a common carrier, as a telecommunications service.
—Carolyn Knoll, Kailua, HI

Net Neutrality is important because it is the only way to ensure anti-competitive behavior does not become de-facto behavior of internet companies. Anyone with knowledge and understanding of the internet knows this should be law -- there should not be toll booths on the internet. The cable/internet companies receive a payment on both ends -- the sender, the receiver... do we really want to enshrine in law allowing them to collect 3 times for a service?
—Christopher Wilson, Fairfax, VA

We all use the same roads to drive on. There are no "faster"roads for special corporations, or for those who can pay more money. So it must be with the internet. All who use it are entitled to a faster, better speed.
—Cynthia J. Drovie, Leominster, MA

for my freedom of spirit
—Malti Raghavan, el paso, TX

Because I have been unemployed for long (NEARLY 6 FULL YEARS) the idea of having to pay HUGE fees to access the internet (which I use WEEKLY to apply for work) is UNTENABLE.
—Peg Livingston, Tulsa, OK

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE We all know that the "FIX" is in.....but know this, your boss (at your day job) will not be happy if it it comes to fruition. The Common Carrier route is the only way to go. Act accordingly !
—Joseph Podrasky, Plymouth, MI

Dear Chairman Wheeler - If you rule against Net Neutrality, you will shatter two things: 1. The already tenuous faith of the American people in our government, for we will know that you acted not in the interest of the citizenry at large, but in the interest of the few for whom you once lobbied and with whom President Obama schmoozes. 2. The inherent democracy and freedom the internet represents and provide, instead rendering it another tool for the powerful and rich minority to suppress the voice of the majority. Please, use your conscience. Use your common sense. Do not abandon your duty or the American people. Keep the internet democratic and equal. You will go down in history as a great leader and man.
—Jesse Bernstein, Philadelphia, PA

I'm not normally one to speak out on political issues but I believe the time has come to reign in the power and influence of cable companies. While corporate interests should be represented in government they need to do so alongside consumer interests and for oligopolies such as the cable industry the interests of consumers should outweigh those of corporations. Government offices must be wary of their interactions with corporations because government acts serially to crisis while corporations will instinctively and proactively attempt to abuse their relationships to gain the competitive upper hand. Cable companies are not evil but their motivation is to make as much money as possible and a government office that fails to recognize that will fail its mission inevitably. The best way to protect both your agency, consumers, and cable company competitors from cable company domination is to keep the playing field as level as possible. Declaring cable a common carrier utility ensures that cable companies cannot start deciding winners and losers based on extorted fees and contracts. Without net neutrality protection cable companies can legally force companies out of business, squeeze consumer bandwidth in favor of higher-paying corporate bandwidth, and cause numerous other abuses with the seemingly-innocent intention of making profit. Cable companies don't have any reason to stop their exploitation of our government. But you can stop it by declaring them common carriers. Do the right thing.
—Dave Parker, Scottsdale, AZ

Neutrality is at the very center of the principles behind the internet and profiteering off of various speed delivery and wanting money at both ends is wrong. Make ISPs Title 2 common carriers.
—Charles Williams, Tulsa, OK

Net speed should not be tied to the highest bidder. Cable companies should not be in the position of deciding what content goes fastest, particularly when the decision is tied to being able to bribe the companies for premier service.
—Sidne Baglini, Malvern, PA

The monopolistic corporate attempt to takeover of the internet is unconscionable. I CALL ON THE FCC TO RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. Additionally, I call for FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to resign his position due to conflict of interest regarding his position as a former lobbyist for the cable industry, as it is clear from his actions related to this matter.
—Robert Steele, San Frabcisco, CA

It levels the playing ground for all not just corporations and their wealthy owners!
—Judy White, Greensboro, NC

I need net neutrality to live. I'm very poor and the open internet gives me the ability to do everything I possibly can. Reclassifying ISPs would give me the room I need to keep using the internet to its fullest potential.
—Sunny Satellites, Thief River Falls, MN

Protect the Internet - Keep it Neutral. Don't let service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet!
—Michelle Lenhart, Boise, ID

Net Neutrality is important because it ties into free speech as well as creativity. Limit free speech and we lose one of the major defining characteristics of our great nation. Limit creativity and we have no great inventions, art, music, architecture, etc. Please don't limit the fabulousness that is the United States of America. Thank you.
—K Martin, Davis, CA

so once again, money makes some "more equal" than others. and you think this is a good idea? it's sooooo not. it's completely wrong. and we already pay more for our internet service than MOST of the world with slower download speeds. what's wrong with you guys?
—Liz Fowler, richmond, CA

I cant believe the President would hire the lead Lobbyist for the telecom companies to head the FCC! Has this world gone insane? Now we are faced with actually having to pay for faster speed on the internet!? This is like a nightmare in some dystopian novel. Has the FCC and the government gone crazy? The book "Brave New World" is not a "how-to" instruction manual. It is what is NOT supposed to happen in a free country like the USA. Do not let the internet be bought out by the worst corporations in the world. If it happens, I know many people and corporations that will start their own new Internet. Google Fiber and others will pop up everywhere and these current giants like Comcast and Verizon will be slowly pushed to the side. There is already talk of a new Internet brewing around the web. The FCC and the Telecoms are treading on very thin ice.
—Ian Lease, Scottsdale, AZ

The Net should not have a class system: haves and have-nots. In fact, it should be considered a public utility and be subject to rules like the phone companies and other utilities.
—Jane Dickler Lebow, New York, NY

I am strongly against the proposed "two-tiered Internet," with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Please hear me: throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I advocate for the protection of Net Neutrality.
—Nicholas Salazar, Chandler, AZ

The Internet should we a free forum for everyone to participate in, not a capitalist tool for businesses to use to conquer their competition. Network Providers should be required to adhere by the principles set forth by Net Neutrality and an open and free Internet. The neutral communications medium is essential to our society. It is the basis of a fair competitive market economy. It is the basis of democracy, by which a community should decide what to do. It is the basis of science, by which humankind should decide what is true. Let us protect the neutrality of the net.
—S Warren, Tucson, AZ

Serve the people, not the industry. Internet access is a basic human right and a global public good. The FCC should not be headed by a cable-industry lobbyist. It should be headed by a communications engineer or scientist. Knowledge is power; don't let companies decide how we access it.
—Elaine Wilson, Manassas, VA

Please do not let cable companies get away with yet another egregious and greedy monopoly play! Keep the Internet free and equal for everyone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!
—Ken Wulf, Lake Oswego, OR

Giving ISPs the power to create a two-tiered Internet is essentially making extortion legal. ISPs would be allowed to discriminate any new internet startups that could not afford to pay the higher tiered. Especially in the US, cable companies have a monopoly. There is not enough competition among these cable companies in areas to incentivize them to be indiscriminate against internet companies and consumers. They would not have to make Internet speeds faster for consumers. ISPs will end up charging internet services more money, which in turn will raise the costs to those consumers. Chances are those consumers are are already paying the ISP for the service. It's a loophole to double charging the consumer. There are also privacy concerns with this tiered internet, the ISPs would need to be able to distinguish the traffic by tracking the traffic or worse reading the individual packets and storing that data. This violates so many principals that the internet is built upon that it would essentially break the Internet for everyone. Everyone loses with a two-tiered Internet, except for the ISPs. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the future of the internet.
—Alex Chee, San Jose, CA

Equality of data is a fundamental quality of the internet. It needs to be preserved.
—Katharine Merrill, Oxnard, CA

It's disgraceful that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, please, don't let this happen. Don't let the internet become another tool for those with power to hold sway over others. The internet can instead be our most vital, essential tool for creating a more informed, reasonable and equitable society. But you need to protect it, to let it be so. Please, don't let us down. Your responsibility is to the best welfare of the many, not the few.
—Dan Perrone, Dulles, VA

This is one more nail in the coffin of Democracy. Protect Net Neutrality! Throw out the new FCC rules and reclassify ISPs and common carriers.
—Thomas Carr, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is hugely important. let's preserve it!
—Louise Chevalier, Encinitas, CA

Net Neutrality is the only way of guaranteeing of a free and open internet uncontrolled by corporate interests
—Aaron Kooienga, Holland, MI

Don't fuck the American people by strangling them with your greed. Net Neutrality is freedom of speech and expression. Regulating it will destroy a piece of this country and erode it even further. Several countries excel beyond on the US in providing affordable and high-speed internet access. We continue to slink down a dark and primitive road and you are ushering it if you let Net Neutrality die.
—Rocky Hively, Ellensburg, WA

It is unbelievable stupid to let big companies, who allready have a big lobby and therefore influence on the governments of the world, to get even more power over the communication of the people. The FCC is there to hold to net neutrality and ensure a fair and equal internet for all. The new regulations of the ISP are only to even create more money out of their customers, instead to actually improve their performances and the infrastructure behind it. If the FCC doesn't stop the ISPs the free world isn't any better than China or other dictatorships who prefer to controll their people. The FCC has to create a sign for big companies and finally stop their influences over the daily lifes of people in the name of money and controll.
—Christian Müller, Eberswalde,

Monopoly is wrong.
—Todd Tollefson, Seattle, WA

The Internet was first created as a way for Universities to share knowledge and information. Getting rid of Net Neutrality and allowing corporations to form monopolies basically spits in the face of the reason why the Internet was invented in the first place. Please keep Net Neutrality alive and prevent lobbyists from taking over something else that should be freely available to everyone; knowledge. In the United States, telecommunication consumers pay more for less than any other country in the world. I believe this to be attributed to the fact that most of our elected officials are bought and sold. Sometimes I fell as though our most valuable weapon against this sort of thing is the ability to find information on anything. This sort of thing happens in North Korea, not the United States.
—Adam Johnson, Austin, TX

Please keep our internet free and open and not subject to a few greedy corporations that want to profit from yet another means. All those companies care about is the bottom line. The internet is meant to unite the world. If you vote to end net neutrality, than you are as guilty and corrupt as the rest of the evil corporations. The time is now to begin to follow your conscience not your wallet and do the right thing.
—James McConnell, Glendale, AZ

Net neutrality is of the people, by the people and for the people. No limousine versions, please.
—Harriet C. McCleary, Minneapolis, MN

Please show that our democratic system of government is not broken. Listen to the people. Don't let corporations buy the Internet. Vote to maintain and protect a free and open Internet.
—Mr. Kenneth C. Langridge, Marshall, MI

I use the Internet on a daily basis. I depend on high speed service.
—Robert W.Hearn, Maywood, NJ, NJ

Please... support democracy. Giving up Net Neutrality is a huge step in the wrong direction.
—John Barber, Lake Oswego, OR

Equal access to data and information is critical to our society's ability to innovate and compete in the modern, worldwide economy.
—Jonathan Lutjens, Saint Louis, MO

It is dangerous as a precedent to have a few contr5ol the net that all of us count on.
—Edna B. Hibbitts, Midland, TX

No to fast and slow lanes. Yes to Net Neutrality! No to Tom Wheeler's plan. Reclassify ISPs to COMMON CARRIERS! Nancy Fahringer nfahr@cox.net
—Nancy Fahringer, TUcson,, AZ

I think of internet as a public utility and as such it should be maintained with equal access to all.
—Jenny Eva Boris, FREMONT, CA

Net Neutrality is about the only concept keep this country democratic… and barely so. If you let huge corporations have their way, you will finish off the voice of America forever. Please do not end net neutrality… now or ever. Jill
—Jill Godmilow, New York, NY

No slow dirt road for anyone! No pay to get another better road for yourself!
—Doris Stanley, Orlando, FL

A wide-open Internet where we can all communicate at the same speed is the greatest addition to the human commons since the English landed aristocracy started enclosing physical space several hundred years ago. We have seen nothing less than a world-wide explosion of human sharing of thoughts, images and sounds - undoubtedly the greatest in all of human history. If capitalism cannot adapt and ride the waves of a neutral Internet, then it deserves to go the way of the Dodo.
—Harry Cleaver, Austin, TX

Keep Net Neutrality. Changing the internet serves no public good. This is a blow to new business and new innovation This is a blow to competition and small business This will make it harder for more people to participate, not easier. This will add another financial burden to the majority of Americans. This is simply a money/power grab by big telecom. Nothing goods come from ending net neutrality.
—Chris Colbea, denver, CO

Greetings Federal Communications Commission Commissoners: Net Neutrality has made possible the rapid advacnements we have seen in practically ever new technology since the beginning of people communicating via computers. Think of the all the scientific achievements that were a result of scienctist being able to freely and quickly communicate via a Net Neutral internet. The mapping of the Human Genome is an excellent example. Numerous scienctist at numerous locations were working on a variety of mapping sequences being sent back and forth across the internet. What if Comcast was providing preferential treatment to NBC programming (owned by Comcast) over the work scienctist working on disease, as example? Is that what the FCC is really proposing to create with a two-tiered internet? In reality it IS what the Federal Communications Commission is proposing whether anyone wants to admit it or not. Should we all not be treated equally when it comes to access to the internet? The monitization of the internet only benefits the few instead of benefitting all users with equal access. Equal access is what our Founding Fathers wanted Amercia to be about for all men, women and children. This would mean that equal access to an internet with the same provisions for all would be in line with the thinking of our Founding Fathers. Don't give our internet to the likes of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. Give it to the likes of young men and women working on the next big technology, medical advancement or employment website to make our live easier and better with equal treatment on the internet. Please reclassify all Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Let the people using the internet determine where the internet will go instead of letting AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and others like them make that determination for us. Sincerely, Patrick Miller
—Patrick Miller, Fleetwood, NC

Our democracy depends on EQUAL ACCESS!
—Michelle Hensley, Minneapolis, MN

FCC: Throw out your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Austin Scholl, Carmichael, CA

Information shouldn't be available only to the highest bidder.
—Joanne OBrien, Harrison, NJ

I still believe in the so-called free market where companies compete for our business. I guess the people on the right who are supported by these giant companies just don't believe it any more as they join together to eliminate the free market they campaign about.
—Arlyn Erdman, Pacheco, CA

ISPs are in fact common carriers; I still think it was unethical to take the TV band airwaves from public domain and sell them to wifi providers who charge us to use them. Put the citizens first for a change.
—Joseph Ferri, Charleston, SC

I am currently a fellow working for federal government. I use the internet to provide me with information instantly from around the world, to collaborate with research scientists, to find papers from decades ago in my field of interest, and to allow me to keep in touch with colleagues from home during severe weather and shutdowns. In my free time, I use the internet to meet new people in this new city to which I moved, find education and career opportunities, to take MOOCs which allow me to explore new areas of interest and improve my skill set for work while making sure I am competitive in the workforce, sign up to volunteer in my community, start new grassroots organizations, keep in touch with my elected leaders, say happy birthday to my college friends, watch movies, obtain podcasts, and download books. I use the internet to communicate with people who hold informed views which challenge my own and spark us to debate, to create, and to compromise when need be. I use the internet to express myself creatively, to keep my schedule straight, and to receive support and feedback. This is a rare place where commercial, community, and creative pursuits all have equal priority. Further, this place is accessible to me at any time and can be brought into my own home at a reasonable price. Which means that even though I am a beginning civil servant with a limited stipend, I have equal opportunity to contribute and move within the online community. It means I can support and explore what is new and still developing with my energy and enthusiasm if not my resources or connections. Please do not allow greed to impede a tool which allows for so much good. This tool will be essential to the health and well being of our democracy for how better to gather and inform each other of issues on various levels of government instantly than through the internet, especially as budgets get tighter and we must quickly rally and innovate to meet the great obstacles which we face now and which are likely to increase in severity and number in the near future. Do not take a working system and destroy it.
—Circe McDonald, Atlanta, GA

The internet is the great equalizer of ideas over money. Allowing those with money to get priority on the internet will further tilt the balance of power to the richest .01% It will also suppress innovation since the entrenched interests will be able to suppress competition.
—Phil Shephard, Round Rock, TX

"Fast" lanes on the internet are merely a way for cable companies to tighten their monopolies and gouge their customers.Maintain net neutrality.
—Richard Paul Glass, Eugene, OR

Net Neutrality is democratic. What Cable puppet Wheeler is pushing is contributing to the destruction of our country. Orwell could not even have imagined what the forces behind our government puppets have already achieved and are further trying to do. Hands off the internet!
—Alexander Hast, Torrance, CA

Lots of times corporations and the government do not want the public to know what is going on on any given issue. And without an open internet we won't. And that means toxins in our food, water and air in ever increasing amounts. Debt without end in ever increasing amounts. And war without end (like afganastan). Of course we have all of that now. But without an open internet the chances of actually changing those things seems highly unlikely.
—Alan Greenland, Surprise, AZ

Dont sell the freedom of information to big companies !
—Sebastien Lautie, viroflay,

You must keep the Internet free, open, fair, and fast for everyone!!!!!!!
—Mark Nichols, CROSBY, ND

It is sickening enough the very person formerly lobbying hardest for cable companies is now 'overseeing' their actions as head of the FCC. The internet is working JUST FINE as-is, with NO DIFFERENTIATION in service level between websites and companies. To even SUGGEST a tiered system is to say money talks and everyone else can go screw themselves. No matter what proponents of the tiered system say, no matter what they promise, the hard truth is a tiered system creates a lower class of internet users. I do not want to be part of a lower class just because someone else says there's money to be made. I do not want to see a system created for free and equal expression carved up by greedy bastards who only have and always will have their own pocketbooks first in their sights. Net Neutrality should not be up for debate. It is the ONLY KIND of internet there should ever be, and anyone who says otherwise should never be in a position to change it.
—D Burgos, Brooklyn, NY

Furthering education is a big issue, small business is another.
—Ken Tower, Boise, ID

I am a librarian and an informed people need open, unimpeded access to free and unbiased knowledge.
—Jonathan D Boyne, Honolulu, HI

Internet is the modern equivalent of the telephone, which was treated as a public utility so that everyone could have equal access. Net neutrality must be maintained or we America becomes more of a two class system.
—Linda Winkler, Staten Island, NY

1. My small business depends on the Internet and I don't want to be indiscriminately kicked into the "slow lane." 2. The players involved in this latest hijacking are evil money-grubbing corporate rentiers that are already operating under quasi-monopolistic conditions. Why do theses blood-suckers need even more?
—Mr. Theodore Wirth, Denville, NJ

Net neutrality is important because without it ISPs would 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.
—Rikesh C Lal, PACIFICA, CA

I am discontinuing my cable service this week because I refuse to support the monopoly the cable companies have on all their services. Net Neutrality is a REQUIREMENT of a free society!!! Our country's claim of capitalism working is a joke. It's about money and greed. This idea is the worst example! DO NOT ALLOW THIS infringement on our freedom and rights.
—Elizabeth Finders, PORTLAND, OR

This is ridiculous, it's a complete joke. We're already suffering an utter lack of competition, and this will compound that with the additional loss free competition on the internet. Seriously? It really is fuckery you're about here, and this is so completely not cool.
—Tiffany M. Rapplean, Westminster, CO

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and stop the mergers of these giant corporations and stop the monopolies. Protect net neutrality.
—Julia Wilson, brooklyn, NY

Abandoning net neutrality is a disgusting violation of free speech from the actual citizens of this country. Thanks to corporate personhood, their rights and wants and needs seem to take precedence over ours. In order to support a true democracy or something even remotely resembling one, we must protect net neutrality, which means keeping it out of the hands of broadband providers. Protect the PUBLIC interest above the corporate interest.
—Shelby Shively, Colorado Springs, CO

Net Neutrality is extremely necessary because it is important that the internet remains equally accessible to all Americans. Our country is built on the principles of democracy and fairness, and the citizens of America are entitled to a democratic and fair internet. As Americans, we value the freedom of speech and the right to fairly compete in the marketplace. It is entirely unAmerican to allow huge corporations the power to censor speech by spreading the message of those who have the power to pay to spread their message over those who don't have the power to pay. It is equally unAmerican to give corporations like Comcast or Verizon the power to chose winners and losers in the economic marketplace by providing higher speed internet to those who are willing and able to pay for it. Americans and American businesses are known for their innovation, but that innovation won't have a fair chance without net neutrality. FCC, please do your job as a regulator and PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY. As a regulator, you are entrusted with the great responsibility of protecting the interests of the American people, NOT the interests of huge corporations like Comcast, Verizon, etc. Please do your job and show that you are accountable to and representative of the American people. It would be a true disgrace to democracy and the principles of American fairness and equality if you were to put the special interests of corporations over the best interests of the American people.
—Amberley Middleton, San Diego, CA

I run a small business that depends on the ability for people to find my services on the web and I DO NOT have the money to "pay to play." You kill net neutrality, you kill innovation and the drive in young minds that lead innovation. You kill net neutrality, you cut your own throats. Can't you see that?!
—Leia Morshedi, Conway, AR

I depend upon the internet for my entertainment and research. I do not surf the major "channels", most of my time is spent on independent sites, who would suffer under unequal access rules.
—Wanda Schwerer, BELLEAIR BEACH, FL

john Oliver says it ALL !!!
—Nadia Saba, LONDON,

Freedom of Information is necessary to have an educated public and support Intelligent Free Speech. Please Support Net Neutrality
—Crystal Rose Starheart, Malo, WA

Everyone must have the same access to the internet at the same speeds. It's like having to pay the Public Library for the more popular books. PROTECT IT!!!
—Jessie T. Stepanian, Methuen, MA

Pleas reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Chris Boscardin, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be a level playing field instead of hindering new companies from challenging the incumbents.
—EDGAR WONG, Tampa, FL

An open and free internet promotes innovation and the free exchange of ideas and the proposal of the FCC chairman as currently structured would put an end to all of that.
—Gragg Vaill, Lees Summit, MO

Mr. Wheeler, you are wrong and you know it. Is this how you want to be remembered in history? You will be remembered for taking a uniquely fair place...the interent, open to all... and shutting parts of it off for money. It's not like we can choose to use the internet anymore just as we couldn't choose to use a telephone. It is no longer a luxury, but mandatory in today's world. But you want to hit the history books as they guy who sold out big time. You can change that, of course. You can do the right thing, please. Just as the phone is the same for everyone, so should the internet be the same for everyone. Do you have children? Are you unwilling to say to verizon "I won't let this happen"? Looks like it. Please .... just think of your place in history and your legacy.
—Sarah Mason, eugene, OR

It's essential that the internet retain the democratic values on which it was founded - namely that all internet traffic is treated equally. It's truly a monumental error to allow the internet, the great arena of information, to be overtaken by special interests and those who have the might of wealth. Please stop your efforts to ruin everything.
—Erich Bollmann, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the Internet neutral!
—Jason Lazerus, Port Jefferson, NY

Net neutrality is important because the internet is a resource that is fundamentally important to innovation and entrepreneurship. In the 20+ years since the internet's invention and widespread adoption, there has been an explosion of business, creativity and technological change. Without net neutrality, we would be stifling innovation and doing little more than helping the telco's get richer while preventing start ups and small businesses from being able to complete. The internet should be a utility, just like electricity, water or telephone service and net neutrality will help maintain that balance.
—Leslie Van Exel Jr., Costa Mesa, CA

I urge you to revise the proposed rules on net neutrality and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Internet service is too important to me as an individual, and to our society as a whole, to allow it to be sold to monied persons who can afford to pay more for faster service. It is a public communications utility and should be treated as such.
—Allen Dundek, St Paul, MN

True Net Neutrality -- and by that I mean classifying ISP's as common carriers -- is essential to the future of information in our country. It will ensure a level playing field for everyone and will encourage innovation. The currently proposed rules just aren't good enough. They put the interests of corporations above the interests of the American citizen. The internet has become a necessary utility for everyone and we should all be free to make equal use of it without exception or privelege. We need to correct course now so we can put this period of internet infrastructure stagnation behind us and catch up to the countries in Europe and Asia that are the current leaders in internet technology. As long as ISP's in the U.S. can use the excuse that they need more money from content providers in order to build out their networks (as these proposed rules will further facilitate) then we won't see those improvements any time soon. They are all making handsome profits as it is. Please FCC, abandon these proposed rules and classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael A Shaw, Vienna, VA

The Internet as we know it would have been impossible under the new proposed FCC rules, and it will very quickly degenerate into a pale shadow of what Americans already know and expect, under these proposed rules. The embarrassing facts that Comcast and Time-Warner are repeatedly and consistently voted two of the most hated companies in America by their own customers, and the scandalously slow rate of home internet service in the U.S. compared to countries like South Korea, are an indictment. They are intimately related to the rapidly merging oligopoly (and in many markets, monopoly) in internet service providers, as well as the brazen and complete regulatory capture that includes the current disingenuous machinations of a former industry lobbyist now appointed to regulate the same industry, who is instead poised to destroy it. Recent reporting on Verizon having it both ways to benefit to the tune of billions of taxpayer dollars by picking and choosing when to be classified as a common carrier only further underscore the brazenness of this theft of American taxpayer money both directly from their taxes and through their inflated monopoly pricing ISP bills from the largest carriers. I have cancelled my Comcast service since this came to light and will never spend another penny with any subsidiary of the media conglomerates pushing these rule changes, even if it means going without internet at all in monopoly markets and forgoing other media opportunities completely. Further I will vote as a single-issue voter to try to unseat any legislators who fail to act in the face of this outright theft by hugely profitable corporations at the expense of Americans' access to information and continued global competitiveness.
—Mark McCormick, San Francisco, CA

RE: Last Week Tonight video Not only does the dingo babysitter (Tom Wheeler) eat the baby (net neutrality), he splits the life insurance money with the parents (AT&T, Comcast, Verizon).
—Royale Schulze, Tucson, AZ

Net Neutrality is freedom of speech and mandatory for any society. To do otherwise is fascism.
—Janice & Henry Wendel, Bailey, CO

Reading, research, and communication, in general, should not be divided into the regular and the fast-track. This is a stifling of people's rights to free speech and a free press. The Internet should be classified as a utility, and regulated as such. It is no longer a luxury, but a necessary part of life.
—James McGinley, Philadelphia, PA

Why is it more and more people refer to the FCC, as the Federal Crimes Commission? Maybe because all they do is against American citizens, instead of for them.
—Tom Bush, HEMET, CA

This is a bad idea and unfair to consumers. Please don't let it happen.
—Aaron Senegal, Richmond, CA

It is vitally important that the internet remain a level playing field for all. It should not become a tiered system. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Grace Lee-Park, Portland, OR

Without net neutrality our democracy will die. It has already suffered many blows over the past 35 years. Please reject corporate fascism by supporting net neutrality.
—Amy Irene Anderson, Kingston, NY

As a child in the '60s, I had limited resources. But, today, thanks to the internet, any child can feed his curiosity; with a few clicks of the mouse they can get a head start through life. And you propose to put all this power under the control of a few mega-corporations? Shame on you. The FCC's job-- your mandate-- is to protect access to a free, and open internet.
—Gary Addis, Biloxi, MS

Please, for the love of God, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. When will the FCC start representing the American People and not your Corporate Masters?
—Michael McConaghy, Snohomish, WA

You must classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marco McClean, Mendocino, CA

Please protect Net neutrality. No fast lane or slow lane for the internet!
—Daniel Skinner, Fort Wayne, IN

The court clearly told the FCC that if it wishes to ensure Internet users can send and receive information free from ISP interference, then the agency must classify ISPs as telecom carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. The FCC was created to protect and defend the public’s right to know, not grant the ISPs the right to preferential treatment of content they want us to know. I am concerned about Net neutrality. An Open Internet is not the same as a Neutral Internet. The court’s ruling is anathema to a neutral net. Open Internet behavior already harms consumers, and competition has long been suppressed by the fact that communities assign an exclusive contract to one ISP in their area. All other ISPs that wish to operate in that area are hindered by that exclusivity. The result of an "Open" Internet will be that sites we rely on on a daily basis may not work in a way we've come to rely on, and increased cost for access will be required by the ISPs for equal access. Access to the Internet will favor the companies that the ISPs already (or will) own over those that are independent; entertainment channels will rule over information channels and independently-owned providers. Should the FCC rule in favor of Chairman Wheeler's proposal, it will be ruling for the ISPs that own him, not for the public that it was created to protect.
—James O'Connell III, Westminster, CA

Imagine that you had the ability to derail a trillion-dollar industry that serves as the backbone for the majority of all economic growth worldwide for the past two decades. Would you deal the deathblow to this industry? Even if you knew that it could result in the loss of millions of good jobs, and billions of dollars in economic growth? Of course you wouldn't! You not some sadist (I sure hope not, at least). Be smart. Be rational. Be human. Protect the Internet by classifying broadband as a telecommunications service because that's what it is, and you know it.
—Gordon Barr, Alameda, CA

Dear Sir or Madam, The internet was born free. Please cast you vote to keep it free, all of it free and open to all users, not just those who can afford it. Thank you. MIchael Robeson
—Michael Robeson, Plainfield, NJ

I believe that we must speak louder than corporate interests in the fight to preserve the democratic nature of the Internet itself. Discrimination: The Internet was designed as an open medium. The fundamental idea since the Internet's inception has been that every Web site, every feature and every service should be treated without discrimination. That's how bloggers can compete with CNN or USA Today for readers. That's how up-and-coming musicians can build underground audiences before they get their first top-40 single. That's why when you use a search engine, you see a list of the sites that are the closest match to your request -- not those that paid the most to reach you. Discrimination endangers our basic Internet freedoms. Double-dipping: Traditionally, network owners have built a business model by charging consumers for Internet access. Now they want to charge you for access to the network, and then charge you again for the things you do while you're online. They may not charge you directly via pay-per-view Web sites. But they will charge all the service providers you use. These providers will then pass those costs along to you in the form of price hikes or new charges to view content. Stifling innovation: Net Neutrality ensures that innovators can start small and dream big about being the next EBay or Google without facing insurmountable hurdles. Unless we preserve Net Neutrality, startups and entrepreneurs will be muscled out of the marketplace by big corporations that pay for a top spot on the Web. On a tiered Internet controlled by the phone and cable companies, only their own content and services -- or those offered by corporate partners that pony up enough "protection money" -- will enjoy life in the fast lane.
—Beena Patel, washington, DC

The Internet was created by a government agency using TAXPAYER dollars. The Internet should belong to the people of the U.S. forever and it should be available as a common carrier to permit us to glean all the benefits that can come from creative, innovative ideas. PRESERVE Net Neutrality now and forevermore. It wasn't created by Comcast, Time Warner, AT&T, or any of these corporate entities. Stop transferring the wealth of AMERICA to these bastards!
—Arthur L. Friedman, Rego Park, NY

Stop the corruption and leave the internet alone. It's also time for Mr Wheeler to step down last thing we need is the telecom and cable companies lap dog to be in charge.
—Brent McCoy, Glendale, CA

I am so sick and tired of big businesses screwing over the public! Isn't the FCC supposed to protect the public interest...or am I wrong about that? NO ...to 2 separate internet speeds! U guys know exactly what these cable /telephone companies will do. They will slow the speed of the low-end internet option just enough so that u will be forced to pay extra for the higher speed. THE ONLY REASON THESE COMPANIES R PUSHING U TO DO THIS IS FOR PROFIT AT OIR EXPENSE!!!
—George Hickey, Downers Grove, IL

I'm already a second-class citizen on the internet, with Comcast's refusal to upgrade their infrastructure here. Any more pushes to the back row, and I'll barely be able to get on the information highway. Please make internet access fair for everyone, not more fair for some than others.
—Roger Vortman, Santa Cruz, CA

We have a monopoly on our internet provider, as it is. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Deborah Nelson, Santa Fe, NM

Mr. Wheeler is the wrong, wrong person to head the FCC. Clearly, his plan is made to benefit the giant corporations, not the public. Our service in the United States is NOT the best in the world. It is not the cheapest or the fastest. The two biggest companies are the most hated companies in the United States. There is a good reason for that. They've been allowed to do what they want, cutting out competition as they've grown to the point that they now constitute a monopoly. How can the FCC, which is supposed to have the people's needs and wants in mind, allow this to happen? The answer is one: corruption. If this plan is allowed to go through, that will be the reason why. Another example of the corruption of our government.
—Pamela Walker, Oakland, CA

This is a ludicrous run to create yet another source of income by some of the most hated, reviled, anti-customer companies in the United States. Any fool who can see a logical reason for this to proceed either works for one of the large cable /internet providers, or is simply brain-dead. There is not ONE person or company for this proposal EXCEPT the companies who are trying top push it through to line their coffers. No, no, a thousand times no.
—Peter Jewett, Boerne, TX

Dear Sirs: I am a small business man and need to receive and send information through the net and e-mails all the time in order to provide good service to my clients. Therefore I depend upon net neutrality to stay in business.
—Michael Hocevar, Georgetown, CO

Don't be evil; keep the internet open and useful to all. If you want to do something helpful, break up the monopolies that have no incentive to compete by offering the kinds of internet speeds the rest of the developed world takes for granted at lower rates than we pay now. Kind of like health care, yeah?
—Daniel Grantham, Haiku, HI

No, I don't want to pay more for Internet access. No, I don't think that allowing a few companies preferential treatment is a good idea. Yes, I generally believe that net neutrality would be helpful.
—Gabrielle DiFonzo, Staten Island, NY

I already have slow internet. Without Net Neutrality, and due to the fact that I cannot afford to pay for "super privileges", my connection speed would likely drop so bad that I wouldn't be able to use it in any effective means. With respect, I ask you to reconsider your pro-lobbyist position and remember that the FCC works for the people, not for the lobbyists.
—Bill Catambay, Santa Clara, CA

I work from home and need fast internet service. Comcast is only providing me with 5 mb download speed as it is, and I'm afraid this will deteriorate even further if they are allowed any further reduction in my internet download speed. Comcast is already trying to sell me 'Business Class' service, meaning they will finally give me the speed I'm already supposed to be getting, but am not, at a greatly increased cost. I believe this is called extortion, and do not understand why my government will allow such illegal activities to be engaged in by corporations, while individuals are punished severely for such activities. Please stand up and do the right thing. Do not allow any tier structures to be implemented for internet usage.
—Donna Lee Martin, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Two-tiered internet service is unacceptable. Don't do it.
—Mark Ashworth, Tucson, AZ

Considering the social and economic impact that a free open internet has had on the daily lives of billions of people, the idea that any company should be allowed to play toll bridge to content is foolhardy to even consider and would be ruinous if implemented. ISP should be classified as common carriers. A two-tiered system would not drive infrastructure improvements it would simply allow for extortion. Access to the internet is a human right not a luxury and should be protected as such.
—Ian Anderson, Chattanooga, TN

Please keep the rules the way they are now. Donot let large corporations destroy the Internet for all of us!
—Stanley Charles, fort mill, SC

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE The Net was developed by the gov. with taxpayer dollars. To allow providers to profit even more massively with a 2 tiered net when they never lived up to their commitment to provide a high speed fiber-optic network nation-wide would be the equivalent to allowing private companies to frack the publicly owned Grand Canyon for private gain. Our government would never allow that. Right?
—Bob Kennedy, Denver, CO

As usual the rich are taking over the internet as they have done so many things.
—Suzanne Koury, Iowa City, IA

It's important to have an open and free internet. Many countries wouldn't have the freedoms they currently have if it weren't for the openness of the internet. We as a country condemn filtering and censoring other countries do to the internet and we are trying to do something that could easily pave the way for doing such.
—Matthew Breeden, Anderson, IN

Your fast lane plan is antidemocratic. We need to keep a level playing field. Keep the internet free!
—Cathy Bertinuson, South Deerfield, MA

The internet is an important tool in the lives of everyone and must always be available to all as a public service without corporate moguls extracting ransome for it's use.
—Robert D Heron, Los Angeles, CA

We are already at the mercy of these companies. My community has only one cable option. Please do not give them any more monopolistic control.
—Kristen Eichleay, Cambridge, MA

Cable companies already hold geographic monopolies; service is poor and ridiculously expensive. Don't give them the chance to charge even more for the basic level of service.
—Victoria DeSarno, Fairfield, CT

The Internet is the future. Destroying Net Neutrality would destroy America's future. Is it worth it?
—Mike Bird, Tacoma, WA

Please reclassify all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common carriers. Allowing today's telecoms to rule the internet will create a set of monopolies to control the content I am able to access freely, and without prejudice. Allowing today's ISPs to run as monopolies is already bad enough, but to give them power to dictate which content is provided to me with prejudice is a ludicrous idea. Telecoms are already sectioned off into regions and not providing competition to give consumers choice in their provider, and now allowing them to merge and dictate what content receives preferential treatment will only further hurt the American public's ability to access an open and free internet.
—Rob Kroeger, Cincinnati, OH

FCC throw your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Nicholas Hartman, Tulsa, OK

We do not need or want the corporations dictating internet policies.
—Anthony Albert, Corvallis, OR

Don't let the mighty $$$$ win anything more!!
—Rae Pearson, Seattle, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. This does not promote a healthy market.
—Walter Zink, Mesa, AZ

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—Virginia H. Bennett, Honolulu, HI

Keep the freeway free and the playing field level!
—Adam Barr, Edwardsville, IL

It's time for our government to stand up for consumers!!!
—Michael F Adams Sr, Charlotte, NC

Altering Net Neutrality would greatly hinder our freedom of speech. No company should decide what sites we can/cannot visit, and how much speed we should be authorized.
—Cody Tate, kings mountain, NC

The internet is our last resort to get the truth on what is going on in the world. The media is controlled by the corporations. The constitution gurantees freedom of speech and the press.
—George Duster, Gold Canyon, AZ

The Internet was born free.
—John Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The unsurpassed ability of the internet to provide knowledge should belong in no way to any corporation.
—Ruth Pennoyer, Wet Orange, NJ

No one should have priority over another.
—Edward Mills, Bellevue, WA

Net Neutrality is not important just to me; it is important to the entire nation. We, as American Public, are sick and tired of the Government and the politicians, whom we have put in the office to protect our rights and our freedoms, constantly selling us out to the big corporations. "If it is not broken, don't fix it." Internet is not broken. It is fine just the way it is. So, PLEASE, do not "Fix" it. Thank you!
—Habib ATARODI, Decatur, IL

I am a small business owner who totally depends on the Internet to survive. It must remain "free" for all of our economic well being.
—Sharon Galloway, Seattle, WA

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—Ronnie De leon, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

It is very important to the whole USA and world. it was created with our tax dollars and it instrumental in business development! It should be a public utility and fast and free to all~ to use
—Sue Holtz, Boulder, CO

No one is falling for your doublespeak word salad. Tom Wheeler is a corporate hack who will prostitute the FCC out to the largest bidder. If you continue down this duplicitous, lying, conniving road for a tiered internet, Obama will go down in history as the worst president ever.
—Isaiah Earhart, Seattle, WA

Come on. You know what gives here. Control. And corporate control. Greed. Do the right thing for REAL FREEDOM. Keep the Internet neutral. Really. People deserve real freedom on the Internet. Fast lane/slow lane? It's all about who can pay and who can't. Money. Stop corporate control and greed. Give EVERY citizen a fair and neutral chance, regardless of economic ability. Do your job as real men with an ethical legacy in the face of any corporate money influence. Stand for something other than money and blatant greed. Make real history. Protect and insure a free and neutral Internet.
—Carl Dalio, Sedona, AZ

Protect net neutrality, it is fundamental to liberty.
—Jim Melton, Indian Land, SC

It is important that corporations not dictate how the internet is used.
—Marilyn Shepherd, Trinidad, CA

I'm not a multimillionaire - I'm not even a millionaire. I am retired, so Social Security and my meager savings are all I have to get by on. I can't afford to pay any more than I am currently paying, yet your proposed two-tiered plan will inevitably raise my costs for going online. AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and their cohorts have very deep pockets, and they want to make them deeper at my (and other common citizens) expense. That is NOT Net Neutrality!
—James O. Weems, Avondale Estates, GA

The internet should be treated and regulated as an essential public utility, like electricity.
—William Handley, Edgewater, CO, CO

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—Roseanne Hartman, Tulsa, OK

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. It stimulates ISP competition and helps prevent unfair pricing practices. It promotes innovation and the spread of ideas, drives entrepreneurship, and protects freedom of speech. Ending net neutrality would allow ISPs to stifle competition, censor content, and restrict the flow of information that we rely upon.
—Katrina Coots, Jacksonville, FL

Net Neutrality ensures that technology and internet innovation will continue. The single greatest thing the FCC can do to promote innovation and create opportunity in to ensure there is a level playing field for the technical backbone that makes it possible. If we sell out this infrastructure to big business interests, there is nothing to stop the network providers from using their control of the infrastructure to crush small players that pose a threat. Opt for innovation!
—Reed Robison, Clover, SC

Chairman Wheeler, Why are you approving rules to allow Comcast, Verizon, and A T & T to control and regulate the internet? What kind of FCC Chairman are you? You are allowing cable and phone companies control the internet and they will charge us more. I want President Obama to ask for your resignation and appoint someone who will actually listen to the majority of the people instead of these big corporations!
—Linda I Hixson, Ludington, MI

The Internet service that we have had is fine....your effort to change things will end up costing us all more. WHY? Who benefits? Not the current users
—Beth Rankin, McMinnville, OR

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Do not let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. Throw out these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We must protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ralph W Browning, medford, OR

You're going to piss people off to the point that they start a rebellion/revolution if you keep forcing us to be nickeled and dimed to death for everything in addition to already being advertised at incessantly and subject to inflation, taxation, excessive regulation, etc. etc. etc.. Life is too fucking complicated and expensive and stressful already. Enough is enough. Let people enjoy something without being so damn greedy and taking advantage of their enjoyment of it to wring more money out of them for once.
—Chelsea Redding, Baring, MO

Keeping the net neutral is the only way the people can fight against corruption and foul play in government, including the FCC.
—Heather Reynolds, Long Beach, CA

Without real net neutrality where all internet traffic is treated equally and there are no tiered speed lanes, the internet as we know it will disappear. Important but cash strapped sites will virtually disappear while big companies will take over entire internet and the net will appear increasingly like cable. There would be a few hundred well funded internet companies while the rest of internet would go almost silent.
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As a child in the '60s, I had limited resources. But, today, thanks to the internet, any child can feed his curiosity; with a few clicks of the mouse they can get a head start through life. And you propose to put all this power under the control of a few mega-corporations? Shame on you. The FCC's job-- your mandate-- is to protect access to a free, and open internet.
—Gary Addis, Bell, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe the interactive process that's born out of equality of packets is what make the internet the amazing communications system it is. I think giving ISPs authority to create fast lanes will give them the authority they desire, creating winners and loses on the internet. It will about who offers the most shakedown money getting access to that fastlane, something that I'll be priced out of being able to do. What's worse, had theseen rules been in play in the late 90s, we'd have no Google, youtube, Netflix, Facebook, etc.... also no people powered online activism that's gone on to help elected leaders shape policies. In other words, without NN there'd have been no real innovation and no real democracy online. Please reclassify to title ii. This give away is no real compromise and is unacceptable.
—Joseph Margolis, Charlotte, NC

Who owns you? The corporations? It seems so. I'm a former Marine, but I have lost faith in this government, it seems to be but a puppet government for the rich and powerful. They seek only more money, only more power, and they use the government to attain these goals. The most profitable ROI for a corporation is lobbying. That is, the best use of money for corporations is to bribe members of the government to do their bidding. Are you doing their bidding? When your job is done, will you just go back to work for the corporate overlords? Some people don't mind selling out. Where do you stand? These are questions that you should ask yourself, be a self actualized person, decide where you stand.
—Victor Didra, Seattle, WA

Our Founding Fathers established a Post Office to deliver the daily news to it's citizens freely to all, so everyone is INFORMED!!!! We must do the same!!!!!!!! It is a Common Carrier!!!!!!!
—Bob Funkhouser, Chicago, IL

Because a system that by definition gives preference to those who can afford it would never serve the interest of common users like us!
—Felipe Vazquez, El Paso, TX

The internet is a place for us to express our ideas and explore, it is very close to the ideal of freedom and this should not be taken away from us.
—Patrick savill, Wellington, NY

I am a senior citizen living on a small fixed income. I pay for internet service because it is a necessity, and could not manage my life without it. If I had to pay for every website I use, I would have to start making unhappy choices-stop going out for coffee with friends, or no longer take day trips from my senior center.
—Mary Conners, Melrose, MA

Net Neutrality is important because i cant afford to buy more expensive, faster internet.
—Nolan Johnson, King City, CA

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE
—Shashank Sabniveesu, Morgantown, WV

In America we pay more and get less broadband speed than Estonia and you want to give these people (Comcast , Verizon) the right to slow my Internet even more than they currently do. What are you nuts, or just paid off.
—Gerald wise, santa fe, NM

It's the last good thing we have here in this country to allow us full access to information. DO NOT eff this up. We will not stand for it. This is already a plutocracy. The rich are NOT the arbiters of a democracy. Use your leadership and DUMP this plan
—Beerly Foster, Wayne, PA

Don't the telecommunications companies have enough money and power? It's time to tell these overgrown toddlers NO, and give them a timeout in the corner. They have wheedled, whined, guilted, and bribed to get their way for far too long. Favoritism of this nature will hamper progress and healthy competition. No "hyperspeed" lane for these big babies. It's short-term benefit with long-term detriment. Furthermore, the poor service and diffident attitude of these companies towards those it serves is a serious problem already and warrants investigation, no matter how much lip service they may pay to fostering good customer relations. We all need faster Internet in this country, but this isn't the way forward.
—Carlos Pecciotto, Chicago, IL

Freedom is the foundation of this country, stop ruining it.
—William Wolf Guenette, Chicago, IL

There is no way that I, and the great majority of Americans, can compete financially with those who could pay a premium for "adequate" internet speeds. While many countries have better, faster internet connections than we do, as a matter of course, I, and the other undersigned, and a great many who are unaware of the issue, will be straddled with 'Third-World' conditions. Oh, wait. Many 'Third-World' countries have faster internet speeds than we do.
—David Hull, Wilmington, DE

monopolies and the primacy of Big Business, especially in the media, is killing democracy. Your job is to keep the playing field level for ALL of us, not to go to bat for the big guys.
—J Talbot, austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I work for a small non-profit NGO. It would be counter-productive if we had to spend a higher percentage on internet costs than we would be able to spend on our programs that help those in need.
—Julie U, Davis, CA

Net Neutrality if part of our First Amendment rights! When we, The People, are concerned about a government Internet watchdog, God SAVE America--and all of us struggling within it! Hundreds of thousands of people have given their health, children, and life in the U.S. fight for Individual Rights. NOW, they are threatened...again. How is it possible, after all the sacrifices The People have made to keep our children and country free????? God help us to always win the Biggest Battle: The sacred right to stay free! Ken
—Ken D. Minor, North Port, FL

If we all don't have equal access, we will wind up on the waiting list to get on.
—Arthur J. Firth, Salisbury, NC

It has to be available to the masses, not the rich corporations.
—Glenn Kramer, Madison, WI

This is another instance of those who are powerful using public officials to remove or diminish the rights of the less powerful general population. Don't you people on the FCC have any pride, integrity or basic morality and ethics regarding your actions and policy regulations? If you were elected officials (which you are not) you would be quickly out of office or probably never elected. I mean, who would elect someone from an industry (i.e., Tom Wheeler) to set and oversee regulations controlling and advancing that industry? Mr. Wheeler, don't you have any moral ethics? I realize you people set up these comment sessions to appease criticism. I also know that NO ONE is going to read or consider my sentiments and I am now basically wasting my time. Please consider representing the 99% who mostly pay your salaries. Sincerely, Bill Lizewski billlizewski@hotmail.com 305-305-6352
—Bill Lizewski, Hollywood, FL

Right now, with the increasingly concerning NSA revelations, tech companies are already starting to reconsider whether they should be basing their operations in the US. If the abandonment of Net Neutrality goes through, that could be the deciding factor for many of them. America should strive to lead in innovation, but continuing handouts to corporate interests are pushing it in the opposite direction.
—Aaron Kunkle, Olympia, WA

The federal government operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of multi-national corporations. It would be refreshing if at least some part of it acted in the interests of the American people it supposedly serves, rather than the corporate welfare queens. The cable and telephone companies already operate monopolisticaly. They do not need any more opportunity to gouge the American people.
—Edward C Dumchus, Lambertville, NJ

It is demeaning to have to express what is so obvious to nearly anyone with a brain: It is the job of a regulator to regulate. That our FCC regulator was an element of the cable and communications industries lobby is a terrible conflict of interest. It leaves me with a sense that there is very little left of anything decent in the US. Do your job, and regulate the industry. If you are so scared of the industry's taunt to escalate things to the level of "World War III" then you have no business being a regulator.
—Mike holder, Portland, OR

Since the FCC decided to ignore the people's words, I believe it's about time FCC gets a good foot in ass! They think they can get away by making a business out of our business? I say NO! It only takes sadistic idiots to Fuck Shit up! FCC doesn't deserve to exist! They need to be shut down PREMARITALLY!!!!
—Galyn Clarkson-Farrell, Woodhaven, NY

I stand behind Net Neutrality. The internet was developed using they public's tax dollars. It is unconscionable to now give advantages to large corporations. Individuals and small businesses have equal right to internet access. The proposed rules will squelch creativity, access to information, and small business creation and growth. NO. Tom Wheeler's plan is awful and I stand firmly with the rest of the US public against it.
—Dr. Michelle Mills, San Francisco, CA

We need to keep a level playing field. The net belongs to all of us - not big corporations. Classify ISPs as common carriers. Verizon has enough money!
—Rita M. Quinn, Hartwell, GA

Leave the god damn internet alone you slimy god damn greedy bribe takers.
—Ed Hallman, Thomaston, GA

Protect our first amendment rights.
—Jay Treat, King of Prussia, PA

The internet is the last place we can get real information. It is imperative that it be protected, in order to stop the, otherwise, inevitable revolution from taking place.
—Don Garrett, Escondido, CA

The web will become more expensive. The impact on the average Internet user will likely not be felt right away. But over time, websites would probably pass on to consumers the costs of paying for high-speed access. In addition, it could become difficult to view certain websites owned by companies that can't afford to pay for access to an Internet fast lane. On top of Internet users potentially paying more, they would also be more confused. Under the proposed rules, people would need to make sense of a fragmented Internet landscape where the time it takes to load an online video would depend on whether that website paid extra to their Internet provider, which would create a monopoly. Consumers may start choosing their Internet providers based on which websites download fastest.
—Jesse Overton, Centennial, CO

I have a small online business that competes against bigger ones. My business relies on Skype, which is resource-intensive. Right now there is essentially nothing stopping a cable company from harming my company if they had an agreement with a bigger company. But it might not even be about me, it might be that a big cable company wants to force Skype to pay more and in doing so, makes it difficult for us to use this resource we rely on.
—Marla Simpson, Seattle, WA

I AGREE WITH 100+ TECH COMPANIES 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 long-standing 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 market.
—Steven Ivancich, Poulsbo, WA

prove you support the citizens of this country! keep net neutrality help keep monopolies from buying our world! we still have our guns!
—Seanodonnell M O'Donnell, Salem, OR

SCREW YOU OBAMA! YOU PROMISED STRONG NET NEUTRALITY!! INSTEAD YOU WINE AND DINE WITH THOSE WHO POSE THE GREATEST THREAT TO NET NEUTRALITY. AND THEN YOU APPOINT THEIR LAP DOG TO CHAIR THE FCC!@!!! SHAME, SHAME!! BUT THEN I GUESS IT WAS STUPID OF US TO BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WOULD CHANGE. SORRY I EVER VOTED FOR YOU AND EVEN MORE SORRY I WAS SUCH A FOOL AS TO HAVE EVER BELIEVED IN YOUR EMPTY PROMISES.
—Ken Gunderson, Boise, ID

BIG Business seldom takes into account the best interests of the end user and the general population. Business tends to focus on profits and bonuses for the company leadership. As the end user, I take exception to the loss of Net Neutrality for all user. Why should we become second class users for the profit of a few. I hereby respectfully request you reject the request for Net Neutrality before you.
—Randy Stein, Los Angeles, CA

This is so very unfair to the 99%'ers! If feels 'political' to me as having a 'voice' and being able to sign petitions for issues that are important to me may be a bit threatening to the 1%ers. Net Neutrality is extremely important to keep and you need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers! You need to do the 'right thing' and keep corporations from taking over even more of our government.
—Janice Ehrenhaft, Mount Vernon, IL

Because it seems to me that if the people we American voters elect do in fact care about the competitive markets and economic growth and, uh, "small businesses" they're always beating their drums about, then they should not pass a resolution that would allow a few (I think the total is three?) huge corporations to reap even more enormous profits at the expense of truly everyone in the country who does not hang out in their boardrooms or own huge shares of their stocks or work at an extraordinarily high level in their offices. Seriously, elected officials of the United States, please just for once take your job seriously and act in the interests of the populace as opposed to a few extraordinarily monied people looking to get richer. (If this sounds histrionic, you should take that as a signal that you are running the United States government in a way that has turned what sounds like a 2AM dorm room rant into a straightforward recitation of facts.) (Also, just to be clear, I'm not at all sure in what capacity my comment will be used or to whom it will be sent. I've only typed this because I'm angry to a degree that simply adding my name and email address below will not lessen.)
—Andrew Heaton, Brooklyn, NY

You have the means to know exactly what I think about net neutrality: Just read my previous rants. Inbox too crammed to search? (snicker) here's a copy: https://diasp.de/posts/1390692 BTW, the second letter got the same "I'm a strong supporter of the open bla" auto-response, but Wheeler's like that in real life too (a liar): http://fight4future.tumblr.com /post/87033573953/its-hard-to- ignore-millions-of-voices-call ing-for-net He has to go: http://cms.fightforthefuture.o rg/firewheeler/
—Nimrod Shabtai Kerrett, Ramat gan,

The internet is a "Public Utility" that is owned be all its' users on an equal basis. All users have the right to an internet that operates with equal access at the greatest speed and efficiency.
—David Legg, Milwaukie, OR

Corporations have sold out this country. The only things they are interested in are war and gross profits. So a corporate shill gets named to the FCC, and we're supposed to believe that it's good for us? Spare me. This country used to belong to all of us, as well it should: we the taxpayers paid for it. We pay for the military that pounds the hell out of the rest of the world for profit (we only go to war where there is something to be gained from resources). ARPANET made our military what it is today. We taxpayers funded it. We pay for a lot of the research that private universities do, not the golden goose grants that protect the entitled, but the stuff that gets shared in the so-called commons. DARPANET was behind that, and it was a shared protocol. You can make arguments about how "the little people's" emails are a waste of bandwidth. Well, so are the movies and mental bubble gum that passes for internatinment the corporate giants sell -- the A&T, COMCAST and VERIZON et al. Meanwhile, there is the free discourse among citizens, the flow of ideas among inventors, the arguments tried by voters who don't share the 4 networks' silly and inconsequential programming and their downright lies. Bottom line: I want the internet to be available to me so that I can search the world for ideas and argument that aren't tainted by US propaganda and sales pitches.
—Taylor Teegarden, Martinez, CA

It's how I communicate with my friends. It's how I get information from independent news. It's how I pay for medical bills. It's how I organize events in my community. It's how I hope to one day start up an internet business of my own. It's low cost and uncensored. If I wanted to live in Iran or North Korea I would move there. DO NOT KILL NET NEUTRALITY. This is the number one issue for me and my voting will be based ENTIRELY on this and so will every other person I know. This one issue means more to me than any other debate out there. DO NOT PASS THIS. DO NOT KILL NET NEUTRALITY. If this passes internet activity will drop, regardless of who does business on the net.
—Nick Pote, Auburn, NY

I am vehemently opposed to the plan that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler wants to implement for Internet service providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon, which would give the aforementioned companies and others like them the power to create a two-tiered Internet. This is rampant and unfair online discrimination that would end Net Neutrality, and permit those who can afford the extra fees these companies would charge the ability to have fast access to online content and applications, while those who could not afford the fees would be subjected to much slower, unfair access to online content. As a retired senior citizen, I already pay to have Internet service; so be it. HOWEVER, I think it would be grossly unfair as well as discriminatory if were to be charged even more to have access to what should be free for ALL online users. I strongly urge you NOT to approve these new rules that would end Net Neutrality, but rather to throw them out and instead, take the fair and right action by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your attention, and I sincerely hope that you do the right thing.
—Olive Archer, Yonkers, NY

I would like faster internet speeds and the opportunity to start businesses that have an equal opportunity to compete with big companies. The end of Net Neutrality is not only anti-American, it is bad for the economy. Please stop this silly debate and keep internet free.
—Mike Betts, San Francisco, CA

A two-tiered internet works against me as a user and it is outrageous to realize that VERIZON has dared to select this time to raise their internet rates..money gouging from both ends.
—Marilyn e. Darling, Newton Center, MA

This is AMERICA... by the people & for the people.. not just the few CORPORATE CEO'S and investors!!! THINK ACT IN FAvor of voters wHO NEeD , Want. can only afford "net Neutrality and .. remember we voted . but will not vote if you put in FCC's controlling corp proposals
—Jean Layton, greensfarms, CT

i LOVE MY FRIENDS THAT ARE ABROAD AND DON'T WANT TO LOST THEM TO NEEDLESS PRICE GOUGING!
—Harry Tucker, Carshalton,

Two Words: COMMON CARRIER! Information carriers must follow the same laws laid down from our first postal service, and carried through every technology since.
—Elizabeth Schrader, Murfreesboro, TN

Stop the sellout.
—Glenn Swanson, Marysville, WA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mitch Parkinen, Martinez, CA

We must protect competition in our media landscape. Cable companies already operate near-monopolies in most markets across our nation. Giving them control over speed and access will further concentrate their power and ability to make their own rules. It will render both competitors and customers powerless to them. I call on you, FCC, to protect the American public from this power grab. We need you!
—Andrew Klein, Denton, TX

It's time to get rid of all the "rules" and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sheila Pratt, Maple Ridge,

Corporations must not be allowed to play God with the internet. Please make sure internet access has common carrier status.
—Linda Alterson Lambert, Wilmot, NH

Absurdity reaches new heights with Tom Wheeler as director of FCC. The fox is guarding the chicken coop, and we are supper. Net neutrality is democracy in action. The proposed changes = capitalism-run-amok oligarchy. Leave the net alone!
—Mallory Pred, Salt Spring Island,

Net Neutrality is the last open frontier we have, and it shouldn't be restricted to those with more money. Practically everything else in life is restricted to those with money.
—Don Beauvais, Pueblo, CO

Common sense.
—Chris Whalley, Topanga, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is ridiculously unfair! What about what the people want instead of our country being run by corporations?
—Rhoda Keprta, Arlington, TX

The net has proven to be the one of most powerful entrepreneurial tool so far devised. It is also an unmatched social facilitator. To hand all of this over to the unimaginative, smug rich would be a simply unspeakable tragedy. Please don't so this.
—Gary Otteson, Philadelphia, PA

The internet has introduce the most fertile medium for economic growth and manufacturing technology development in the US in the last 40 Yrs... Why in the world would you put that at risk to pad the profits of a few multinational corporations that don't even want to pay their fair share of taxes in the US???
—David Osinga, San Rafael, CA

Comcast overcharged me for over two years telling me that they had increased their speed? After I complained so much about the cost and never received an answer they included cable tv at no additional charge. Jerry Whaley Lone Tree, CO
—Mr. Jerrold Whaley, Lone Tree, CO

If there a a tiered system only the bias information, lies and vitriol will be push by the monied special interests. This will be most of what is seen and this will "buy" opinion.
—Hartson Doak, Pearl City, HI

Please do not create a multi-tiered internet. Keep the net neutral, making the voices and services equal for all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and reset your rules.
—Katherine Hasty, Los Angeles, CA

Allowing these corporate thugs to regulate the internet is fucking stupid. If you genuinely don't realise why net neutrality is important then i have to assume the FCC is fucking stupid too. Do the right thing.
—Peter James Cummings, London,

Go Fuck Yourselves, FCC.
—Professor PoopyPants, Nevada City, CA

No " fast lanes" on the internet! It's a public utility, not a private one. Let Verizon build its own net if it wants privileges.
—Michael Berla, Columbia, MD

Our government is giving away our internet to the big corporate entities that are greedily taking everything so that they can meet their payments to their CEO's. The FCC is in our employ, the American people. And though their are the higher ups at the FCC who are no doubt being paid handsomely for favoring Comcast, AT&T and Verizon, I suggest the anger of the American people will make you rue the day you denied our rights for those green gifts. NO DISCRIMINATION! NO FAST LANES! NO PAYOFFS FROM CORPORATE LIZARDS!
—Madeleine Fisher Kern, Los Angeles, CA

I said it once... I say it twice... Dont tough our internet!!!
—Candela Vargas Poveda, Granada,

Tom Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. My lord, what has happened to the meaning of freedom in the United States of America! NET NEUTRALITY must be kept! Bottom-line: throw out your FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sue Horner, KAUNAKAKAI, HI

Public communication should never be restricted by ability to pay. We, as a nation, supported the internet's creation and development and we, as a world of communicating citizens, should share equal access to data transmission and speed.
—Judy Whitehouse, Phoenix, AZ

A equal access internet is critical to our country to ensure equal opportunity to speech, innovation, and information. Please protect net neutrality, and do not give Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon the ability to create a two tiered system, or any number of tiers. We need net neutrality.
—Judith Borcz, Woodside, CA

The interent serves as a public utility for millions of business and humdreds of miliions of citizens. IT MUST be reclassified as such !!
—Bruce Sims, Escondido, CA

I want to see ALL the channels.
—Margaret Denison, Corvallis, OR

I depend upon an open and free Internet for my tiny business - and, UNLIKE Comcast, Verizon, et al, I DO PAY FEDERAL TAXES - Tom Wheeler - have these big telecoms BOUGHT YOU, LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL? IF SO, SHAME ON YOU FOR SELLING YOUR SOUL.....
—Patricia Guthrie, Chalfont, PA

Democracy and the free market depend on true net neutrality, not the two-tier system proposed by Tom Wheeler, top lobbyist for the cable industry. As a concerned American citizen, I hereby demand that you THROW OUT THE PROPOSED RULES AND INSTEAD RE-CLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. The proposed rules would destroy net neutrality. They are full of deceptive lip service to it, but make no mistake - the actual provisions would let AT&T, Comcast & Verizon pick winners & losers & discriminate against content & applications. I want to live in a real democracy, with a real free market and a truly level playing field. Not a corporate dictatorship where lips service is payed to those principles even as they are trashed by corporate thugs running government bodies like the FCC.
—Judith Silverstein, Berkeley, CA

The internet is ours, it was built by the military with our tax dollars. Take it from us at your peril.
—Matthew Hinton, River Ridge, LA

Do not monopolize free speech and open commerce. The inequality gap is too large already and to permit large corporate control and influence of the net is to exacerbate an already unequal system. A free and open net/economy is the only way to help close that gap.
—Joe Maldonado, atwood, CA

There is no Freedom without a free flow of information. I wholly support the continuation of net neutrality. Greed is toxic and in no way supports American consumers or our Nation as a whole.
—William Hale, Roseville, MN

I worked on the original internet (US Govt. owned) back in the 1980's, and I was able to conduct official business coast-to-coast without delay. Now a political ad, if the price is right and paid, can take precedence over government communications? That's what Comcast is telling me.
—Peter F Brazitis, Hansville, WA

The net is commons. It should be treated as a common carrier.
—Val Maylone, Tollhouse, CA

Support free speech! Or leave!!
—Matt Fitzgerald, Denver, CO

It is critical to support competition and keep the monopolies away.
—Rajiv Jain, Sunnyvale, CA

Save net neutrality! There's a reason so many people hate cable companies. They are near monopolies that have no reason to improve service for which we already overpay. Now they want to bleed more money from their monopolies by extorting money from other big companies, leaving the rest of us stuck with even worse service and permanent second tier access to the internet. Stop this insane plan!
—Ann Rushton, Sherman Oaks, CA

I do not want yet another form of media taken over by the oligarchy.
—Steven Solem, Rohnert park, CA

Protect Net Neutrality. Don't let the large corporations win.
—Lorraine Heagy, Lititz, PA

Equal access to the internet marketplace is essential to the democratic process as well as to the future of entrepreneurial capitalism. To permit established megafirms to price out all possible competition by paying for proccessing speed that no one else can ever hope to afford is to ensure oligarchy in the 21st century. To permit the virtual monopoly of Internet providers to dictate whose website can be accessed and whose will be systematically buried is an unconscionable dereliction of duty to the public you are elected to serve. We will pay close attention to the vote on this, and remember it in each election year to come.
—Elaine Apthorp, Milton, MA

We all deserve a chance to have equal access to the internet, including non-profits. It works because it is a free source of communication. Leave it that way.
—Lynne Nittler, Davis, CA

Who wants big corporations to add on fees for normal net speeds?
—Fred Karlson, Ferndale, WA

Access to information is important to all people, not just those with money power or inflence.
—Roselee Fleming, clayton, NJ

Internet Service Providers, such as cable companies, developed their businesses on the backs of the public's rights of way. These monopolies already provides us with pathetically poor benefits for their high costs compared with the rest of the world. Do not give them more power to extract outrageous sums from content providers as they do with those of us who are supposed to receive 'service' from them. Do something helpful; maintain Net Neutrality.
—Greg Vawter, Temple Terrace, FL

Single-tier service is essential to preserving the Internet's democratic essence. ISPs should treat all clients equally, not create different speed and different price lanes. Discarding Net Neutrality will change the essence of the Internet. I completely oppose the FCC's plans to do away with Net Neutrality.
—Kenneth Ives, Brooklyn, NY

We don't need an internet ghetto. Preserve our Net Neutrality. No fast lane/slow lane. Preserve the democracy of the net.
—Heather Tinnaro, Asheville, NC

I use the internet for my business and livelihood. I would be concerned if larger businesses could pay for better access and service to phone, gas, or electricity, and so I am concerned that you would allow this to be possible with internet service.
—Todd E. Gantzler, Las Cruces, NM

Net neutrality is important because cable companies already fuck us hard enough. The provide laughable service for more than its worth. I for one refuse to see that rewarded
—Anthony m fargo, Ashley, OH

Net Neutrality means fair competition. Without it, massive money dominates the marketplace....even more than now. The Big Guys don't need more advantage. Keep America the Land of Opportunity.
—Cindy Rybovich, West Palm Beach, FL

Please end cable company fuckery.
—Justin Lyga, Morris, CT

Tom Wheeler, you're an asshole. You are one of the worst things that Obama did to this country. Unfortunately, even if we stop this horrible bill, you'll still get a highly lucrative job lobbying for the cable companies after you leave/get fired. Then we'll have to deal with the next asshole. Wow, this just went from an argument about Net Neutrality (well not much of one) to an argument about Campaign finance reform. Sigh... Please don't fuck over the little guy. this bill does that.
—Jared M Englert, Louisville, KY

ISPs can make their money. If the consumers use more bandwidth, the ISPs can raise their rates. This isn't about the cost of providing Internet service. This is about controlling content. The one freedom that the internet has now is that no business controls the content. Please, for once, stop taking the bribes and do your job. Make sure the Internet is for the benefit of all Americans.
—James Burnham, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important to all of us. Access and speed of access should not be restricted, ever!! And there is no justification for charging extra for higher transfer rates when we are already paying the cable company (providers) for high-speed and premium access packages! Look out for the little guy whom you represent (for a change) Skip the lobbyist lunch, please.
—Robert L. R. Wesly MD, PhD, Gainesville, FL

An equal playing field is an important part of this country's cultural and economic growth, and anything else is only going to hurt us. Please don't let the monopolized cable companies have even more power to extort their customers.
—Ryan R Smith, Hyattsville, MD

Corporations must not be allowed to play God with the internet. Please make sure internet access has common carrier status.
—Jay Lambert, Wilmot, NH

Net Neutrality is what has made the Internet a powerful tool that resulted in a huge booming virtual economy that was unforeseeable just 20 years ago. The appointment of Tom Wheeler (a corporate lobbyist for cable and wireless companies appointed chair of the FCC) is already an outrageously brazen move that practically defines "conflict of interest". If Tom Wheeler is given free hand, the people of the United States will suffer, valuable start-ups will be unable to complete fairly with entrenched and monied firms, and the economy will suffer for the financial benefit of a handful of cable and wireless companies. Comcast's throttling of Netflix's bandwidth during its negotiations is proof enough that the companies themselves cannot and will not maintain neutrality. Giving Tom Wheeler oversight of his corporate friends is a travesty, but allowing him to formalize their financial interests ahead of those of over 300 million Americans via a law is a sellout of the American people. Throw out the current proposal and rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Tetu, Manchester, NH

Honestly we're trying to make headlongs with the equality between black and whites, man and women and now we're starting a new class system somewhere else? Net neatrailty is what makes the internet tick, it's what makes it a place of ideas, of creativity, of finding people who's vision you share. Taking away net neutrality severely limits, if not destroys all that. And if there's one thing you should be doing, is preventing any breach in net neutrality.
—Vita Rosalie Wijffels, Berlin,

I oppose a two tier internet delivery system. Side with the American people for ONCE~~
—Robbin Zella, West Haven, CT

Corporate greed is the only reason you need to know.
—Mark Reback, Los Angeles, CA

I am sick and tired of big government and its interference and slow removal of the my rights as a US citizen. I can't afford my health insurance let a lone MORE increases from my internet provider! You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mrs. Deborah Loll, Mesa, AZ

FCC, you must save the free internet! Stop this most corrupt plan of Communistic discrimination. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and SAVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Melissa Wells, Sandusky, OH

The internet must offer the same access to everyone, otherwise it becomes just another corporate dominated, profit maximizing institution.
—Robert McNair, Boone, IA

THIS IS THE LAST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE GREEDY COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONS WANT TO DESTROY THIS PUBLIC FORUM AND TURN IT INTO AN ADVERTISING WASTELAND.
—Ana Coria, LONG BEACH, CA

It is unacceptable and greedy
—John Roberts, Los Angeles, CA

I urge the FCC to actively scuttle Mr. Wheeler's plan to create a two tier system for internet providers. I believe such a scheme is inimical to the best interests of the citizens of the USA and create a system where the internet becomes the playground of ISP monopolies. I would also respectfully suggest that Chairman Tom Wheeler recuse himself from these discussions. His previous close relationship with the likes of Comcast, Verizon and AT&T cast doubts on his ability to lobby effectively and honestly for the good of all of us who use the internet.
—Dave Cypel MD, Voorhees, NJ

The NET is not broken! It does not need to be fixed or altered.
—Diane l Knight, West HIlls, CA

For those who are seeking to pass this legislation, I say this. Those who have money and power often forget what it is like to be someone who has near none. Net neutrality empowers everyone equally and provides an even playing field for those who seek to better themselves and/or their businesses. A startup company can compete with a major brand name because of net neutrality. A person hoping to educate and better themselves has access to the same information as everyone else because of net neutrality. The proof of the importance of net neutrality is seen by the opposition of this legislation including both everyday Americans alongside large corporations such as Google, Facebook and Amazon. The small voices who are afraid of their voices becoming even smaller are standing side by side with the large voices who would be paying premiums in order to continue to maintain their businesses. Please do not fix a problem where there is none. Please allow the internet to grow as a community instead of driving a spike down the middle and forcing its users on separate paths.
—Samuel Andrews, Oxford, MI

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—Richard Loll, Mesa, AZ

Dear FCC, Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Vicki Giella, Monroe, NH

Instead of going into all sorts of ethics issues, which are true and correct, how about this. ● Ninety percent of Americans use the internet. ● If you screw it up for them, which you intend to do, your party will be out of power so fast your head won't have time to spin. ● Whatever party that is connected to this profit at any cost push, whether it be the Obama Administration or the Republican/Tea Party Congress, will pay mightily for the destruction of something that contributes positively to the economy and makes the electorate happy.
—Jesse Dye, Weatherford, TX

I pay almost $200 for my triple play. Over 90% of the TV I will never watch. If I take only Phone & Internet, I get penalized an extra $25 for dropping TV. A two-tiered Internet system would ultimate cause streaming providers like Netflix to pass the extra costs on to me. Because the Internet has become a necessity, treat the Internet as a utility (like phone & electricity) and put limits on fees. I have only one cable provider in my area. It's about supporting the public interest not the interest of the monopolistic cable companies.
—Sol Wieder, New Milford, NJ

FCC, throw out these new rules that would create two-tiered internet speeds, and preserve net neutrality. The Internet should be treated like a public utility with equal access for all. This attempt by cable companies to buy out the internet sickens me.
—Hunter Barnett, Ashland City, TN

A fast internet is essential to a fast economy. Paying unnecessary tolls to eliminate artificially slow internet service puts the squeeze on the average Joe. After fourteen years of flat income while the Chinese middle class has enjoyed a 20% rise in pay and the Canadian middle class has outstripped the American middle class, keeping internet neutrality is good for the economy. All we want is equal footing instead of a disadvantage. Broadband IS a telecommunication service. Phone calls, texts, email, video… These are all done over the internet and are considered forms of telecommunication by the workers and designers in the field. I should know. I spent 22 years at Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent Technologies. From top management to the floor sweepers, we ALL considered the internet as part of our business… the TELECOMMUNICATIONS business. I don't have $20M to lobby you and Congress to let you know what has been painfully obvious to me since the internet became available to the public. There isn't a single telecommunications that doesn't have or want to obtain an internet service. That's because internet IS telecommunications. I do not want Internet Service Providers to decide which companies win and loose in the market place based upon who can pay for faster speeds. This is a bad idea. I do not want any ISP to determine what I can or cannot see. The same rules should apply to everyone. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bill B. Fox, Nazareth, PA

I like the internet the way it is. Please don't send us back to dial-up by handing absolutely everything over to the corporations - you know, the way you always do. No God But Money.
—Robert Davey, SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ

"Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it." In essence internet providers would become the equivalent of gangs/mafia shaking down online services if they do not want their content to be throttled. These "protection" fees for high speed access would then be transferred on to the consumer. This will have an affect on the economy as consumers will have less money to spend on a variety of services. Consumers with less money will now have to be more selective on which service they pay for.
—Brenton Trenholm, EDMONTON,

Save the open internet!
—Varick Thompson, Kissimmee, FL

I don't want to pay more for the kind of service I'm getting now. Having to pay more for the same service is blackmail.
—Virginia Mark Downs, Lubbock, TX

I quit my cable company to get away from big business scams.
—Adam J. Sjoberg, Bentonville, AR

Everyone should be able to get the same access and speed on the internet. Many foreign countries are much better than the US in this regard. Also communities should be able to set up their own networks, without interference from the major players.
—David Schultz, Aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is the same as freedom of speech, and the right to read what we want to without it being censored. Big companies do not have a say in what we read and websites we go to on the internet. This is NOT communist China!
—Al Zlotopolski, St. Louis, MO

Tom Wheeler, Really? Head of the FCC? Cronyism at it's finest. REAL NET NET NEUTRALITY NOW!
—Jeff Jones, Albany, OR

I don't want a life full of "premium" possibilities instead an unique good service.
—Emilio José Molina Molina, Nules,

There ought to be something that the people, not just a few minority of the people, can hold onto and have work in their favor. Please, don't let big money ruin yet another facet of life. Preserve Net neutrality, now and in the future.
—Mark Schmidt, Harrisburg, PA

Permitting the internet service providers who have a vested interest and virtual strangle hold on 'the last mile' by destroying net neutrality will be a disaster for content providers and consumers alike. The purpose of government regulation is to ensure a level, competetive market space, not to guarentee large corporate profits. Ultimate this will lead to the destruction of the already compromised forth estate. Do not pass any changes that wouldnfurther erode competition and democracy.
—Mark Zanfardino, Martinez, CA

For research and professional information-gathering reasons, net neutrality is vital to our economy, especially for individuals and small startups on minimal budgets.
—Edgar Cancel, Burbank, CA

I am an IT consultant. Free and open access to the internet is the lifeblood of my profession.
—JB B. Van Wely, Baltimore, MD

Key to the entire digital economy!
—Sigmund VanDamme, Pittsford, NY

As a house bound veteran with two chronic illnesses, my computer is my link to the world outside, I can't afford to pay for faster service. If a two tiered system goes into effect, my world my as well be in the dark and unavailable. Besides that, we the people of the United States, through our taxes, built the internet originally for our military communications. It belongs to us, the people, not the big telecom corporations who have seen a way to increase their profits once again on our backs. Keep the Net Neutrality rules in place, with the designation of ISP's as a common carrier.
—William Haley, Tye, TX

Please keep the internet open and free for all.
—Eric Steffen, Richmond, CA

We the people paid to develop it, and it should damn well remain in the COMMONS...as a COMMON CARRIER!
—Noel Eaves, Red Bluff, CA

Please keep the net neutral. Tying easy accessability to how much you can pay is a really bad idea.
—Mary Bristow, Brentwood, TN

It is important to help maintain a free enterprise system for now and generations to come. As well as maintaining competition along with a free market place.
—William Miller, Palm Coast, FL

Net Neutrality promotes commerce (and not just for your lobbyists).
—Douglas Lakes, Minneapolis, MN

Throw out these horrible new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Barbara McDonald, Wyandotte, MI

Intent Service Providers did not invent or develop the Internet itself and should not be allowed to control access or content to increase profit margins. They should and would increase profits by providing better infrastructure for more reliable service and garnering a larger percentage of the customer base. Allowing huge corporations to buy up competing companies and eliminating competition undermines capitalism and creates monopolies that don't have to be responsive to their customers. Please don't allow this to happen. Thank you.
—Robert Briggs, Palmyra, VA

The internet has to stay OPEN and FREE for everyone. Corporate control will bring the internet down. NO fast or slow lanes period. Cable and Verizon want control to make more money--screw them. Tom Wheeler needs to be fired.
—Ann Cobban, Grants Pass, OR

Net neutrality is essential to close the digital divide and empower low income folks.
—Lucila Vargas, Chapel Hill, NC

YOU ARE DESPICABLE! YOU'RE TYRANNY IS EQUAL TO IRAN! I'LL NEVER GET CABLE AND I'M READY TO SWITCH TO ANOTHER PROVIDER. SAY GOODBYE TO FREEDOM AMERICA!
—Isabel Santamaria, El Paso, TX

For the sake of democracy and equality, and to prevent total telecommunications monopoly, net neutrality must be protected
—Eric Hendershot, West Des Moines, IA

The internet was developed with money from taxpayers and it should be finally established as a utility so that it stays fair for all.
—Caroline Good, sherman Oaks, CA

As a handicapped blogger having access to the same internet speeds as big corporations is important. The proposed changes will only benefit the big high speed internet providers who want to milk more money from those sending content on to their users.
—Jerry Cheney, Santa Fe, NM

small businesses are critical to the improvement of the American economy . Net Neutrality is critical for these small companies to grow. Once again Obama, your agenda is clear. Once again the American public is blatantly aware of your lies. Do the right thing. Require Net Neutrality. Please, do what you promised .
—Melody Chord, Portland, OR

Because the big entertainment corporations have been ripping off the public long enough, and we deserve to have our say occasionally in what kind of service we get.
—David Goldberg, St. Paul, MN

The internet should not allow fast lanes ONLY to those who can afford to pay more.
—Judi Poulson, Fairmont, MN

The internet should remain free for all. Equal to all. Ending Net Neutrality will allow behavior harmful to consumers or competition by limiting the openness of the Internet. Stop the nonsense, stop allowing the few with monetary gain, to make decisions based on their wallets and not on what the majority of voters want.
—Barbara L Mahoney, Cleveland, OH

Government agencies' job is to protect the voters/masses; not the interests of large corporations. Cable/internet providers have already been given too much power, creating monopolies. The free market is meant to be open and encourage competition ; not hinder it.
—Edward Gish, roanoke, VA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality is just another example of our the corporate oligarchy is taking over and ruining the United States. We are living in a repeat of the gilded age in which concentrated wealth and monopolies predominate and the country suffers the consequences of an ever shrinking middle class, stagnated wages, budget cuts to important services, and general demoralization and deterioration of those who are not a "member of the club" of the minority of top earners. This abandonment of Net Neutrality is in line with other democracy-killing policies like Citizens United, corporate welfare, and gerrymandering. Is this the nation we really want--one where the haves keep acquiring more and more advantages and power and those who aspire to succeed and innovate have no way to compete with them or even have a voice??? Net neutrality is integral to democracy, so please preserve it.
—Elizabeth Widerquist, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is equally important to everyone. It must remain neutral. Some people are not more equal than others. Read George Orwell's book, 1984.
—Lynette L Young, st louis, MO

Not only should the FCC move to protect Net Neutrality, but it also move to make internet service mandatory everywhere. Internet access has become a necessary to find and any many cases, apply for jobs; taking courses and turning in and tracking homework assignments for children in the higher grades in school. If access is limited and restricted based on how much people can pay, this will give those with wealth an even greater, and unfair, advantage and help institutionalize poverty.
—Deborah Baverstock, Fitchburg, WI

Please save net neutrality for this 86 year old and my great grandchildren and those in between. I feel this is a flagrant abuse of democracy.
—Bob Carlsten, Denver, CO

As a limited income Senior, I would be allotted to the dirt road. I've paid enough taxes, voted at enough elections, called, wrote and spoken to enough of my elected officials, and am just as much a citizen as anyone else. Corporations are not citizens and so not deserve to be treated as such.
—Joanne Hafter, Columbia, SC

"For years, the government has upheld the principle of “Net neutrality,” the belief that everyone should have equal access to the web without preferential treatment. But now, Tom Wheeler, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and a former cable and telecommunications top gun, is circulating potential new rules that reportedly would put a price tag on climbing aboard the Internet..." Please tell Mr. Wheeler to not "fix" what is not broken.
—John Marikos, Long Beach, CA

I want real net neutrality! What you are doing is a big giveaway to big business. Please don't hurt little guys like us.
—Mr. Mickie Zekley, Mendocino, CA

The Internet should be classified as a UTILITY just like electricity, gas, water. NO ONE should have to pay more to have faster / preferential speed. The cable companies should NOT decide on how fast you get information because you did or didn't pay them. Blackmailing companies with slowing down their delivery speed unless they pay the cable companies is a MONOPOLY ! MAKE THE CHANGES to keep the internet neutral ! STOP taking the cable companies money and selling out the American people.
—Kathleen CHANLIAU, Manchester, MA

With Citizens United and similar decisions, the net is the last place in America that the people are equal. Do not take that away and give it to corporations. It is a testament to how corrupt journalism has become when it takes John Oliver to point out how bad it is that a former lobbyist for the cable industry is now in charge of regulating the industry.
—Matthew Cleveland, Elizabethtown, PA

Please withdraw your proposal to destroy net neutrality by introducing an internet fast lane. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have a small internet business as do many independent artists. There is no way I can compete with Wal-Mart or Amazon who offer mass produced jewelry made by prison labor or virtual slaves in other countries, and no way I can pay for faster service to put my work in front of potential customers. Net neutrality has given me the opportunity to compete on the quality of my work alone. Why are you trying to destroy independent small businesses Mr. Wheeler? Nobody wants your plan except criminal companies like AT&T and Verizon (yes, criminal else why were they granted retroactive immunity by Congress?). I'll add Comcast which apparently deliberately throttled Netflix during negotiations with them...how like Mafia tactics, eh? Rough 'em up a bit to make 'em pay? Mr. Wheeler, your industry connections are showing in this awful proposal. The people will not accept your attempt to destroy net neutrality. Shame on you for using your public office to further the anti-competitive agenda of corporate criminals. Shame, shame, shame. Please withdraw your proposals to destroy net neutrality. Then please resign. Thank you.
—Mary Hicklin, Lakeside, CA

A two tiered system only benefits the big players like At&t , Comcast and Verizon. A two tiered system punishes the rest of us.
—Curtis Ludlow, Fullerton, CA

Dear FCC, If at all, you want to do anything good and stand by the people, do the right and save the internet. No slow, fast or hyper-fast lanes. Just the plain good old internet we love. We are paying the ISP for the speed and not for speed per type of service. Better they stay the way they are.. Thank you.
—Naveen Thallati, WADSWORTH, IL

This shouldn't even be an issue. An open and neutral Net keeps the playing field even for all. Get your heads out of your asses!
—Casey Hawley, Phoenix, AZ

Like everything else in this nation, the proposed new FCC rules would create an internet that is profoundly unequel and threatens our future prosperity. The future of our economy depends on innovation; please don't create internet slow lanes which will stifle our economy.
—Edward Savage, Salem, VA

The Internet is indeed a public service like telephone service and should be treated that way. Living in the middle of Baltimore City, I have very little choice of ISP. If you adopt the rule under consideration, it will only worsen the situation for me and for tens of millions of consumers, and it will only strengthen the hand of a few oligopolist corporations that provide our gateways to the net.
—Charlie Cooper, Baltimore, MD

My daughter lives in France. Great internet service in a country run for and by the people. Was the USA ever that?
—Gloria Morrison, Pecos, TX

Greedy lobbyists have hurt an already hurting middle class. Add this to it, why don't you? How do you sleep at night?
—Chris Wrinn, Milford, CT

Allowing a few big telecoms to control the internet is just another way for the oligarchs to control the national debate.
—William Holmes, Enon, OH

The Internet is the only Free Speech we have left in America!
—Jan McCreary, Silver City, NM

second class internet would make Us second class citizens
—Hilary Malyon, 07436, NJ

The U.S. is the leading coutnry in technological innovation. It is perplexing to fathom that we are rated #35 in countries with the best internet infrastructure. We need to stop letting Cable companies dictate the course of the internet so that they can continue milking profits from consumers. We need to oust them and demand new infrastructure that benefits our country.
—Jude Nguyen, San Francisco, CA

To the FCC...Please dismiss your proposed Internet rules...I strongly support Net Neutrality.
—Patricia Finder-Stone, De Pere, WI

The Internet should remain a level play field for all participants. There should be no special treatment for certain companies and no fast lane for more money. We, the customers, are paying for a bandwidth and the providers should deliver that bandwidth to us regardless of its origin.
—Walter J Barreto, San Francisco, CA

Ending net neutrality is as ridiculous as forbidding certain people from going to the library, or buying newspapers.
—Sharon S Dymowski, Alexandria, VA

The FCC needs to reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Pamela Scott, Boulder Creek, CA

Sincé we can't depend on the FDA and the EPA to defend us we need an open internet so we can go after them without being shuttled to a slower speed. I don't think this is about Comcast and AOL making more money. I think it has to do with the government's fear of social media. And you have given us no valid reason for taking our internet and giving it to a couple of corporations. And if you give it away it could very well be the tipping point. And where is our president who is supposed to be protecting us?
—DeWayne Youts, VICKSBURG, MS

We didn't build it so someone else gets to play!
—James Q. Jacobs, Tidewater, OR

Why change a system that works fine for everyone to a system that hurts everyone.
—Patrick Studt, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is critically important to all users of the Internet. It should not be possible for a company to pay for better/faster access for their content. This practice would be unfair to all but the largest companies in the world, and a real danger to 'average' people and companies since their voice(s) would be overshadowed. This means that not keeping the Internet open to all would serve to further divide the world's haves and have nots. That is simply unacceptable.
—Ryan Bernstein, Austin, TX

Quit being bought by the telecom companies and preserve NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Jo Ann, Huntsville, TX

Please stop the actions that will kill Net Neutrality. Specifically, disallow "fast lanes" and "dirt roads" for Internet traffic for Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that the Internet remains equal for all users -- content providers and end users. Stop the greed of the big ISPs like Comcast, Verison and Time Warner Cable by disallowing the intentional carving-up of the existing and future bandwidth into segregated and discriminatory channels, driven by money. Allowing this would provide preferential treatment to a few corporations and NO BENEFIT to American citizens.
—Tom Richardson, Union Pier, MI

Democracy needs for free flow of information. Net neutrality accomplishes that to a great degree.
—John E Villinski, Tucson, AZ

Do you expect me to believe a two-tiered internet has anyone's best interest except the major internet service providers? Just how stupid do you think the American public is? It's about time the government and I mean you FCC, got out of bed with these big companies and started to look out after everyone's interests. How about you guys have some scruples not screwples and do the right thing for the average guy and keep net neutrality and an even playing field.
—Robert J Cyzan, Phoenix, AZ

Protect net neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suzanne Roulston-Doty, Gainesville, FL

We already have a mob-like mentality in these HORRIBLE cable companies and you actually want to make it EASIER for them?! NO WAY IS THIS ACCEPTABLE!!! Net Neutrality is REQUIRED.
—Paul Railback, kansas city, MO

Net Neutrality is the fundamental precept that makes the internet such a powerful economic utility for our country and to prevent that for the private gain of the most consumer unfriendly industry in America is a crime!
—Eric Bernhard, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality makes economic sense to everyone but the cable monopolies. We need to foster innovation and entrepreneurs, not raise the barriers to enter the market so that already too large companies can reap more profit they don't deserve while maintaining what should be an illegal monopoly. The FCC is meant to protect the public's interests, so please do so.
—Jennifer Irwin, Baton Rouge, LA

The internet is the one place where everyone gets a fair chance at having their voices heard. Don't ruin that.
—Ashley McAllister, Portland, OR

If the FCC dismantles net neutrality by granting a "fast lane" to certain companies, it will be a tragedy of epic proportions. It may cause extreme civil unrest and could possibly even trigger World War III. DO NOT DO THIS!
—Thomas H Lichtenstein, Burnsville, MN

Big corporations and special interests should not control the internet. Corporations in this country control enough!!!!!
—Kelly Tracey-wood, woodridge, IL

Net Neutrality is important to be because I am a musician and a writer and I have a web site that reflects all of that. Like anyone else I don't want my site and blog relegated to a slow lane or any kind of tiered system where people may not be able to get to it. The importance of net neutrality is it made everyone who had a site equal. Equality is what the Internet is supposed to be about. All that needs to be done is to change the classification of the internet, so please just do it, and listen to the people as opposed to major telecom, cable companies and other broadband providers.
—Peter Brown, Philadelphia, PA

A fast lane and an other lane is not net neutrality. We are not fooled, and you must not capitulate to this corporate power grab. No "tiers" on the internet! You must maintain a level and equal playing field. Throw out these rubbish rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—mathew Michaud, White Bear Lake, MN

The internet is slow and expensive enough in America, due to the few number of carriers and their decisions to not compete with each other. Again, this is America, where we ostensibly like free markets and competition, not highly-socialized Europe, where they have hundreds of private companies scrambling to compete on price and quality. In the last decade, we have gone from envy of the world to a laughingstock. Adding toll roads to the internet for faster service will invariably allow slow speeds to continue and perpetuate. Allowing giant companies to consolidate will only make the problem worse--a feedback loop of bad practices. I know you're being lobbied pretty hard from all sides, but I ask you this: what are the motivations of the people lobbying you? Are they in the interests of the American people, or a tiny subset of us who work for telecoms? We always think about best and worse possible outcomes of any decision, so I ask you to make that estimation. Do you want America to continue down the path of oligarchy and find yourself in a hundred years lumped in with the Warren Harding, Andrew Johnson, and Franklin Pierce administrations, or do you want to do something for the future, for the people, and for yourselves?
—Mr. Allen Shull, Henderson, TN

With a slow lane, only sponsored propaganda and marketing will get through. Instead of being a world wide web, we will be stuck with market specific content, like the Chinese.
—Jeffrey Tischler, Monterey, CA

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Janis Barnes, Nashville, TN

Without Net Neutrality the ordinary people, not corporation, will be forced to pay significantly more for access!
—Michael H. Sodos, Frederick, MD

I would like to request that the FCC throw out its proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There will be no gain for the citizens of the United States of America if these proposed Internet rules are approved and I believe it will have a terrible impact on our freedoms of speech and relationships with the rest of the world. I strongly urge you to throw out these proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gavin Mackay, Seattle, WA

The internet is not simply and information service anymore. So many people depend on it for very important services. Many many people have it as their only phone service now. The homebound and elderly can even order food and have it delivered. It has become a very important part of everyday life. Can you imagine how much commerce would be halted of telecoms start charging everyone to send their traffic unobstructed? Prices WILL rise for the consumers and people will do without things that they desperately need as they cut out internet because they can not longer afford it. It is truly a scary thought. Please do not let the telecoms and the big guys crowd out the marketplace that has become a great equalizer in this consumer driven economy. The internet has probably created more jobs than any other invention ever in the history of the world. Do not let this come to an end on your watch!
—Laura Klebs, Eagle Mountain, UT

This will disrupt internet entrepreneurship by placing an unfair burden on up and coming web-based businesses who can't afford "fast lane" prices. It will also increase the consumer's burden by raising the prices of internet services that need to ante-up to fast lane services to remain competitive. Basically, it holds the internet hostage by a few geographically separate monopolies. The internet should be classified as a utility.
—John Pivovarnick, Dunmore, PA

It is important for everyone to have free access to all information whether it is for research and other reasonable purposes.
—Andrew Costigan, Norwood, MA

Preserve net neutrality in its entirety. It's the only hope for democracy in the USA.
—Faye Steuer, Mount Pleasant, SC

My wife and I run a small business and Net Neutrality is integral to allowing us to compete with bigger companies. Without Net Neutrality we would be at a huge disadvantage and would cause us to lose a great amount of business to companies who could afford to pay for the "fast lanes".
—Joel Cook, Temecula, CA

Those of us in small town America who are served by small ISPs are already at a competitive disadvantage to urban America with its faster and more reliable internet service. This fast lane plan will only hasten the digital divide, making it more difficult for us to attract businesses and access digital media. Regional ISPs such as PenTeleData will not be able to compete for lucrative fast lane contracts and our local economy will suffer as a result. It's bad enough that internet access is practically a monopoly already. This kind of move is only going to drive more call centers and data bank companies overseas.
—Patti Frawley, Allentown, PA

Remember what happened to the old AT&T when it got too big? Bounced into Baby bells by the disgruntled public. That's what will happen to the FCC, the resurgent AT&T, Comcast and the other Corps that think they're too big to have to worry about public opinion.
—Ian Price, McHenry, IL

It really doesn't matter what is typed in this little box, or any other anymore trying to persuade our government officials. They are no longer our representatives, they haven't been for a long time. The only thing that matters to them is lining their pockets with fundraising money. I could tell you how monopoly's are terrible and that corporate interests are just what it says. However that won't matter dollar bills are blocking your vision. The only thing we have left is trying to guilt you into doing your job and actually representing the individuals that you are supposed to. The tax payers that go and bust their asses in factories, fast food restaurants and all the other dirty shit jobs that none of you ever had to deal with. Of course here I am a man whom broke his back working and can't even get SSI benefits trying to convince what has become a soulless puppet for big banks and corporations to have a heart. Try for once thinking in the long term. try to see that what you get in the short term will not last and these people that you swore oaths to represent will still be around paying taxes, dealing with excruciating pain, and living with the choices you make today. Thanks.
—Steven Brady, Halethorpe, MD

I am an internet professional and a journalist. I do not want to have to work for Fox News or some other large conglomerate in order for my voice to be heard. Please get rid of these ridiculous "Fast Lane" restraints on net neutrality so we can go back to living in a free country with a free and open Internet.
—Paul Pelkonen, Brooklyn, NY

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN THAT? I WOULD NOT THINK WE WOULD HAVE TO TELL THE FCC THAT WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE, DEPEND ON IT FOR COMMUNICATION AND OUR DAILY LIVES! WE ARE SICK AND TIRES OF GOVERNMENT SELLING US OUT! THE INTERNET IS NOT YOURS TO DO WHAT YOU WILL!!!!! IT BELONGS AS MUCH TO US AS IT DOES TO YOU CORPORATE WHORES!
—Maggie Schafer, Boulder, CO

Ending Net Neutrality in the U.S. would stifle innovation, economic growth, and freedom of expression. It would cripple our ability to compete against other more progressive nations. Preserving Net Neutrality is of paramount importance.
—Mr. Jason Fourier, Toluca Lake, CA

ISPs must be classified as common carriers to insure net neutrality. Corporations already have too much control over our choices and our lives.
—Jean Teach, Vancouver, WA

I am appalled at the possibility of a tiered internet that will further corporate control over the free flow of information. I understand the threat posed by an informed public to those seated in power, but I also understand the degradation of humanity posed by a system predicated on the control and surpression of information. The evolution and ultimate liberation of humanity depends upon unincumbered inquiry and distribution of information. This is a dangerous and unecessary legislative consideration, advanced only by the few individuals who will gain tremendous financial and political benefit while harming humanity as a whole. Please create a world that elevates all -- your grandchildren will thank you.
—ben Ks, rockville, MD

We need an end to the cable/internet/tv monopoly, NOW! True Net Neutrality - where each of us has an equal opportunity to send and receive information through the internet at EQUAL speed, at a FAIR and equitable price, is VITAL to anyone with a phone, tablet, TV or computer. The internet and its content should not be owned by ANY CORPORATION, it belongs to everyone, not just the monied few. I urge you to support NET NEUTRALITY, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you.
—janet bernson, Sherman oaks, CA

Fairness is so important! Big corporations who can afford the extra fees should not be privileged over the rest of us. Net Neutrality is vital to society's well- being.
—Sallie Teutsch, Langley, WA

America thinks it is a hub of innovation, but its fast becoming a backwater. Shut down net neutrality and you are freezing in the winners and the losers of the current marketplace, and freezing out all newcomers. Innovation goes on elsewhere though, so we can expect the next waves of innovation to come from Scandinavia or South Korea. Take a close look at how connected Americans are, and how much they pay for internet access compared to what happens in other countries. The connection from my house to the outside world should be a regulated utility, and I should be able to choose between many vendors, as I do with my phone carrier. That is what happened in Europe, and it clearly works better than the sad inefficient monopolies we have here. When the cellphone market took off two decades ago, Verizon was a vicious thug; stealing customers from other carriers without their consent, and sticking them for all kinds of unexpected fees. This company is still one of the most aggressive collection agencies in the Nation. They cannot be trusted to abide by agreements or play nice. Comcast and Time Warner are no better, and have proven track records of abusive business practices. If the customer cannot switch to another carrier, we are stuck paying whatever they demand, regardless of their service quality. I understand that their money speaks louder than the voices of the paying public; that corporations are more powerful in this country than government. But the eventual consequence of this is that America will become a backwater, and nations where innovation is protected long enough to take root will be the eventual winners. We are so very vulnerable to disapproval on the international stage after all the revelations about NSA spying. The rest of the world is not beholden to us any more than our military can force it to be. All the bright minds who dream of coming to America will soon enough realize the hollowness of that dream, and set up shop in Australia or Canada instead.
—David Carter, redlands, CA

We need Total Open Net Access Forever
—Sean Cash, pahoa, HI

The American people don't want a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This will protect Net Neutrality.
—Susan Puscheck, Ypsilanti, MI

I'm an 80-year-old retired veteran on limited income, and use the Internet to maintain contact with family and friends, make political and other contributions, and generally keep in touch with the world. I cannot afford the extra expenses of a two-tiered Internet. Anything less than a neutral Internet would constitute discrimination based on income inequality.
—James J. Boone Jr., Malden, MA

If I have to tell you, the FCC, why net neutrality is important to me then you are the wrong people for the job. You, the FCC, should know why net neutrality is important and not even be thinking about the proposed new rules. Who among you would tolerate such restrictions to internet freedom?
—Suzi J. Schaum, Willow Street, PA

A two-tiered internet gives providers too much power over individual's access to information. It basically tells companies that you must pay to be heard. This is not freedom of speech. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—A Vandervort, SEATTLE, WA

To maintain an open and free internet, I strongly support Net Neutrality
—Bill Capasso, Lincoln, VT

I don't want Comcast and Time/Warner to have any advantages over the rest of us. I don't know about Comcast because their monopoly doesn't exist on the West Coast. I do know about Time/Warner because their monopoly exists here in California. I pay way too much for what I get from them and I really resent that the lobbyist appointed to chair the FCC is arranging for them to get even more than they deserve. We need net neutrality.
—Diane Olson, santa monica, CA

The internet belongs to all of us. I am outraged that the FCC would allow evil companies like Verizon and Comcast bribe their way into getting the ability to "fast lane" some content over others. Shame on you, Mr. Wheeler for even considering this. We demand an honest Net Neutrality now!
—Steve Clemens, Minneapolis, MN

I shouldn't have to even be writing this but here we are: please stand up for my rights! Thank you
—Julia, Cincinnati, OH

Internet service providers must be regulated as common carriers. If rate classes are established, they must be cost-of-service based. Please, throw out the proposed rules and ensure true 'net neutrality.
—Gary E Richardson, Boise, ID

A two-tiered system is a clear signal to Main Street that WE are not important; that only those with LOTS of money and/or influence are important. This is also an Orwellian scenario that is being proposed, and once in place, WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT. It is inherently wrong, and it is EVIL. It is, once again, a proposal to throw feces in the faces of the regular Joes. Tom Wheeler is a FOX IN THE HENHOUSE; he is a DRUG ADDICT OVERSEEING THE PHARMACY. The choice of Wheeler as FCC Chairman is almost as disgusting as Tim Geithner as chair of the SEC. It is as bad as putting Adolph Hitler in charge of Jewish Relations! Who is Obama trying to fool with this "Good Old Boy" network appointment?
—Milton Bosch MD, Napa, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use the internet for my entertainment needs instead of subscribing to overpriced, monopolistic cable television service. If we allow these same companies to put a premium on and/or descriminate against online entertainment providers, I will again be facing climbing rates until I can no longer afford to subscribe (the same reason I am no longer a cable TV subscriber). Additionally, I actively seek out unique local products using the internet instead of going straight to the big-box stores and their online equivalents. If those online equivalents of big-box stores are able to pay a premium to be given a further competitive advantage over the smaller purveyors of unique products I prefer to patronize, there will be less of those smaller retailers in existence. Small business is where job creation and economic growth overwhelmingly come from in the U.S. - please don't damage it further. Thank you, Melissa Tamedl
—Melissa Tamedl, Brooklyn, NY

Please, FCC, throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your serious consideration, Susan Jaunsen
—Susan Jaunsen, Norcross, GA

Information and the ability to self-educate myself should not be obliterated by greedy corporate interests.
—Natasha Breckenridge, Morristown, TN

Net Neutrality is freedom, purely and simply. Freedom to research and have access to knowledge for all. Not just for those who can afford to pay. This is extremely important for our democracy which presently has enough pressure from all directions. Also, why does EVERYTHING in the United States have to be packaged and sold??? Greed is disgusting!!!
—Jeanne Szczechowski, Bay Saint Louis, MS

Real net neutrality is the only power the American people have left now that presidential elections are stolen, the NSA is spying on us, the media has been consolidated, journalism is dead, politicians work for corporations and the Supreme Court has gone crazy. Please let us have some voice in out governing. Some freedom.
—Marc DiPaolo, Weatherford, OK

It prevents selfish ignorant and inept old people who care about nothing more than money from using money and unjust/unfair tactics to steal something that everyone should have access to.
—William Randolph Pearce, Beaverdam, VA

no more big corps'es
—Rob van Horn, SURPRISE, AZ

Perhaps I would be more receptive to making the Internet run on a capitalist model if the companies providing Internet service didn't have such a horrible track record of incompetence.
—Ben cohen, Brooklyn, NY

This is just the most obvious monopoly scam I have seen in a while. And to have the fox (FCC Chairman) in charge of this chicken house should make all of us cringe! NET NEUTRALITY!
—Doug Simmer, Austin, TX

I depend on net neutrality to communicate person to person, organization to organization. I don't have much money. I shouldn't be asked to pay more for timely service.
—Lynn Shoemaker, Whitewater, WI

I am an agoraphobic who goes to school online. What effects will this decision have in how I can research topics if the only research is from those who have the money to fill the Web with their bias? The only communication I have, besides therapy and a close knit group of family and friends, is my lifeline. School might actually be my saving grace in finding a way off of SSI and SNAP. Government talks of wanting people off of programs and takes away methods to do so. The big Internet companies began as start ups which couldn't afford the costs that will be required. What happens to the next guy or girl with an idea? We are already seeing moves toward Internet monopolies. This must stop!
—Robin Anderson, Westland, MI

Internet access today is the functional equivalent of basic local telephone service in the past. Internet access should be designated as a common-carrier utility service. DO NOT adopt the 'premium service' rules in the proposed Internet rules.
—Glen Myers, Jersey City, NJ

SAVE THE INTERNET!!!!!!
—Lourdes C. Garcia, Torrance, CA

Dear FCC, Please maintain net neutrality. Comcast, AT&T, time-warner all function like monopolies already. Do not give them permission to do more to squelch the little guy. Obama appointing a cable industry lobbyist speaks to all that is going wrong with our government today. This man is not representing the needs of regular people but the needs of the cable companies. Maintain net neutrality and find a chairman who is a consumer advocate and represents the voters. Thank you, Deirdre Jameson 50 east Chestnut St. Chicago, IL 60611
—Deirdre Jameson, Chicago, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dr Bruce Blacknight, Holly Ridge, NC

- No to discriminatory practices. - Equal services for everybody. - Stop monopoly.
—Rafael Ormino, Silver Spring, MD

Please, please, please protect net neutrality. I will be so disappointed in our government if you don't; it will just prove right all those people who say our democracy is ruled by big business and people with money. There is no defensible reason to destroy net neutrality. Please don't.
—Katharine Phelps, Panama City, FL

Everyone should have access to as much information as possible. That is what makes us better people.
—Marya E McCloskey, North Kingstown, RI

You require five words of commentary...you got it! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Got it...understood....now do it!
—Perry Lambert, Tarzana, CA

The internet must remain open and neutral to what it carries. It is shameful that the US, the inventors of the internet, has the worst speed and reliability in the WORLD. It is obvious that the internet carriers care nothing about the service they provide, only about the money they receive. They do not need anymore money. DO NOT ALLOW TO BE IMPLEMENTED A MULTI-TIER INTERNET. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL. A better proposal would be to prevent communities (cities) from entering into monopolistic agreements with cable companies and internet providers. More competition is required not less.
—John Morrison, Fountain Valley, CA

Protecting Net Neutrality prevents monopolies of our channels of communication, which is exactly what the FCC is tasked with...All Internet websites should be equally accessible by all; the Internet was designed as a means of free and equal communication. Giving telecom companies the power to discriminate against other sites and fast-track their content for premium customers is unfair because it eliminates competition, which is the only fair way for capitalism to thrive. I strongly disagree with the proposed discriminatory "tiered" Internet access.
—Christopher Cooper, Delray Beach, FL

An open internet is crucial to preserving what is left of our democracy. We need democracy, not the Chairman's hypocracy!
—Ron Rattner, San Francisoc, CA

Net Neutrality is the last bastion of freedom in America. If you hand pay-for-play to the Big Telecoms, only the Big Corps will be able to speak...while all other voices fall to the wayside. Our Government is already owned by Big Corps, don't give them our communication as well.
—Cindy Abernathy, Midvale, UT

Duo much of our life is ruled by money. It would be nice to have one forum where no one has that advantage, where the field is equal for all. It doesn't exist in government, education, or the justice system. The internet is a resource that can be truly equality conscious, or it can be corrupted by capitalism at its worst. Do the right thing and don't let voices be silenced by big money.
—Richard Thietje, Olympia, WA

Leave the power with the people not with the corporations. This issue is so very clear- the net must remain neutral.
—Tim Gemmill, San Francisco, CA

As someone who needs affordable, fast and reliable internet, whose small business is dependent on being able to quickly respond to her clients' needs via internet, I ask that you do the following: Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Brenda Corderman, Brea, CA

As a Senior trying to make it on social security, a free internet is vital to me as a telephone and electricity. I live in the Arizona desert fifty miles to the nearest town, I do a major portion of my business on the internet (banking, bill payment and some buying of needed items). It is a lot cheaper and quicker to do things this way rather than two hours road time and $20 fuel. If you let the providers implement this tiered internet, just to fatten their pockets, you will greatly restrict the life style that I am having to live with and add to the cost of living on Social Security. Also you will be muzzling the last place that freedom of speech has in this Country..
—David Blakeman, Dolan Springs, AZ

Internet is a basic human right in 2014 and it will be even more fundamental to the cause of freedom and democracy in the next decade. Phone companies and power companies are subject to common carrier laws-- Internet access is just as important a basic service. Who talks on the phone these days anyway? We're communicating via computer and smartphone and the passageways for that communication need to be treated as sacred. Fire Tom Wheeler. Block the mergers. Protect the net!
—John Stefanic, Glendale, AZ

Net neutrality means that everyone is treated equally, which is important if we want to pretend we live in a democracy. Changing this would be like allowing people with money to pay a fee to allow them to drive above the speed limit or commit a crime that they otherwise would be punished for. Or like paying to be allowed to give more than one vote in elections (now they have to use lobbyist to corrupt.politics.) All this leads to a diminishing democracy with more inequality in the society, something the majority will suffer from. Do FCC serve the rich with money or the majority without?
—Olle Andersson, Carlsbad, CA

Because freedom of information, because small business, because resources, because it's not broken, because stop greed, because 99%, because it's not all about corporations, because people. Net neutrality, please!!!
—Lisa Arnold, Mpls, MN

The internet is not broken.... please don't "fix" it! The Internet has been a tool for freedom of expression for years, since its inception. Let all citizens remain equal on the Internet. Don't sell America down the river! Reclassify ISP's as common carriers! you may or may not believe in judgement in an afterlife.. but just in case, take out some insurance for yourself and do what you know is the right thing.
—Charles Nemiroff, Saugerties, NY

The net neutrality was direct by President Obama against someone in the world showing how powerful he is. In realty this person is causing the ISP against net neutrality are losing all their customer before it could come thru will be out of business. Right now the PAC for the Republican Party are keeping alive by order of the Pope. The one getting the business was threaten with death and the people trying to carry it out went dead in the process period. This shows that the companies got big by using lethal threat in the deal. So we are now finding the ISP will have no customers for anything. The one getting the customers period in Trans World Network.
—Marvin George, Sierra Vista, AZ

Everything should not be about the all-mighty dollar. Knowledge is GOOD for your constituents. Keep the internet FREE for it's users, where it should be free.
—Susan Porter, Pasadena, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers! No to discrimination on the internet.
—Kim Tipper, Victoria,

Any form of preferential treatment controlled by a so called provider, invariably gives preference to the highest bidder. This has a chilling effect on expectations to discover genuine creativity by anyone outside of these major interests, which is where it can often be truly found
—Paul Neff, Lauderhill, FL

ANy further consolidation of companies will allw total control of the internet. This has happened over and over again and despite all the empty promises from Comcast etc. a monopoly that is always abused for profits, power and control. Net Neutrality needs to continue.
—Ms. Rene Martell, Kingwood, TX

The FCC has the power to classify ISPs as "common carriers" so why isn't this being done ? ? ? Who's getting paid off for not doing it ? ? ? ?
—David Kersten, medina, OH

I know you don't really care what ordinary people think about keeping the Internet free of commercial interests, but I think I should comment anyway... The Cable companies are already a monopoly in each community. I have no other way to get reliable cable services, except through Cox communications. I have many other friends in other communities and they are in the same situation. In the old days, because of the monopoly they represent, franchise agreements were required with the local government for cable companies to even operate. The franchise agreement gave communities at least a voice in the services and fees in that community. Now that is no longer the case. To give that monopoly the right to regulate the Internet traffic coming into peoples houses and businesses on a basis of the company originating that traffic, reeks of favoritism. I cannot imagine a worse precedent to set. Internet service providers will be able to hold hostage any company not willing to pay a premium for their traffic. The Internet is NOT my television is it? Will I have to subscribe to Internet channels? Community sites that run on donations will be priced out of the market. Is this the death knell of Wikipedia and other such sites? There are so many ways this can be abused. Please protect the commons as is the mandate of government and keep the Internet free of commercial favoritism. Thanks,
—Jason D. Poley, Santa Barbara, CA

Classify Internet service providers as common carriers or know that history will remember you forever as the people who sold the greatest democratic tool known to humanity to the highest bidder. Freedom of speech is so called for a reason. By bending to the desires of a bloated, stagnating industry whose business model is "be the only choice," you risk unraveling the fabric of democracy. Please look in your hearts and do what you know is right. Prove a cynic wrong and keep what is great about our country great; the American people are counting on you.
—Douglas Ansel, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be level and equal for all.
—James V. Zito, New Wilmington, PA

This is a common carrier!
—Lil Lindsey, Eden Prairie, MN

IF you open the internet to a multi teared system it will only prove true nature of corruption in the goverment. There isn't anything that has more bi-partison support againtst. reclassify the interent as a title II of the Communications Act and save your self years of mass protest and headache as the people and business's of the United States rally to vote every last person not in favor of a REAL net neutrality.
—Steven Sewell, Westmisnter, CA

FCC, We do not want a two -tiered Internet where only the people that can afford it will have access to the fast lane. Internet providers should not have the power to choose who gets reasonable Internet service - leaving the rest of us with no recourse. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!
Kenneth and Penny Bruce Shorewood, WI
—Kenneth and Penny Bruce, Shorewood, WI

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY MISUNDERSTAND THAT THE INTERNET MUST BE A FREE AND OPEN UTILITY. IT'S A FORM OF BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATION. DO YOU CUT OFF PEOPLE'S PHONE LINES WHEN THEY NEED TO CALL 911? PEOPLE WILL DIE FROM THIS GREEDY CONTRIVANCE. AND SINCE YOU KNOW THAT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION, YOU MUST CHANGE THE REGULATION OF THE INTERNET. THINK OF THE GUILT YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE OF ALL THOSE HUMAN DEATHS IF YOU DO NOT. WITHOUT ACTIVISM, COMMUNICATION, AND DEMOCRACY, THERE WILL BE UNTOLD DESTRUCTION AND DEATH, BECAUSE GREED HAS NO CONSCIENCE - IT'S A SICKNESS. ENVIRONMENTAL POISONING, CLIMATE DESTRUCTION, STARVATION, DROUGHT, HEALTH CARE FRAUD, OLIGARCHY, VOTER SUPPRESSION WILL EXPLODE UNCHECKED. FACE IT NOW OR FACE GUILT AND EXPENSE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE BELIEVED POSSIBLE LATER. YOU MUST DO WHAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS IS DEMANDING AND DECLARE THE INTERNET A FREE AND OPEN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. OR ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY DIED OF THIS SICKNESS, AND CAN'T CARE HOW MANY HUMAN LIVES YOU WILL DESTROY.
—Judith Petty, Chelsea, MI

Net neutrality is absolutely critical for free and open competition in America. I've already been harmed by the effects of net in-neutrality with reduced service when trying to access and use the services of my internet provider's competitors. Internet access is already a monopoly in this country. Don't allow the internet itself to become a monopoly. Reinstate real net neutrality in our country. Say "No!" to the telecommunications lobbyists and listen to the people: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julie Berrey, Sacramento, CA

Stop cable company takeover of the Internet.....the Internet is like the highway: equal access to all!
—Karen Pollach, Portland, OR

Are you freaking nuts? Resign immediately, or doesn't the term 'conflict of interest' mean anything to you? And who are you, sir, to even entertain the THOUGHT of infringing on the rights of the American people? You welcome comments? Mr. Obama needs to rein you in, or maybe even fire you! It's disappointing enough that he even nominated you for the position. YOU, the FCC, and your corrupt former cronies need to be regulated with impunity! Cease & Desist.
—Franz Kitzberger, New Ulm, MN

If we lose net neutrality and allow big telcoms to control the internet, we the people lose. It's one step closer to the end of a free USA. NOBODY wants this, except those who wish to control the masses. Put a stop to it.
—Kai Holland, Kaneohe, HI

I live in a rural area where broadband isn't even available. What speed will I get on dial up if you give in to Comcast and Verizon. Please leave the internet alone.
—Katie Lake, Cambridge, OH

allowing a tiered internet would destroy the greatest tool for human innovation and entrepreneurship since the invention of the printing press. So don't do it. And don't listen to any lobbying shill for the telecommunications industry who says differently.
—Leonard Boyarsky, Lake Forest, CA

In a democracy, large corporations should not be allowed such unfair advantages.
—Susan Miller, Tucson, AZ

I am a small business owner - the internet is my lifeline to reach clients & prospective sales leads. I cannot compete with the advertising budgets of the mega-corporations who seem to have purchased our government. Please support a truly free, fair & equal marketplace for entrepreners. We are the heart & soul of America, and will not allow Big Industry to steamroll us with policies like making the internet outrageously expensive - priced beyond what ordinary folks who run small businesses from home can afford. Absolutely insulting to the American way of life!
—Lisa Talev, Austin, TX

Mr. Wheeler, You claim to back Net Neutrality, but your actions say otherwise. Congress turned Comcast and Verizon down flat by not considering it. We know you were a lobbyist FOR these companies in your past. Since the government has told them NO, WHY are YOU even considering it. No one except Comcast, Verizon, et.al. wants their control over the Internet to make money and give us the worst possible service, simply note how they handle their phone service, etc. Monopolies are still illegal, aren't they? Live up to your word, and simply tell them NO. They have to go through the front door with all of America watching to get a deal like this. Throw out your misinterpreted rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, problem solved and you would actually be doing your COUNTRY a service and also helping the economy at the same time. If you are not serving the USA, then please explain why your agency exists. Serve your country and preserve Net Neutrality.
—Carl Richardson, Purlear, NC

Preservation of net neutrality and improved internet with competition is what the people want, not anti-compeition which is what cable lobbyists receiving support from large ISPs.
—Jude Nguyen, san francisco, CA

Without Net Neutrality, the internet will become unacessible for many people including myself. We need the ability tpo have more access not less!
—Charles Sawyer, Bloomfield, IA

Net Neutrality, and one speed for all, is important for startup companies and those without deep pockets. It is unfair to provide different speeds for different "levels" of people. The fact that several major corporations (Facebook, Google, Amazon, and Netflix) are against this idea, as well as many activists, should help the FCC to see and realize that Net Neutrality is important and should not be changed. Other countries have Net Neutrality as law, why can we not do the same?
—Alanna Xu, Houston, TX

Keep pay-to-play away from our internet (don't Fcc up a good thing). Phones are at the precipice of obsolescence, as the internet has supplanted telephony as the sole unifying communications tool wordlwide for this and all future generations. That is a big deal. The FCC must keep pace and protect consumers by reclassifying Internet Service Providers as common carriers, and do so right away. The reasons are the same and hold now as they did for telephones: Without rules to ensure a level playing field, consumers loose and all small and medium businesses loose as well. Activists and corporations are finally aligned on this one. How often does that happen? Fix this and pat yourself on the back. This a slam dunk.
—Jan-Ivar Bruaroey, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is key. In the same vein that the water, electric and gas companies provide their good/services on what I use, not what I use them for, internet providers should be held to the same standards with internet speed. The alternative is creating an unequal system for the American people. The rules need to change to reflect what the Internet has become. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ashley Wilson, Philadelphia, PA

The only possible thing that would prevent anyone from seeing how harmful this will be down the road, is selfish, personal greed. It is easy to see why that would be at work for the CEO's of both Tim Warner and Comcast. As for the chairman of the FCC I suspect that it is either being patted on the back by the cable giants for being the best lobbyist ever, or promises of a very highly lucrative lobbying job once he leaves this post,...which I suspect will be very quickly after this deal reaches fruition, if it does. As for President Obama, I've had his back right from the start, and even though he may have erred a few times in my opinion, I always felt he at least had the right motives, and was doing the best he could despite an intolerably intransigent GOP. However, this whole move here, including putting Henry Rivera, a former top lobbyist for the cable companies in charge, is the single biggest mistake he has made. It smacks the same selfish self interest that drives nearly the whole GOP, just reeks of some kind of personal reward for himself, and if it passes, will drop him right off the charts as a competent president in my estimation.
—mike Kercher, Jackson, MI

Dear FCC (currently aka, bought and paid for ISP lapdogs), The internet has already been paid for by the american people in the form of government spending. Where did this money go? Had it been spent where it was needed, not only would we be at the top of world internet connectivity, not only only would we have more bandwidth than we could ever use without the "need" for throttling (notice the quotes), not only would every single person in the United States have access to the internet at full broadband speeds (using the current standard of 3Mb/s down and 1 Mb/s up) but we would have this at an actual reasonable price based on what the market will bare and not based on current de facto monopolies. Not only is it bad enough that you've allowed these ISPs to have full control of their regions and to allow them to put caps on the data we, the american public, have already paid for. Now you're allowing them to charge other companies for the EXACT SAME DATA! I've paid my cable bill faithfully every month since I signed up for service. Netflix has paid it's ISP as well. Amazon does the same. In fact, every person who has access at home to the internet has a bill which is paid. All we're demanding is for THE ASSHOLES IN CHARGE TO HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN! Let me out it this way. Imagine you're leasing a car. In your lease, you're allowed to drive that car as many miles as you want to any destination you want at whatever speed you're allowed to drive. A few months down the line, the leasing company sends you a letter. You're now capped at 150 miles per months but "that's OK" because the majority of their customers drive only 100 miles in a month. They're just charging those "mileage hogs" extra. A few months later, you realize every month, your normal driving has been creeping closer and closer to your cap. You realize you have no options. Can't buy a car to drive in your area. Can't lease from anyone else because there's no competition. There's a bicycle shop but you can't use them because you have large loads you have to carry. Now, it's a few months later, somehow you've been able to keep yourself at 149.9 miles per month every month. Now your leasing service has talked the local government into allowing it to start charging your destinations for all the people who want to go to them because " that's mileage on our vehicles and we just can't keep up with the maintenance ". If you still don't get the problem, make sure you state very clearly in your vote against net neutrality that you are being paid to vote against the interests of the american public so We The People can have you convicted of treason. After all, you're not the government, We are.
—Thomas Borders, Anderson, SC

The Internet is a place of constant improvement through contributions by a diverse group of people from different cultures and backgrounds. Limiting new business and creativity will be the end of such a period, the end of what we hold most dear. The last decade has seen more human scientific and creative progress than our species' entire history before it. This trend cannot continue on an unfair playing field.
—Jack Parsons, Truro,

It is outrageous that the FCC would do anything but support an open level field internet. No fast lane/slow lane stuff makes any sense for consumers. This proposal only makes sense to the existing big telecom companies who will make billions charging higher fees for acceptable service. By the way the FCC should call for and do every thing it can to force competition into the areas of telecommunications and internet service.
—Kim F Floyd, Wrightwood, CA

Net Neutrality is of the utmost importance as we continue to grow our uses of the internet. We must NOT let large corporations and the elite decide what information is valuable and what isn't. Stop the furthering of the Oligarchy!
—Starr Sheppard-Decker, West Linn, OR

I'm a small business entrepreneur. I cannot afford to have communications run by large companies for their own profit, which is what would result from a two-tier system. I simply can't swim in those waters. There are many, many others like me.
—Alice Carli, Rochester, NY

Please support true Net Neutrality. Any proposal that allows companies to pay for a faster lane on the internet does not meet this definition.
—Christopher Aycock, San Francisco, CA

As a website owner, I depend on an equal playng field . I beleive we should have net neutrality for all.
—Steve Grandmaison, St. petersburg, FL

We need to consider internet as a utility and not as a service in today's society. It is a necessary part of each and every one of our lives and society would be significantly hampered if it is not treated as so. Please consider making our broadband and internet access a utility to prevent these terrible monopolies from destroying the consumers.
—Garrett Godfrey, Laguna beach, CA

Here's a brilliant idea -- bring real competition (ie that capitalism thing) to cable markets, like exists in the UK. Competition could rock this problem right into submission!!! Capitalism is part of the solution, who would've thunk?!?
—Ron Carlson, Erie, PA

Do not give these huge money grubbing corporations the control of our internet. They already have the #1 worst customer satisfaction, why would you allow them to control such an important tool in our society? It should be fair for all, not sold off to a few. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify the ISPS as common carriers!!!
—Lisa Thomson, Tucson, AZ

Stop two-tiered service, and speed based on payment. The FCC should have control of the internet and impose net neutrality. RECLASSIFY ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS.
—Laura Moneysmith, Chicago, IL

With the absurd and rising economic inequality in the United States and around the world, now is the time to be working to restore balance. It is NOT the time to be helping gigantic corporations force everyone else into economic submission while delivering substandard products and services.
—Christine Orser, Nashville, TN

Dear Comcast you are going to charge me a small fortune if you get this to go your way.You already own The Philadelphia market and this is just another way to squeeze what remain of the blood out of that turnip. You want to be a monopoly then you will have to abide by the rules and regulations that apply to to Monopolies and Anti trust violations. The public should make it very clear to the FCC that the Net is another Utility and apply those regulations controls and limitations.
—Robert Winokur, HORSHAM, PA

Dear FCC: You must not destroy net neutrality. Please reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. The internet is a public trust and it should remain open and equal for all users.
—David Follman, Santa Barbara, CA

We need to keep the internet free of discrimination!!!! Don't let corporations take the internet hostage. Verizon, Comcast and AT&T are internet terrorists trying to take our freedom away. Don't let them!!!!
—Zarna Joshi, Seattle, WA

I love the internet the way it is, but I know I already pay too much for Comcast. Over $239 a month for the Bundle, phone, internet and cable TV. Having a 2 tier system will only benefit the internet service providers and slow down the internet for people like me who like the fast speed of my ISP and I use the internet a lot. Hours everyday and I am not going to like slower speeds using the internet. Net Neutrality is perfect for the way the internet should be. It isn't broken so it does not need changing or fixing. Please leave the internet the way it is. Thank You
—Albert Bechtel, Seattle, WA

Commissioner Wheelers plan does the exact opposite of what he says he wants, an internet where all traffic is treated equally. What Comcast recently did to Netflix is a clear example. What happens to a Netflix competitor, they're limited to the slow lanes so they can't compete on equal footing and their customers suffer from the same kind of poor network performance that afflicted Netflix before they were forced to pay for faster access? That is NOT net neutrality. I'm now trapped by Comcast, I have no choice in cable companies here since my landlord will not allow Dish or DirecTV here. I am on Social Security Disability and TV and internet are very important tools in managing my illness. Thanks to Comcasts local monopoly, I have no other choices for cable TV and only one other choice for internet. It's hurting me because Comcast offers significantly less channels than their competitors here (Dish, DirecTV). The more choice I have, the more engaging TV is for me, with less choice I am bored and miserable, which makes my illness significantly worse. I want the FCC to break up the last mile connection monopoly and to reclassify providers as public utilities, and regulate them strictly. It's time to break their stranglehold on people like myself. Because of Comcasts monopoly here, I just informed the manager of my apartment complex that I'm moving when my lease is up. Having more choice is that important to me but because I'm on disability and have a fixed income, I have no choice but to uproot myself from a place where I'm comfortable and hope to find an apartment that's as affordable as the one I'm in now or rent a room from someone.
—Richard Fague, Lacey, WA

The FCC is on the verge of abandoning even a pretense that it represents the interests of the public in regulating the airwaves for public good. I strongly urge you to abandon the current regulatory proposal and assure that internet service providers not be allowed to discriminate against low-volume users with differential rates. Preserve net neutrality. Thank you.
—Michael C. Mannshardt, Yuba City, CA

Don't let Internet service providers create a two-tiered Internet. It's a terrible idea & I can't even believe you would ever even consider it. It could easily spell the end of democracy as we know it. Support Net Neutrality!!!!! The best way to do that is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—JAB Wilson, Destin, FL

Please keep Net Neutrality! It is extremely important that rich businesses can not game the playing field.
—Michael Sherr, Rockville, MD

I believe that ISPs should be common carriers. I hope that you can reclassify them instead of providing weak rules that create a two-tiered internet.
—jenni purdue, Chicago, IL

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler--it's like hireing a babysitter & getting a dingo!Tell the FCC to throw out its rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Ruth C Uppena, Montfort, WI

Net Neutrality is fundamental to everything I do every day.. Please leave it intact.
—David C. Berkshire, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is First Amendment critical. DO NOT allow multiple levels of service to exist. KEEP the internet service provided as it is now. More competition is good for the American public. Don't Mess With Net Neutrality.
—Lawrence A Donohoe, Gordon, TX

Protect the people, not the profits of big businesses.
—Glenn Embrey, Redondo Beach, CA

As a small business having a level playing field to work on is critical to us. Small businesses are light, agile and are the innovators of the future in the US. Without us the market will fall stagnate.
—James Alexander, Luling, TX

Everyone gets the same electricity, the same road access, the same water supply - the internet needs to be the same.
—Jessica VanHook, Council Bluffs, IA

True net neutrality is important to me because the internet should a tool for breaking down barriers and opening routes to communication and community. It should be a place where we have a free exchange of ideas and opinions to help overcome the problems of our age. To make it anything other than that, by limiting access or censoring content is to destroy the very heart of the freedom that all peoples hold dear, save for those corrupted by power and money. Do not give in to corruption and greed. Stand for what is right, what is just, what is decent. Stand for freedom.
—David Ferrel Owens III, Ogden, UT

Fairness.
—dg vanArsdale, Burlingame, CA

Wheeler should be removed. He has proved he is not really doing what is best for the american consumer.
—Eric Wiener, Santa Monica, CA

I am a 70 year old mother of 6, grandmother of 17 & great grandmother to a 5 year old. I am on social security and am a breast cancer survivor thanks to my research on the internet. I was able to obtain the best services available, at one of the best cancer centers in California. I was treated at Norris cancer hospital, USC. I am a five year survivor. If it wasn't for access to a free and unfettered net I would never have found the treatment I needed. I also research for my kids, grand kids and friends on important topics such as health issues, recalls, politics, medicines, doctors, hospitals and genetics. I know that if you do not defend Net Neutrality , this invaluable tool, that is so much a part of my life, will not be available for people like me with limited incomes. As it stands now, I can barely afford the surging prices! Please do not allow AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, or anyone else, discriminate against seniors, young parents,children and the working class! Don't make us second class citizens and unable to access high speed internet because we can't afford the extra fees. Please stand up for those of us who can not buy our way into the upper crust! Thank you all Cathy Castro
—Cathy Castro, Long Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me so that the operation of the Internet is not dictated by a handful of for-profit companies, and that information is disseminated fairly. It is not right that the ISPs will decide which information will be expedited down the highways while the other information lags. I want the ability to have my data stream deemed as important as any other data stream. Net development has relied upon the equitable transfer of data. Now is not the time to put the fate of the net into a few small pockets. It does not serve the stakeholders/users and developers who have an interest in having the Inernet be different than any utility we've had to date. The ISPs should be treated like common carriers in this matter. See YouTube video by Vi \hart to examine the argument further.
—Batya van Messel, New York, NY

Dear FCC, the proposed two-tiered system for internet bandwidth speed is bad for everyone. Throw it away and do not ever, ever consider bringing it up again. Love, a concerned internet user.
—Matt Hinrichs, Phoenix, AZ

The internet was developed with my taxpayer dollars and is a monopoly. It must be classed as a common carrier and regulated as such. I am tired of corporations taking structures developed as the commons by the taxpayers, privatizing it, destroying service, and bilking us for a quick buck.
—Cynthia Mace, Lake Forest, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mark Buhler, San Leandro, CA

The internet is for ALL of us - not just the rich or powerful.
—Sam Sibley, Evanston, IL

Every business needs competition.We the people do not want monopolies. This just creates bad business practices and higher prices.
—Marty Stonesifer, dawsonville, GA

People in this country shouldn't get special advantages just because they have enough money to pay for them. Especially with the Internet, which is a COMMON CARRIER. We need to STOP giving Democracy away to Oligarchy!
—Robert Price, Urbandale, IA

I want to maintain a free and EQUAL internet! EVERYONE should have the same accessibility.
—Lorri Redmon, Oklahoma City, OK

True Net Neutrality is something The People have, do and will continue to demand! We need to put an end to the discussion of the two tier system FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has proposed and to replace it (and him!) with something that works for the The People and not the companies on who's behalf Chairman Wheeler used to lobby.
—Vincent De Stefano, Pasadena, CA

Net Neutrality is essential for the continued growth of our increasingly-tech based startups and economy. With these new rules any new up and coming innovative startup, the next Facebook or Twitter, will be throttled before they even have a chance at competing. I urge you, keep the internet neutral, not only for freedom of expression, but also for the continued growth of the American economy.
—Rena Chen, Clementon, NJ

I am an entrepreneur, owner of a small business. I use the Internet as my primary way to find customers, to keep up with them, and to find information I need to grow my business. A two-tier system will essentially destroy my ability to do this.
—Pieter Kark, Mountain View, CA

Money should not decide who gets fast service. This is an attempt to limit free speech, and is unacceptable to a free people.
—Jerry Nolan, Cottage Grove, MN

As a web developer for 20 years, having designed websites for dozens of companies, I know how difficult it is for small businesses and startups to make headway against the internet, given its size. Ending net neutrality would put every startup and small business on a country lane while their competitors enjoy the freeway. Don't allow it to happen.
—Caroline de Gruchy, Kitchener,

The internet should be free to all and not governed by the likes of corporations or governments. ISPs must be classifed as common carriers and all other rules must be thrown out.
—Jared Montgomery, HAVRE, MT

These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—ed hyde, Winchester, CA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Janet Maker, Los Angeles, CA

Please don't do the WRONG thing because your leader is a former cable lobbyist! Stand up and DO WHAT'S RIGHT! For yourselves, and for each American citizen. Money cannot buy integrity unless YOU let it! Net Neutrality is essential in preserving our democracy. The whole world is watching the United States. Are we STILL in the back pockets of monolithic corporations?
—Kanta Masters, Encinitas, CA

I say let them build another net channel that works like limited access tollways. Gordon.
—Gordon Heavern, Boulder, CO

Save net neutrality! Do not let cable companies create an undemocratic, two tiered system. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Upton, New Paltz, NY

The Internet is essential for communication in the 21st century. We can NOT let a few powerful corporations control the Net and drown out the voices of millions of ordinary American citizens. Without Net Neutrality we cannot have a modern democracy.
—Ellen Scaruffi, Severna Park, MD

Net Neutrality is a basic life line to us retired folks. The internet is a big part of our lives. We use it to help keep track of our medications, help finding answers to our health problems, use it to help decide what is best for us in deciding on needed products, Communications on FaceBook with our children and friends, E-mail, The internet was never intended to be monopolized by big business and force the rest of us to what is left. The one percent has had a free ride for far to long, they can afford to use another system that does not interrupt our life lines. Thank you
—John Tovar, Cedar Falls, IA

Net Neutrality is important, because getting rid of it will significantly reduce our freedom of speech. People will no longer be able to find certain websites and there will be less information out there. The only information we will get is whatever the major corporations want us to know. Also, when doing homework it will be more difficult to do research online, and this can have serious negative consequences in our education. The US already ranks very low in education among developed countries, and this will just make things worse. Getting rid of Net Neutrality is only about making more money for billionaires who don't need it, and not about making the Internet better. The Internet is fine, it does not need to be fixed!
—Lucy Trevino, Cicero, IL

Big, wealthy corporations pervade almost every part of our lives already. Please don't allow them to have their way with the internet, which as it now stands, provides a more level playing field and access for more people.
—Gayle Weatherson, Echo, OR

It is disheartening that the FCC, which is supposed to be looking out for the best interests of the general community, is even considering this. Please listen to the public whom you are employed to serve and preserve open internet. I currently only afford relatively slow internet because prices are already unreasonably high and my ISP has a monopoly at my location. It is nonsensical to sacrifice open internet so that ISP's have even more control to take advantage of consumers. It seems a safe assumption that these cable companies are losing revenue to more affordable streaming entertainment and now corporate greed is at play. Markets change. If their product is no longer appealing to the masses then they need to adapt and be competitive. Instead they are trying to force everyones hand. Please do not allow this. Keep the internet free!
—Brandon, Indianapolis, IN

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Nancy Brenner, Murrieta, CA

The new rules for the internet being proposed are ridiculous and need to be forgotten about all together. Instead of implementing these new rules, reclassify Internet service providers as the common carriers.
—Alexander Roberts, Pulaski, TN

You guys are moments away from having yourselves lynched by the mob if you even try. Personally, I hope you all allow your greed and insane egos to cause your death at your fellow mans hands. So how much do you all want to die? 30 Pieces of Silver! Go for it guys. Kill Yourselves please. Ignore ME.
—Mark Steven Filby, Coffs Harbour,

Please maintain Net Neutrality. Do not allow extra-fast paths (for extra money or any other reason) and slower paths for the rest of us. Treat the internet as a true public utility, with equal speeds and paths for all users.
—Max DeNise, Tumwater, WA

Chairman Wheeler, You must protect Net Neutrality and revise the current FCC plan that would allow Internet Service Providers to charge for preferential bandwidth access. You no longer work for these companies - you're a public servant now! It's time to act like one, and place the public's interest before the corporate needs of your former employers. If enacted, these rules would effectively destroy Net Neutrality and create a caste system for internet access defined by how much money an ISP can charge. Under your current plan, the Internet Service Providers can make deals to provide faster service to those willing to/can pay, slow down sites that refuse to pay, and leave whatever bandwidth is left over for the rest of the internet. Do you actually believe that they are going to build out the high-end infrastructure necessary to support these priority access offerings or do you understand that they will just siphon off the needed bandwidth from their current resources. I strongly urge you to reclassify broadband as a Telecommunications Service. We are way past the days of considering internet access to be a luxury, it’s a modern day necessity. Only by keeping the online access playing field level, much like the government has done in the past with both Telephone and Federal Highway access, can innovation and growth thrive. The United States has already fallen far behind many other countries in both internet access speeds and availability of services, yet we lead all others in paying the most for these mediocre offerings and services. How can the U.S. maintain it’s world technological leadership with access gatekeepers like these? Lastly, all of the major players in the ISP industry, without exception and in lockstep, are flexing all of their influence/capital with congress, the FCC, and yourself to allow them to maintain their stranglehold on this industry despite the public outcry for just the opposite. In regards to this much needed utility, the ISP's have a proven track record in the U.S. of being self-serving custodians of this most important public commodity. These Internet Service Providers are clearly Telecommunication Service Providers, and in the public's interest should be rightly classified and treated as what they most obviously are: A MONOPOLY. Best Regards, - Adam Fields
—Adam Fields, Greer, SC

In the 21st century applying for a job is done online. A slow internet speed can mean job application software times out and the applicant must start over. Hard working Americans as well as people who are looking hard for a job will be the losers if the two land proposal is approved.
—Kim Redlin, Phoenix, AZ

I urge the FCC to classify ISPs as "common carriers" so that our networks may be maintained as engines for economic growth, test beds for innovative services and products, and channels for all forms of speech protected by the First Amendment.
—David Oyer, Reading, MA

We must have net neutrality as it exits right now with no rich corporations being able to buy higher internet speeds to push their own content. And shame on Obama fore hiring a lobbyist to head the FCC.
—S Jahangeer, Fairfax, VA

Let me get this straight the guy who used to be a a lobbyist for telecommunication corporations is now in charge of the FCC which is tasked with regulating the same telecommunication corporations? Is this Cambodia or America? DO YOUR JOB and protect net neutrality, not sell it out to your former employers.
—mark R owen, Nyc, NY

Net Neutrality is important BECAUSE THE INTERNET HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY. OUR INTERNET CAPABILITIES ARE LACKING BEHIND OTHER COUNTRIES, THE ISP SHOULD ONLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO INTERNET AND BUILDING NETWORKS IN RURAL AREAS THAT STILL DON'T HAVE INTERNET. tHE ISP DOESN'T OWN THE INTERNET AND FURTHER MORE IT WAS YOUR JOB TO PROTECT THE INTERNET AGAINST THIS CRAP. WE DON'T WANT CISPA, SOPA, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT IS GOING TO PREVENT THE INTERNET FROM DOING IT'S JOB. tELL TOM WHEELER THAT HE CAN SUCK COMCAST BALLS AND THAT WE WANT HIM REPLACED WITH SOMEONE THAT WILL TAKE A STAND AND WILL BACK THE PEOPLE.
—Donald Kingsley, port angeles, WA

If the only service is to the highest bidder what happens next. Freedom of speech shouldn't be determined by how much you can pay.
—Ric Evans, Clifton Park, NY

Because without it greed and monopoly will be rewarded for having done absolutely nothing. Except stealing freedom of choice, as if that ever meant anything.
—Edward Vaughn, Everett, WA

I support net neutrality. I do not believe that ISP's should be allowed to have a for-pay tiered internet access. There are too many people who already have great financial hurdles to overcome. Requiring them to pay and/or have compromised service will further financially discriminate against them. I feel that this will also lead to censored access. Just like Comcast has already limited what programs and movies I have access to, these companies would be able to select access based on what profits them best. This is not right. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Thomas Angell, Spokane, WA

I already pay enough for Internet access without having to pay extra subscriptions (or higher subscriptions) to the content I use regularly, just because service providers are getting greedy. It's scary enough they're all consolidated under just a handful of companies, and I only have two choices for access where I live. This is borderline monopoly territory; giving them the power to charge the other side of the pipeline to send me data only strengthens their position.
—Craig Morrison, Sherman Oaks, CA

We need to maintain Net Neutrality!!!! Let's play fair and not have money rule everything!!!
—Guy Graves, Palm Springs, CA

Net neutrality is essential. Don't allow the internet to become a two tiered system. Internet providers are already a monopoly and should not be given the ability to blackmail internet providers. The internet is a public service and should remain open and equal to all.
—Jerome Comeau, Minneapolis, MN

It's like the library.It's for everyone
—Molly Madden, K.C., MO

It's democratic
—Molly Madden, K.C., MO

Net Neutrality is simply and most importantly the guarantee of the first amendment and of a free press. As corporate interests and the government have presided over an unprecedented media consolidation in the past two decades, the internet has been the only avenue for true freedom of speech untainted by corporate interests. Our democracy depends upon a free press, and the internet is the last bastion of that freedom.
—Joseph Shuffield, Austin, TX

It's possible, even likely, that with the proposed regulations Charter might lock in a sweetheart deal with Amazon while AT&T might do the same with Hulu. So if I want to stream both Amazon Instant Video and Hulu at the "fast" rate, I would have to have two high-speed internet providers at once, which isn't even possible. As a consumer I find this extremely unappealing. As a principal developer at a new startup I also find what might become the new cost of entry for any company that wants to provide adequate bandwidth to customers appalling. The broadband network is an outgrowth of DARPA's original democratically-funded Internet research. The network itself should be regulated like radio spectrum or any other public trust.
—David Tanner, Burbank, CA

Don't put the American internet in the same box with totalitarian regimes like China, controlling what we can see and how we can access it. The Internet has always been and should always be a free and open forum for the exchange of ideas. Ending net neutrality is one of the most evil ideas currently being foisted on the American public. No!
—Margaret Roberts, Westport, CA

You will destroy the free movement of ideas, the creativity that defines the Internet and you will have sold this frontier to the highest bidder. If you do that, shame on you. PROTECT THE NET. KEEP IT NEUTRAL.
—Sue Gilroy, Cambridge, MA

Getting pretty sick of corporations taking over everything. The internet ought to be Net Neutrality, and if we could get corporations out of it, I would be very happy. ONLY cable companies benefit by the FCC proposed Internet rules. In fact, we ought to get Chairman Tom Wheeler out of the FCC whose history must make him biased to the monopoly of the corporations as a former lobbyist for the industry.
—Gloria Leader, Asheville, NC

I am in college; the internet is how I get my assignments and class notes.Don't let AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon exploit the circumstances of those just making ends meet. If they create a fast and slow lane for information/ knowledge needed for my education and job, I lose out on time and money. Please help!
—Timothy Hoyt, Chicago, IL

If it's not neutral, then only the big boys with lots of money would have the fastest internet responses, and the rest of us would be lagging behind.
—Evelyn Krueger, Forest Park, IL

Please don't hand the internet over to the cable company. The internet is great because It is a captive image of what the world is thinking all at once. It is a playing field for the small and big alike to stand together as equals. Voices of humanity alive and dead still ring through its gateways sharing their knowledge, ideas and lessons for all to listen and share their own voices. The internet is literally a beautiful passionate song of our people ringing out to all humanity of the past and optimistic future. Don't start putting up walls to keep great things from happening. Don't stunt humanity from growing. Please don't put the internet in to the pocket of the few and silence the song of our people forever.
—Melissa E Wallace, Mountain View, CA

We already live in a country that is completely controlled by those who care only about themselves and making money for themselves and generally say fuck you to any and everyone else. We do not need another fucking company, an individual controling our freedom of speech, our freedom of press, our freedom to information, to be monitored and controlled by closed minded, power hungry bigots. We are heading down the road of a totalitarian dictatorship, but instead of one head government figure, it will be controlled by the flights and fancies of old rich white asshole who only want to watch the world burn behind their castles of money. We're supposed to be the land of the free, with our days of slavery behind us, but then why are we still letting these old white plantation, slave owner dickwads run the show still? Give us our freedom of internet!
—Rachael, Portland, OR

It is time to represent the American people, not the huge, ruthless, predatory ISPs; it's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and regulate them in a way that assures they will respect and live by net neutrality.
—David Polodna, La Crosse, WI

We have enough monopolies in this plutocracy. Prove to us that the government isn't owned by corporations.
—Marjorie Cogan, Seattle, WA

All of us that use the internet - have been promised a free and open access. The idea of a 2 tiered system is against all that the net was created to be. Has corporate America no boundary in this country?????
—Eileen Pritzker, San Francisco, CA

The Internet became what is today because of Net Neutrality... We need an open internet that is for the people NOT one for special interests! ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Mr. Michael Jason, Buffalo, NY

With out net neutrality I don't think I would have met or done as many great people and things without it!
—Maura Csipo, Baldwin, MD

I am so tired of corporations deciding who can access what and making a profit on it. The internet assures a level playing field for ECERYONE no matter your economic status.WHY WHY fix something that isn't broken????
—Kathy Carr, NEW BETHLEHEM, PA

Let's keep the Net Neutral - it is only fair. We have to stop Money being the power broker!
—Eileen Bill, Santa Rosa, CA

It is an open communication’s pathway that needs to be open to all with equal access regardless if how, when and where I or any other user, large, small, medium is in size and scope of audience and financial resources. Net neutrality is equal access for every user.
—Mary-Elizabeth Elizabeth McIlvane, Altamonte Springs, FL

Please please please protect an open and equal internet experience for everyone! The internet is ultra-important to education and business, which both reach down through the very foundations of our country. Stop with putting all the power in the hands of the mega-corporations! The very nature of their existence prevents them from having our best interests at heart!
—David Burns, Stone Mountain, GA

Corporations own Congress, the Supreme Court and soon the state of North Carolina. Please do not let them own the internet too!
—Theresa Lauro, Matthews, NC

I rely on the internet for my business.
—Karl Pontau, Livermore, CA

The internet is an incredible source for innovation, and for commerce. Please make sure that it remains free, with equal access for everyone. Thanks for listening.
—Hannah L Banks, Newton, MA

Keep the internet open. The 99% needs it even more than the 1%. We, the public, are very tired of all the monopolies. It now costs me over $150.00 a month to watch TV and access the internet through TWC as it is. (And that's just for basic cable, you understand). Enough is enough! Basta! What do you want us to do next, get out the pitchforks and storm the Bastille? KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN!! We are tired of our politicians and our judges and even the Supreme Court being bought off by the big monied interests. KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN!!
—Carole Monferdini, New York, NY

Please keep the net neutral. The good government of our country, the principals for which it stands, depend upon an open, and equally accessible internet.
—Ron Galen, Richmond, CA

net neutrality helps even the playing field which is a democratic value please support democracy and keep not neutrality. Its a public utilitie.
—Ersyla Nellajoy, san francisco, CA

Let the Net remain neutral. As it is, I keep having to pay more and more to Comcast. Monopoly is not for me.
—Hope Lindsay, South Burlington, VT

As a small business owner that lives in a rural setting my website is truly, as the cliche goes, my "storefront to the world" and my customers are truly worldwide. The website is image heavy, I'm an artist who makes fine books so this is necessary. Slowing down the bandwidth is fair to whom - those who can already easily afford fast service? What about all of us who live rurally who's only option at this point is either satellite or wireless broadband? We are already on your plan I'm afraid and during peak use times the speed of our "high speed" is more akin to dial-up speeds and we get to pay royally for it. Corporate greed and trying to salvage a dying wired infrastructure that was created decades ago are only 2 of the reasons that our country is already behind on the www front. If I donate a billion dollars to various political entities can we get back on track and get dependable internet for all like the campaign speeches always promise? How many times must the US population take action and resend the clear message again and again? The internet is a utility and it is a necessity for anyone who has a business in the 21st century. Please regulate it accordingly.
—Chad Pastotnik, Bellaire, MI

Because if you don't protect net neutrality, EUROPE will officially be more capitalist than us. Stop being horrible, greedy human beings, and think about your kids' futures for ONE SECOND.
—Haley Mancini, Los Angeles, CA

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION! DEMOCRACY!
—Carol Changus, La Jolla, CA

Restore a little faith in our government. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Braxton Colagross, San Francisco, CA

FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Edward Giant, Burney, CA

The chair of the FCC should resign for obvious reasons of conflict of interest regarding Net Nuetrality. Why should the most hated companies in the US be allowed to totally ruin the web with their typical annual attempt to throttle the web for their shitty content.
—James Paul Ludwig, Eastham, MA

NET NEUTRALITY IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE OUR RIGHT TO FREE AND FAIR COMMUNICATIONS.
—Karen Toyohara, La Mesa, CA

Leave Internet free and open for everyone! Don't allow major telecommunications companies to raise our fee and limit out choices.
—María Nieves, Los Ángeles, CA

Chairman Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Thank you for the opportunity for us to weigh in on this proposal. FCC: throw out Chairman Wheeler's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Gregory B. Gregory, Milwaukee, WI

Net Neutrality is a bastion of democracy and a safeguard of democracy as well. WIthout it, we have an America run by service providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon. I urge the FCC to throw out the present rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to provide fair Internet communication availability for all businesses and individuals without discrimination. The is the only way to protect the democratic intention of Net Neutrality.
—Jenny Garden, Seattle, WA

Re-classifying the Internet as a telecommunications service is the only reasonable option and the legal course a federal judge directed the FCC to take. Only reclassification of the Internet as a common carrier will do justice to the its role in our world.
—Sam Andujar, New York City, NY

Net Neutrality is better than Fast Lane. There are already evidence that ISP's abuse their power against other companies so they can get more money. Net Neutrality all the way. ISP should be classified as Common Carriers
—Brian Martinez, Santa Ana, CA

No way no how is this not a monopoly! Please remember who is going to pay for the big companies that will get bigger because of this. LEAVE MY INTERNET ALONE!! FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janis Borgueta, Newburgh, NY

Net neutrality is the absolute foundation stone and supporting structure of why the internet has become so successful and essential. We need it so that new innovation and freedom of speech have one area that is still a level and even playing field. Take it away at your peril. Thanks to the web, people are more informed than they were in the past - particularly about the revolving door politics in Washington. Inequality continues to rise due to almost total corruption on capital hill, and due to that corruption you want to bring inequality to the last major area of peoples lives that still has a measure of equality. There's no more room for straws on our backs - bear that in mind. Back away from net neutrality, and don't come near it again.
—Howard Abrahall, Hasselt,

FCC Chairman Wheeler, you are not a telecom lobbyist anymore, but you are supposed to serve the public. Please through out these rules crippling net-neutrality and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steven Popovitch, Owosso, MI

This is our freedom!
—Shanna Licata, Reno, NV

My wife and I are retired and the internet is our window to the outside world. It allows us to stay in contact with our grown children and grandchildren. Keep the internet fair and open for people like us. Thank you.
—Brian Peterson, RED WING, MN

This is important to our democracy. 1. Will you serve the people's interest? or the corporate giants'? 2. Will you demonstrate that yet again the interests of the wealthy few count, the interests of the 99% don't. 3. Will you protect free speech? or will you allow corporations to decide what we can say/hear, how, and when? 4. Will you refresh your memory of why AT&T's cartel was broken up back in the 60's? Thank you for allowing us to share our opinions. That is precisely the right we are counting on you to protect.
—Wayne Dickson, DELAND, FL

It is one of the most important things to my lively as an independent worker and a linchpin to our democracy. Please protect our rights as citizens to a neutral Internet.
—Rande Sorn, van Vuys, CA

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.
—Kyle Schmierer, Phoenix, AZ

Increasingly we are a two tier society, with the income gap growing ever wider. And now here is an idea being considered that would create another gap in terms of internet access, which in turn would impact access to information, start-up companies, and every aspect of our lives that involve directly or indirectly the use of the internet. This is not what people in this country want.
—Catherine McCabe, Great Barrington, MA

I care about net neutrality because I believe the internet should not belong to the cable companies, nor be regulated by former cable company lobbyists. This is shameful. It should be treated as a public utility, not open to be sold to the highest bidder, and regulated by a fair, disinterested agency that is NOT run by a former lobbyist for the very companies it is regulating!
—MM Matthews, Ann Arbor, MI

The fact I need to write about this, shows how bad it is.
—Michael McTague, Long Beach, CA

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—Michael Ragland, Triangle, VA

How can you possibly sleep at night if you go ahead with your plan to kill net neutrality? Stop these new rules immediately! Reclassify service providers as common carriers instead, and leave the internet as a level playing field. While you're at it, break up the giant telecommunications companies. The US pays premium prices for below average service. We've had enough!
—Christine Snyder, Greenbush, MI

Sure it sucks, but what would one expect? Just one more piece of our government selling out to the big corporations. "Common Carriers"? Oh no, that's too simple. (And the big corporations wouldn't be getting rich off from it.) We sure could use Thomas Jefferson's 11th amendment right about now.
—Stan Benton, Von Ormy, TX

Please put into law that the internet is indeed a common carrier. And Please separate those carriers from content providers. No commercial corporate entity should be allowed to be both. It would be a clear conflict of interest.
—Jay Roth, Robbinsdale, MN

Every one should have to equal access to data. Please keep the internet a neutral place.
—Terell Seitz, Portland, OR

NET NEUTRALITY IS A ABSOLUTE MUST!! DO THE RIGHT THING!!!
—James G Williams, kapaau, HI

The new intended fcc chairman is a joke, broadband/telecom companies are operating under monopolies, US broadband is horrible, and expecting cable companies to act in anyway not in their best interests up to what the law allows (which under the proposed legislation would absolutely cause them to exploit it as far as they could) is stupid. Net neutrality has to be maintained.
—Bejan Maljai, berkeley, CA

Net Neutrality is freedom and democracy and these are fundamental for all people. So LET US BE FREE.
—Marlies de Vries, Almere,

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows freedom on the Internet and protects it from corporate interest from taking over and enforcing laws that'll shatter our on-line free speech.
—Steven Millan, Las Vegas, NV

As usual, the United States cannot muster even the smallest bit of common sense in their race toward the Almighty Dollar. The "Hyperspeed Lane" concept and the move toward regulation via the companies who have zero oversight encourages a complete lack of responsibility, wanton corruption (everything's for sale!), and deals where the guys with the money get a bigger and bigger piece of the pie at EVERYONE'S expense. If only your nation would get its shit together, maybe you'd pull out of some of the other tailspins you're in. If not that, at least stop trying to fuck with the internet. There's always some rich moron trying to screw things up for everyone else.
—Joseph Andrus, Edmonton,

Net entrepreneurship is flourishing. Don't let the big dozers stomp this environment.
—Marc Czarnecki, Mooresville, NC

Start supporting neutral internet and freedom for consumers like myself. NOT CORPORATIONS!!! Stop the mergers of Time Warner Cable & Comcast and Dish & ATT.
—Matthew Jerauld, Ithaca, NY

My Business is dependent on a neutral net. Our future as citizens is dependent on net neutrality.
—David Arntson, Bothell, WA

I'm a small business (two employees) and anything other than free and equal use of the Internet would have drastic impact on my ability to conduct training sessions in a virtual environment. Companies like Google and Facebook could afford to pay more for first class bandwidth, but I couldn't. So my company suffers while the big boys get bigger. Instead of strutting around extolling how small businesses are 70% of the workforce, do something and PRESERVE that workforce! Tell the FCC to enforce equal access for all parties.
—Frank J. Edwards, Land O'Lakes, FL

If you want to wreck the economy, how businesses do business, and how the world interacts with everyone then end net neutrality.
—Paul George Wilson, Kell, IL

I believe that classifying the Internet as a Title II Common Carrier is essential for strengthening the free market of the United States. I truly believe for the betterment of mankind, the U.S. must reinforce net neutrality.
—Michael Zak, Chicago, IL

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—David John Ulibarri, Chicago, IL

WE need EQUALITY not ELITISM in government rules. We are watching you.
—Stan VVantech, Rancho Dominguez, CA

You must re-classify the internet and all ISPs as common carriers and protect the open internet and net neutrality, our democracy depends on it!
—Mrs. Nakia Lilly, Fort Collins, CO

I feel the internet is the most significant communications device since the development of the printing press. The scope of the internet is world wide and the potential for education and cultural impact is enormous. It must remain neutral. Fred T. Ponder, Ph.D.
—Dr. Fred T. Ponder Ph.D., Houston, TX

Take your big corporate "pay to play" system and shove it. And you know where to shove it.
—Henry M. Hills Iii, Chapmanville, WV

Everything is already tilted in favor of the wealthy. Stop here.
—Andrea Speed, Tacoma, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Wolf-Dieter Meyer-Piton, Berlin,

I am absolutely opposed to internet service providers being allowed to enrich their corporate coffers by creating a fast internet lane for companies who can pay to play, while leaving start-up companies and others in the slow lane. I am appalled that Barack Obama has appointed Tom Wheeler, former lobbyist for internet service providers to head the FCC, where he is championing an internet fast lane for his former masters. IT IS ABSURD TO PERMIT THIS FOX TO REGULATE THE HEN HOUSE. STOP THIS LUDICROUSNESS! PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Channah Abraham, Woodstock, NY

I support Net Neutrality. If ISPs become gatekeepers to determine which sites are fast by way of premium pay services that only established wealthy corporations can afford, and which sites are slow by culling competition or other malicious malfeasance, the open internet as we know it dies, and our economy will falter soon afterwards. If corporations are people, they are just big, soulless, selfish, nasty bullies. Free internet is our last bastion of true democracy. DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR HOPE FOR THIS COUNTRY.
—Faith Minier, Los Angeles, CA

the internet is a government construct, therefore private businesses shouldn't be able to profit from it, to the detriment citizens. we already paid for it!
—Jerry Moran, carol stream, IL

The only advantage voiding net neutrality has is for Comcast and Verison to charge people for using part of the Internet. Don't allow this removal of a free market, so big companies can control us.
—Connie Osterlitz, Glendale, AZ

Net Neutrality is important me cause it is fair. So I beg you to please leave it as is.
—Tiffeny Whittington, Hickory, NC

WE are tired of government and corporation controlled news. We want truth, facts and do NOT wants skewed information from the corrupt mainstream BS news.
—Mike Myers, shoemakersville, PA

Obama made a big mistake thinking a former lobbyist could maintain the public spectrum for the public. We have slower internet speeds than Estonia already because of lack of competition and the two tier system will make it worse. My funding built the internet and I deserve a guardian who is looking out for my interests and pocketbook over the corporations he is sworn to regulate.
—Ron Giddings, Los Osos, CA

I deserve to be able to see any site I wish to-- I paid my money just like everyone else. If the phone and cable companies can pick favorites, the internet as we know it will be effectively dead.
—Heather Files, Stratford, CT

In the 21st century, net neutrality is essential for free speech. The "information superhighway" shouldn't become the playground of roadside bandits.
—Thomas Wilson, Colorado Springs, CO

The government broke up Ma Bell in the early 1980s for the exact same behavior. It was wrong then, and the government was correct to protect the rights of smaller telecommunication companies. A Monopoly is a Monopoly. Tom Wheeler prove you are the correct person for the job, not a hired gun and do the right thing.
—Shari Grande, Sunnyvale, CA

This will most likely cause prices to go up and services go down. The US already pays more for internet then most other coutries. I feel this merger would make things worse not better. This is a terrible idea and the FCC should veto it for the sake of consumers.
—Alison Patten, Stilwell, KS

Internet providers should have the same regulations as telephone and broadcast. Please keep the Internet level for all.
—Matthew Girton, Lock Haven, PA

Because: It's OUR Internet! WE, THE, PEOPLE!!!!
—Joel Kelly, Montrose, MN

We support net neutrality and want to have ISP's classified as common carriers. We do NOT want internet service providers establishing a two tiered system. We urge you to have net neutrality in our country and to provide more oversight to practices of providers so that speedier low cost service is provided to all.
—Margaret Cooke, Oakland, CA

I pay enough for high speed Internet and do not need to pay more or be overpowered by the large corporations for there inferior products. Start ups need a level playing field to compete in the so called free market so let it be free and not biased to favor the conglomerates!!!!!!
—Dale Durham, Waterford, MI

Dear FCC Executives, Please Don't Kill Net Neutrality There Are Millions Of Reasons Not To Kill It Off But I'll Try To Keep It Short And Sweet And If There Is Any Please Excuse My French. Please Don't Kill It Off It Is The USA's Baisic Right Freedom Of Speech You Already Censor Tv , Music , Movies So If You Censor The Internet How Will It Be Different From A Dictatorship You Will Control All We See All We Hear We Will Be Pawns Controled By You. So Please Don't Kill it Let Our Generation Live A Life Free And Devode of Slavery.
—Jakub wojtkowiak, keighley,

I pay through the nose to the communications companies already and now you want to give them more power to charge! Give me a break. Tom Wheeler must be on their payroll.
—Mike Rutherford, CUMBERLAND, IN

Every American has the right to a free and open internet. Please do not let big corporate Internet service providers create a system that discriminates against online content and applications and opens a fast lane for the few who can afford it.
—Linda Prostko, Caledonia, MI

I work for companies that need fast, reliable internet to succeed. As a tech worker, I believe I'm in one of the growth industries that are shaping the future of our economy. Its crazy to me that the government would do anything to put that at risk.
—Timothy O'Brien, Boston, MA

Please do the OBVIOUS, People! Jesus! Isn't it patently CLEAR that net neutrality is the only way to deal with the internet??? Please.....if you're asleep at the wheel, wake up and get online to learn how valuable it is to each of us IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!
—Sarah Champlin, Los Angeles, CA

FCC throw out your ill-considered rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ellen O'Connor, Slingerlands, NY

To me,the internet is about information. To me, it's like the biggest library in the world. I don't need someone saying what I can & can't access .
—Mark Watters, COLLOMBATTI,

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—Carol A. Niemi, Houston, TX

Everyone should have equal access to the Internet. The new rules being contemplated would destroy that -- giving those with more money better access and drown out the rest. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers -- because, in this day and age, the Internet truly is a utility. We would not allow some people better access to electricity; we mustn't allow some better access to the Internet.
—Alys Hay, Windsor, CA

If these proposed rules get passed the last true free and fair platform will come to an end
—Sina Kamran, Woodland hills, CA

It is an important issue because it is a place where anyone can get knowledge and use it to educate themselves. Don't take this avenue away for the masses.
—Barbara Chestney, Boynton Beach, FL

Please protect Net Neutrality, and allow free speech to continue, unlike our political system which is controlled by those with the most money. The internet is not broken...so please do not break it for the regular people. AKA the people whom you are supposed to represent
—Sarah I Noebels, New Florence, MO

Keep the internets doors open and information moving freely.
—Chris Hornbacker, Hattiesburg, MS

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Baker, Eagle Point, OR

Get real Chairman Wheeler. The Internet should be regulated as a common carrier. I really don't have a choice for an ISP and most people don't. Just like I don't have a choice of suppliers for electricity or gas provided to my home, consumers don't have a choice for reliable, high speed internet access in the information age. Access to information is like access to clean air, water and food. Act in the interest of the people, not big corporations Mr. Wheeler.
—Mark Ouyang, Pleasanton, CA

Freedom of speech is fundamental to our system of governance and our social structure. The internet has become the venue for free speech. No company nor agency should be allowed to "fast track" some speech that in effect mutes other. Internet is speech.
—Lee Greenawalt, Wayland, MI

While I'm sure my perspective is not unique, I'll state it again for the record: "net neutrality" is a basic, fundamental part of the way the internet was designed, and it should stay that way. The modern internet started as a research project by academic institutions where computer scientists wanted to exchange information and data. The idea of traffic priority being given to whoever could pay the most would leave all universities and institutions of higher learning in the low-priority, or "slow," category. This would hamper academic progress, and be absolutely contrary to the basic intent of the internet. There's also the fact that we want small startups to be able to compete with established industry players (that is, after all, a necessary condition for the functioning of market capitalism). And finally, there's the fact that we currently have a system in which network bandwidth is controlled by a monopoly in the most classic sense of the word; this is why Americans pay so much for internet, but still have lower internet speeds than countries like South Korea and Estonia. Giving those monopolistic corporations even more power will, once again, serve to actively undermine the necessary requirements for market capitalism to function.
—Ben Mitchell, Baltimore, MD

The Net is the last place left for free speech in the US, and additionally, it connects us to the world. The large companies do not have the right to drown out the common person, and like the Ham radio, we cannot offer better service for large providers than for the common person/
—Leslie Orr, Phoenix, AZ

Please regulate the Internet like a public utility, not a corporate asset.
—Harlan Wilkerson, Hutchinson, KS

Net Neutrality is Important that keep the net Open for everyone and you letting the Phone Companies win. They will charge us even behind your back. So Plesee work on Net Neutrality and keep it. So don't let the Phone Companies boss you around. KEEP Net Neutrality Open!
—Charles Roberts, Detroit, MI

It.s essential that the internet remains fair, open and equitable. Private control of it will not allow this. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Simon Leadbeater, Maldon,

Please don't allow ISPs to sell faster access to consumers to companies that have the cash.
—Kathrynne Creecy, Oviedo, FL

If Wheeler gets his way the internet will collapse into an electronic catalogue. What a shame. How corrupt can one person be.
—Terry Flakus, Sioux Falls, SD

Equality is the basis of democracy.
—Cathie M Currie PhD, New York, NY

I already pay $56/month for "high speed" internet. The end of net neutrality would mean that my internet bill could go up to $75. NOT COOL. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Devin Kilarski, Greenville, SC

Net Neutrality is important to me because I value access to information. I am a social worker licensed in 3 states and understand how discrimination and inequality sap our nation of strength and prosperity. The internet is an important tool for social justice, allowing free flow of communication and a platform for collective action. The internet is a valuable public resource. The internet service providers are common carriers of that resource. We need to classify them as such to protect the public's access to information and to protect the public's privacy.
—Elizabeth Merenda, Jessup, MD

There is no such thing as being a little pregnant or a little neutral. The Internet is the last frontier of real freedom left in a very corrupted political-economic system. Net Neutrality is the lynchpin of that freedom. Chairman Wheeler: Don't cave to the communications behemoths brazenly seeking ever increasing control over what we can see or hear. Take a stand for America; reclassify ISPs as common carriers and preserve our still free Internet.
—Paul Stankiewicz, Mililani, HI

Preserving net neutrality is key to preserving the first amendment in our ever-adapting high-tech world. Ending it would surely be a grave blow to our democracy.
—Jessie Tuscano, Warren, OH

Don't let cable companies control the internet. They have already forced a monopoly in most markets, and do nothing to make their product better because they don't have to. Now, this could allow to them to make their offerings significantly worse. Protect net neutrality.
—Cory Sims, charleston, SC

When the net becomes not neutral, the net will become a form if discrimination against the disabled, poor, and minority populations.
—Stacy Levenson, San Diego, CA

The Internet must be discrimination-free. Not for the rich only !
—Jean-Luc Mercier, Huntington, NY

Your proposed rules for the internet are, primarily, not in the interest of the public. They will, however, benefit corporate interests enormously. ...but that's the whole idea, isn't it.
—Carl Gahley, Everson, PA

The internet must always have a level playing field!
—Paul Chapman Jr, Dresden, ME

We seemed to be screwed either way. There seems to be two choices being proposed. 1. Government take over. This would just remove any chance of adding ISP competition and fixing the real problem. or 2. Let the large medial organization take over the internet and squash all hope of keeping a fee and open internet.
—Eric Gonczeruk, Austin, TX

It is beyond imperative that we treat the internet like a utility. It is a really important tool to maintain our democracy and quality of life.
—Dianne Earick, Yorba Linda, CA

It's stupid, put everyone on the same plain. it's called truth in advertising!
—William Tillman, Vacaville, CA

FCC You've have the audacity to try and pass something that will screw over each and every American. This great country was founded on democratic principles, and that includes a free, fair, and neutral internet. BRING BACK NET NEUTRALITY.
—Wei Chen, atlantic city, NJ

FCC for the sake of the middle and lower class please we must have Net Neutrality. At&T, Comcast, and Verizon will charge extra fees which upper class can pay, but as an 85 year old retired educator, I can't.
—Edward C. Martin Jr., Black Mountain, NC

Keep the internet as a level playing field! DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY!
—Kat Gibbons, West Salem, OH

Why are you trying break something that isn't broken? Why are you allowing the telecoms to get too big to fail? This last bastion of democracy should be left alone and allowed to survive without greedy corporate interests being given free reign to discriminate amongst their customers. Aren't we already behind more enlightened countries when it comes to GMO issues? Are you trying to make this once great country even more of a laughing stock than it already is?
—Thomas Pritchard, Milford, NY

The Internet was built by untold millions of people for use by all without regard to religion, colour, race, creed, et cetera. To render this World-wide system as anything other than a medium for freer exchange of ideas, art, music, and other pursuits, to make it the tool and vassal of various corporate interests, to destroy the sense of community and social interaction because of some nebulous, nefarious, needless nabobery, the result would be akin to returning to the dark ages of the likes of Ma Bell before the break-up and freeing of the communications markets, the obvious beneficiaries being those who have acted in their own corporate interests to begin the establishment of another monopoly on information transfer.
—Forey Ratliff, Grand Forks, ND

In the 21st Century a truly free, open internet is tantamount to protecting free speech. If providers want to improve service, then let them add hardware to move information more quickly as an investment, cost of doing business; don't let them trample free speech!
—Bertino Marro, Brooklyn, NY

It's called FREEDOM. Net freedom for ALL, with no big corporations taking control.
—Ken Greenwald, Santa Monica, CA

it is important for EVERYONE to have equal and FREE access to the internet!!
—Barbara Beth Adler, Boynton Beach, FL

I want to be able have faster speed not slower.
—Harold Wilson, Nampa, ID

Government want to shut down internet access in order to hide its secrets and impose tyranny!
—Andrew Fisher, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Hello Commissioners and Chairman Wheeler, I understand your focus is money for the big companies. the truth is, more money is generated in our economy when small businesses have the opportunity to thrive. the internet helps us citizens grow this economy. please reconsider your position and vote to keep the internet open. it makes the most sense even though i know you will feel the heat from the communications companies that try to influence you. you are a government agency, representing the wishes of the people. please hear us and support us in protecting this vital utility. protect the internet, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. thank you.
—Astaras v, Kalispell, MT

Everyone is entitled to equal internet access, do not give corporations an edge. Do not slow down the internet for the rest of us while benefitting companies that can afford to pay more or are able to push higher expenses onto their customers. Keep net neutrality in place.
—Joan Caiazzo, Fresh Meadows, NY

The internet has become basically a utility needed by most people and companies to function in today's world. Everyone should be on a equal basis.
—Michael Radner, Southfield, MI

It is inherently democratic. It spurs great creativity and innovation. It presents opportunities to all, not just those w/the most money. It facilitates debate. It more closely represents the fetishized yet elsewhere nonexistent "Free Market" ... the preachers of which exploit every opportunity to undermine it. It spreads and vets ideas w/more efficiency that ever before known. It was created and paid for by tax payer dollars. It is everything that is good about an otherwise very bleak future and so far is the only thing that has shown any potential for influencing that future .... and steering it away from business as usual cronyism .... WAKE UP!!!
—John Ritchie, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is the key to free information, free press, idea building, innovation, and inspiration for all human kind. Please do not allow this kind of discrimination!
—Amie Guidry, Charlotte, NC

It is very important to me and other consumers to maintain a strong policy of pure net neutrality. Do not allow any for-pay fast highway. Otherwise the carriers will inevitably bias the treatment of customers in their favor. It's been demonstrated time and time again that the exchange carriers will find ways to benefit themselves, and despite Chairman Wheeler's well-intended intent to keep them honest, there is no way that the FCC can move fast enough to stop them. Don't fool yourselves into thinking the FCC can outwit and outmaneuver them Keep pure net neutrality in place with no exceptions.
—Roy Gamse, Arlington, VA

The US already has the most expensive, slowest internet in the world. If we don't keep the internet free and neutral the internet we love will be gobbled up by the greed of these evil companies. Example; I like to watch the ID channel on cable. So do a lot of people. In order to watch that channel it cost me nearly $200.00 a month with added fees and taxes. In order to get that channel I had to purchase the highest package and get 150 music channels I didn't want, many religious channels I did not want, dozens of sports channels I did not want just to get the few channels I do like as well as the ID channel. WE WILL NOT LET THE INTERNET FALL PREY TO THESE HORRIBLE THIEVES! It's too important to our lives. I finally dumped the TV packages but I WILL NOT LOSE THE INTERNET! These corporations get from the government everything they ask for. The people you are SUPPOSED to represent, those whose votes you need, we write, we call, we march and we are ignored EVERY TIME except of course when it comes time to spy on us.They think gerrymandering keeps them in office. We are working on a solution to that. You CAN"T ignore us on every damn thing and think we will not fight back. NET NEUTRALITY IS THE STRAW THAT WILL BREAK THE CAMEL'S BACK! Our lives revolve around it and WE WILL NOT BE ROBBED AND PUT IN THE SLOW LANE! NO!NO !NO!!!
—Diane Hendricks, Olney, TX

Support Net-Neutrality, and dump the telecom companies efforts being pushed by Tom Wheeler.
—Karl Baldwin, Bridgewater, NJ

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Teresa Villegas, Phoenix, AZ

I'm not sure my comment will matter, because Tom Wheeler is apparently still fulfilling his role as lobbyist for the internet companies, but net neutrality is important for me because I have lost faith in the idea that this government if of, by and for the people, and the internet is one of the few remaining opportunities for our voices to be heard. The co-opting of net neutrality is the first step towards squelching those voices.
—Darren Kloomok, Santa Monica, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—P Scoville, Hewitt, NJ

FCC all data should be treated equally. I am sure that someone will pay you guys to distort even this simple request. I would suggest, that unless you want everyone pissed off, and actually voting people out of office. That now is the time that you capitulate and work with the people vs. the corporate masters that now appear to own the government.
—Edward Pope, Chester, VA

Thou shalt not tilt the internet unfairly in one direction or another. By eliminating Net Neutrality, unfairness will rule our searches. It would be unAmerican to un-level this important playing field. I am not fooled by the rhetoric of the FCC Chairman. Don't give the internet as a gift to huge telecom corporations! Save it instead.
—Patricia McRae Baley, Las Vegas, NV

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is important to me as an individual user, as well as a small-business user of the internet. There is no way that I could afford to pay the fees that the big companies could pay to access the "fast lanes." This would not be fair, and would put me and millions of others like me at a competitive disadvantage. Respect and uphold true net neutrality!
—David Basford, Saint James, MO

Regulate the internet like a utility!
—Jordan Lewis, Portland, OR

A freenet allows us to realize the true promises of our constitution.
—Nettie McGee, Shiocton, WI

Net neutrality is a core element of democracy and critical to an informed citizenry.
—Jeffrey Galvin, Rockville, MD

Everyone deserves equal access to and use of the internet! I have spent years paying Time Warner for "faster" internet service that turns out to be unreliable and slow! Forcing anyone to pay additional fees when basic service is this horrible is unethical! Forcing companies like Netflix or Amazon to pay higher prices for their use of internet will ultimately lead to rising costs for consumers to use their service! The FCC's proposed Internet rules are unnecessary and unfair!
—Annamaria Barczak, New York, NY

The economic reality is that there is simply no viable incentive for cable companies and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to abide by Net Neutrality principles. The competitive reality is that these ISPs have coordinated a playing field where effective monopolies or duopolies are created, resulting in a demonstrably worse product for end consumers. The legislative reality is that we must reclassify ISPs as common carriers under Title II of the Telecom Act, in order to protect that which has made the Internet economy so successful: that are links truly are equal. Failure to do this will guarantee the exodus of technological talent, investment and innovation from the United States.
—Ryan Cunningham, Houston, TX

If ever there were a case of foxes guarding hen-houses, this is it. When I signed up for my two domain names, I was not knowingly signing up for blatant discrimination against small businesses. When I resorted to signing up with a major telecom for an allegedly high-speed internet connection, I did not expect to be competing with other megacorporations for access to bandwidth on the backbone. When I placed my meager content on two web sites, I expected customers to be able to actually view and read those web sites without going out for a cup of coffee while the content was downloading. I was promised net neutrality and I expect and demand exactly that. My government must see to it that I get that neutrality... nothing else, and certainly nothing less!
—Stephen Bates, Houston, TX

There no good reasons to charge for the internet. We do not pay for "air" TV and this is the same thing.
—Erwin J Crawford, Longwood, FL

Attention: Tom Wheeler, FCC Chairman It is real simple Mr. Wheeler; use the public utility option. Just declare the net a common carrier, which is what it is. The Internet is important to me, because as a senior who has limited transportation and means, it allows me to interact with others, conduct personal business, and troubleshoot; it's my lifeline. The internet is also my medium for researching a number of issues, publishing commentaries, and political activism, especially dissent. I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I or others (aspiring college grads for example) may want to bring to the marketplace or for the betterment of our world. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product or ideas I may want to present, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed in those issues and things important to me and others I network with. However, despite all of the above I am deeply concerned that Mr. Wheeler, having once been a huge powerbroker/ lobbyist for the very industry he is supposedly a watchdog for now, seriously bothers me. It has been said the Koch Brothers refer to ordinary poor folks as "useful idiots." I'm beginning to realize the folks with power in this nation take a lot of ordinary people to be fools, these days. It is truly sad to witness the insanity committed in our name, with our tax dollars, and always without our consent. I also believe President Obama appointed Mr. Wheeler to the FCC as a matter of repayment for the cooperation that was extended by telecom giants in assisting the NSA with the retrieval of everyone's meta-data in this country and well beyond. Or worse, consider the recent case of the Bahamas, where the NSA has captured everyone's cell phone communications and content in that Island Nation. While these are my foremost concerns, along with millions of other Americans, I doubt Mr. Wheeler (and those he is still lobbing for) really give a damn about what us "useful idiots" truly feel or think. Given the FCC's revolving door tradition, which is especially prevalent between government and industry these days, and noticeably evident in the career paths of FCC's most recent chairmen, creates even more alarm. These mega monstrosities want the internet to look like today's cable television. You are forced into packages full of junk content, with overpriced tolls for every little item, even for old cinema, which has catapulted fees out into the stratosphere and service in the toilet. "We the People "have made the internet what it is today through market forces. What also evolved was a communications system that brings us the ability to stand up for democracy, especially in one of America's darkest periods. As one internet user or "useful idiot" put it a few years ago, "…The internet brings us the ability to send each other pictures, socialize and not to mention that it's the greatest tool for activism this planet has ever seen." It is this latter point that concerns Mr. Wheeler and those of his mindset the most. That's what makes us "useful idiots" a force to be reckoned with, especially when we are all finally on the same page. It is real simple Mr. Wheeler; use the public utility option. Just declare the net a common carrier, which is what it is.
—Lara DeLuz, Orangevale, CA

I think that the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They are providing an essential service to millions of Americans who rely on their service for their jobs and livelihood.
—Eric Baudais, Tulsa, OK

Net Neutrality is the great equalizer in this century. Now that we have all -- rich and poor -- become dependent upon, and immeshed in, electronic communication, it is necessary that we all have prompt access at all times to whatever help the net can provide, and which we have come to expect. There is no alternative source.
—Mary Matthews, Ann Arbor, MI

The Internet available to all is the greatest contribution to democracy and justice since it was launched. We must maintain Net Neutrality. Paul Burks United Methodist Minister Retired Editor of Sequoia: News of Church and World and Earthlight: Magazine of Ecology and Spirituality
—Paul Burks, San Rafael, CA

Allowing monopolistic Internet providers free reign to censor, slow down, or block websites while requiring higher fees for faster service and more content is not only a gross infringement of the right to access information, it would effectively cripple our economic and technological progress. Furthermore, kowtowing to corporate interests would jeopardize regulation and consumer protection, and only serves to squeeze money out of the Internet without actually improving it.
—Zachary Anderson, Gowanda, NY

The Internet has become too important for so many people that allowing any large corporation, government , or any persons the ability to decide how it will be unfairly used can not be allowed. If a small business can not have financially fair access to the same connection speed as a large corporation it creates a completely unfair advantage in favor of the large corporation. Potential customers to the small business web site may not be able to quickly or efficiently access the information needed to create and complete a potential sale for the small business. Many customers might decide to instead go to a 'faster' website where they can complete a sale in less time. How does the small business compete with that? Spend more to battle the large corporations? The great thing about the internet is since its beginning it has been an equal 'playing field' for all - Keep It That Way!
—R S, Buckeye, AZ

The internet works great the way it is ---- doesn't need to be "fixed".
—Marla Walker, Guthrie, OK

Guess we all know why they want to end net neutrality.....for once we heard the truth and had a voice.....now they want to discriminate against us....will we ever learn to stand up for ourselves?
—Paula Bourgeois, Woodland Park, CO

The Internet is fast becoming a utility as ubiquitous as water and electricity. It allows for exchange of incredible amounts of information, which has dramatically shaped 21st century society. It has become an invaluable tool for communication, commerce, and many other areas. The "fast lanes" touted by ISPs that wish to undermine net neutrality would only result in increased costs for the standard speeds we are accustomed to, while providing poorer quality baseline service for those unable to pay for anything beyond standard service. This is a totally unacceptable hijacking of what I believe will become an essential service, on par with sewer, gas, and electricity. For ISPs to hold this amount of power over the spread of information is absurdly unjust - protecting net neutrality is vital.
—Oriana Spizzo, Belleville, IL

Dear FCC, I don't believe this comment wave that is surely coming at you will actually sway your mind. It is clear that you are too deep in debt with the Telecomm lobby to actually listen to the masses. But if somehow you are willing to bite the hand that feeds you, if somehow you are willing to ignore the wishes of the telecomm companies in favor of listening to the public, if somehow you value your neutrality, then you must keep the internet's neutrality in place.
—Ryan Thies, long beach, CA

To the FCC: Please do what is right. Heed the voice of the American people. Protect the neutrality of the Internet. It was created for the people, by the people. You, as the FCC, have an obligation to uphold our rights. It is egregious that you are ignoring our plea by siding with these big, narcissistic, and gluttonous communications corporations. You must do what is right for your country not for who has the most money. End the tyranny today. Send a strong message to Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, and the rest telling them you refuse to be bullied by their lobbiests and their money. Side with your people. Side with America. Side with freedom. Throw out the rules, hear our collective voice, and do what is right. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality once and for all. Thank you, Kim Palmer
—Kim Palmer, Willis, TX

The FCC is becoming the Evil Empire in its treatment of the US public as it bends to the will of the large media companies. Internet neutrality must be maintained and the building of larger and larger monpolies must be halted. President Obama has done a great disservice to the country in the appointment of the current FCC chair.
—Bill Waldron, Clifton Park, NY

This decision to end net neutrality is just another brick in the wall that corporate power brokers are building to permanently alienate their customer base. The decision to end net neutrality is obviously not made in good faith with the interests of the people in mind but is rather mindful of the interests of the corporations who stand to benefit. Has the FCC become a lackey of the corporations it was organized to regulate?
—Art Howe, Lakemont, GA

Net Neutrality is extremely important for the future of democracy. The internet is in essence a developing collective intelligence, a 'global brain', it must not be commandeered by commercial interests.
—Dana L Andersen, Nevada City, CA

To fail to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and enforce Net Neutrality is an egregious breach of the purpose of the FCC. The level of dysfunction is beyond any "gray area" interpretations, and is a concerning flag at the level of corruption present to produce anything so far in opposition to the interests of the common good. The new proposed "rules" are simply a continuation of polices allowing monopolization, and noncompetitive behavior. The end result is higher prices, lower quality of service, removal of innovation, denied possibility of new businesses, and failures to upgrade infrastructure. Unless there is a change, the incumbent business will continue to prevent new competition through manipulation of laws. As they have (and will likely continue to) fail to upgrade/repair infrastructure, the only infrastructure available in the greater part of the United States will be the same copper cable-based technology present in the 1900's that is still largely the only present now. Ultimately stunting the growth of any tech-related business, and incentivising innovators to avoid starting their business the United States. This is not the future the FCC should be allowing, and it is not their purpose as a regulating body.
—Travis Palmer, Hudsonville, MI

Keep the Internet neutral.
—Ronald K. Harvey, Arvada, CO

There are many reasons that net neutrality is the right way to go. Far more than any detriments that can be cited, truly equal data transmission for all participators on the Internet contributes to: a more informed electorate, better informed students who are ready to compete at the speed of the modern World, easier and more manageable lives by virtue of the benefits afforded by web-based day-to-day transactions, etc. There is no honest reason for splitting the Internet into a mufti-tiered service.
—Michael Pukish, Auburn, AL

now's the time to classify the internet a utility, and make the providers provide speeds comparable to Korea , Australia and places that have much better speeds than here in the U.S.
—Jesse Green, Delray Beach, FL

Almost ALL of the advantages in this world have been stolen by the corporations. Handing them this edge would be absolute proof that you are as bought as the corrupt congressional crowd in Washington.
—Mike B. Reed, Sheridan, IL

Reclassify the ISP as common carrier.
—Linda Tift, Chapel Hill, TN

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers for the protection of all internet users.
—Richard Snook, LINCOLN, NE

I find it very difficult to believe that 1.) anyone at the FCC will actually read this message, and 2.) that anyone who might actually read it will care. None the less, I consider it my duty as an American and as a defender of democracy to let you know how bad an idea it is that you are proposing in your so-called "Net Neutrality" proposal which, despite your insistence to the contrary, will create a two-tier, haves-and have-nots Internet. Of course, you already know this, so I needn't explain why this will be the inevitable outcome of granting enormous telecom monopolies the power to determine who sees what and and at what speed. You clearly know the consequences but still appear poised to grant this monopolistic, innovation squelching, free speech suppressing travesty of justice in complete disregard of the popular will. Since what you plan to carry out is profoundly undemocratic I am not surprised that the voicing of popular outrage at this naked power grab falls on your deaf ears. So instead, I will simply remind you that many of you have children and/or grandchildren, and what you do today to destroy democracy and free speech in America will profoundly diminish the quality of their lives. As you lie on your deathbed assessing the quality of the life you led, you will not be able to suppress the memory of this evil action. Remember this as you cast your votes.
—Kevin McDermott, Westchester, IL

Because without Net Neutrality - 98% of us will continue to be 2nd & 3rd class citizens. Unable to access the internet in a timely fashion - unless we pay through the nose as we already are doing with cable providers like Comcast and Time Warner with no end in sight. This almighty $ hostage taking must stop.
—Nancy Nelligan-McGarry, Charles Town, WV

You know when you have a coalition of liberals and conservatives complaining, you must be doing something very, very wrong.
—Bob Pitchalonis, holland, PA

Net Neutrality is vital for innovation! Blow this and you'll crush the future of American Innovation. We've already handed over our good paying jobs to the rest of the world, lets not give this away too. Please don't be be short sighted!
—Kelly Albin, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important for a democracy to work.
—Katherine J Batsis, Greenfield, MA

The fact that this is open for debate is ridiculous. The spin that ISPs are giving the American public is full of garbage. To take down net neutrality will not only significantly harm the economy by beating down competition, but it will also enable the monopoly that is currently held in the hands of Comcast/Time Warner to expand and dominate despite their terrible service, reputation, and customer satisfaction. Furthermore, there is a slippery slope in this that could potentially lead to infringement of free speech.
—Nathanael Read, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality is First Amendment free speech in the 21st century; Internet should not be used by Mr. Wheeler to serve his former clients; "free speech" for sale to the wealthy is not free speech, but I think everyone knows this already.
—Martin Iseri, Fair Oaks, CA

I believe that small business innovation will be be diminished by reducing the free-flow of internet access. We risk a great loss of creativity in every sphere of human thought and behavior by limiting net neutrality. Those who could control free expression will certainly do so even without devious or nefarious intent. This will handcuff our populace and demean our society.
—Mike McCabe, Madison, WI

DO NOT DISCRIMINATE THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY FOR YOUR IDEAS OF YOUR NEW RULES. AT&T HAS TAKEN OVER DIRECTV. COMCAST AND VERIZON HAS THEIR AGENDAS.THROW OUT YOUR RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. I USE THE INTERNET TO INPUT MY TIME IN FOR MY JOB. HAVE GONE GREEN BILLING AND PAYING BILLS. CONNECT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE TWO-TIERED INTERNET, THE ELDERLY, NEW SMALL BUSINESSES, VETERANS STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES WON'T BE USING THE INTERNET, DO NOT LET THE THREE COMPANIES DECIDES WHO CAN HAVE THE FAST OR SLOW LANES.
—Sharon Wood, Greeley, CO

the more I learn about how the american people are being sold out to the highest bidder the angrier I feel. I believe the internet was built in a large part with the peoples dollar and it belongs to us and is not for sale. I see the free internet as the last vestige of true freedom of speech and a potential for true democracy. We don't have time for anyone to own knowledge, or communication we need to give access to all if we are to find solutions to the problems facing us.
—Moira Lourie, Kensington, CA

Seems like net neutrality is already gone. I have to pay comcast more to get faster internet speeds. Surely that is wrong. You should fix that instead of making it worse.
—Mike Barrett, Buffalo Grove, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As a former lobbyist Wheeler has a conflict of interest. Get rid of him! Now! The internet is not for sale!
—Laird Scott, Whitewater, WI

The internet has become one of the primary forms of communication, and messing with it is denying us our rights of communicating and staying informed without bias from powerful companies.
—Alejandro Muñoz Munoz, Miami, FL

Throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers, immediately. I insist.
—Susan Chandler, Fort Pierce, FL

Watch the John Oliver show on HBO. I agree w/everything he said.
—Cindy Koch, Long Beach, CA

The only democratic internet is an ab solute neutral internet.
—Steve merrick, Playa Del Rey, CA

corporate capture of government sucks ass
—Mike Leary, Seattle, WA

The internets is super important as it is where I get all the news I care about and am super social.
—Warren Perkins Dinsmore, springfield, MO

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is crucially important to preserve in the United States to prevent, as John Oliver has put it, "to prevent cable company fuckery." The government and cable companies are currently highly intertwined with one another, easily seen in that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler used to be the head of the lobbying arm of the cable companies. This is an egregious conflict of interest and at it's most basic is a violation of our human rights. At the highest level, it's corporate and governmental corruption, not surprising. You must do everything in your power to quash this new set of FCC rules and keep the internet free and open. Sioncerely,
—Michael Schramm, Ithaca, NY

FCC - throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gary Moyer, potomac, MD

Do NOT end Net Neutrality. it is already too expensive for most of us. giving the rich even more is neither fair nor just!
—Richard Prendergast, SouthHaven, MI

I do not like to begin another session of the "Haves" getting good stuff, and the "Have nots" getting nothing.
—Sharon Easterly, Morgan Hill, CA

No matter how you try to misstate or misconstrue it, the cable companies are monopolies and the government their dupes. Now a fox has been selected to oversee the hen house! Come on , grow a set and think about the country instead of the corporations. Wow, wouldn't that be something new and exciting!
—Harry A Hudson jr, Cherry hill, NJ

Corporate shills are already WAY too obnoxious now. Please don't fast track this cyber slime.
—John Brewster, Troy, ME

The internet doesn't need a "fast lane." Shopping is a leisure activity. The only things that need to load faster are the non-profit reference sites kids use for doing homework, Amber alerts, and tornado warnings.
—Judith Sanders, fredericksburg, VA

I believe that small business innovation will be be diminished by reducing the free-flow of internet access. We risk a great loss of creativity in every sphere of human thought and behavior by limiting net neutrality. Those who could control free expression will certainly do so even without devious or nefarious intent. This will handcuff our populace and demean our society.
—Rick Netty, McFarland, WI

There are not two classes of internet users.
—James Zeman, Deadwood, SD

I support Net Neutrality. Let's make it a public utility and keep it fair for everyone.
—Lane Nevares, Brooklyn, NY

As a developer and a geek, the net should not limited in this way.
—Taryn White, Thornton,

Protecting net neutrality should be the FCC's number one consideration. The public does not want to put an end to the equality of data -- only the major cable companies do (companies that are ranked among the most hated in the nation). Please do your duty as a government organization and heed the public's opinion. Protect net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Hannah Sentenac, Miami, FL

Dear FCC, If it is not broken, do not fix it. The Internet and the World Wide Web are fine as they are. Why disrupt a well run system to satisfy the needs of those who would like to make a buck off of it? The Internet provides a level playing field for everyone who has access to it. What you are proposing to do is selfish and unnecessary. Why? Just, why? Are you really so shallow that you cannot see the corruption? THIS IS A RIP OFF AND YOU KNOW IT. Is there any conceivable benefit to ALL parties involved in this? No. Please leave it alone and let Net Neutrality continue. It has been benefitting us all without your meddling. If, however, this argument is about making service providing companies more competitive in the non-competitive Internet, perhaps you should provide incentives to increase the infrastructure that we use the Internet with. If Verizon and AT&T would like to upgrade the grid to provide more competitive service, that would be a solution that WOULD BENEFIT all parties involved. There would be faster upload/download speeds, more efficiency, and increased competition. If the offset costs were passed on to the customer, so be it. We will be paying for a better product. However, removing Net Neutrality is threatening the websites who are posting content for no good reason. They are using the Internet as a site to launch their businesses just as brick and mortar buildings use land and advertising. The Internet is fair for a reason, and it should remain so. Sincerely, Deeanna Bunton
—Deeanna Bunton, Louisville, KY

So many Americans are using the internet to take classes, to further their education, to research job and housing opportunities, to determine health care eligibility, and to apply to jobs online, all activities that lead ultimately to a stronger middle class, the crucial engine for our economic recovery. We need access to the internet to insure economic growth!
—Nancy Devine, Mountain View, CA

Net neutrality must be protectected by reclassifying ISP's as common carriers. Failure to do so will have dramatic affects on entrepreneurs, consumers and free speech. Mr Wheeler, it is obvious that you were put there to do away with net neutrality. Your associates in the cable industry failed to recognize the opposition you would encounter. Failure to ensconce net neutrality into law will make it obvious to all Americans that we live in an oligarchy. I don't think you or the oligarchs are ready for the blowback.
—William B Molony, New Orleans, LA

The internet needs to remain open at the same speed for all who use it in the USA . Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and Viacom should not be allowed to carve out a fast lane to make additional profits. Streaming TV could be set back by creating a fast lane for Corporate America. Perhaps the telecom companies are feeeling threatened by Amazon Prime and Netflix where you pay a much lower monthly fee and have greater choice of programming. The voice of the people needs to be heard in the matter of net neutrality! The FCC has a responsibility to protect the interest of the majority and not just the plutocrats who try to impose their will on our government at every turn!!
—Mr. Dana C. Schultz, Caseville, MI

The internet should be equal for everyone forever, it was invented and developed with our tax dollars and should be treated as a public utility! Do not let the monopolies control you and destroy our reasonable expectation of fairness.
—Mark Willsie, Hanover, PA

I oppose the two-tiered system. There is no need for this. I want NET NEUTRALITY. We see what you are trying to do and it is disgusting. Freedom and democracy and fair economics are too important to allow this abuse of money and telcom influence in our society.
—Russell Dusenberry, Ithaca, NY

I think it's pretty obvious why net neutrality is important to all of us. What I wonder is why keeping the net fair and equal isn't important to the body we've commissioned to regulate it. It wouldn't have anything to do with the millions of dollars that have been paid to your chairman by the very companies trying to bring on netmeggeddon, would it? Industry shills pretending to to care about the people you are supposed to be working for? It seems pretty clear that it would have to do with that. FCC? F... Comcast's Chairman.
—Allegra chambers, Oakland, CA

The internet is my connection with the rest of the world. I'm a senior on a small fixed income and can't afford expensive fees for internet. Just leave it alone and keep it neutral. ATT already has a slow and a fast speed, according to how much you pay. I'm on slow speed because I can't afford to pay over $20.00 a month. The Gov't. is already spying on us, what more can one do to stop that? Thank you for your time.
—Barbara Campbell, Vidor, TX

There's no Freedom, without freedom of information!
—Angelique Sullivan, Bothell, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me as I want to access equal access to all material at the same speed. A start up company with a good idea or product should have the same speed as Netflix or any other large corporate being. A two tier system discriminates against start up companies and those who can not afford the higher costs. If the new regulations pass it would give large corporate telecommunication corporations huge control over what information is allowed on the fast track and what information is derailed to the slow lane. Basically, these large corporate beings will control what information is given priority and what organization will basically be shuttle off to the side. This not the freedom our American soldiers fought for. Not by any stretch of the imagination.
—Anne Wolf, Santa Rosa, CA

NO to two-tiered service! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Hurtado, Benbrook, TX

#%@#%!!!!!
—Mark Woods, Federal Way, WA

Fair access for all of us. No special access for the privileged. Students, journalists, academics, artists, local politicians, cannot pay higher rates for faster speeds. Keep the net freer, fair and fast. FCC --- throw out your new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Lee Stephanie Roscoe, Brewster, MA

I am barely able to afford basic cable and phone internet service now. There is no way I could afford tiered internet access. I am positive there are millions like me, no matter what the service providers tell you.
—Tish Yarborough, Wilmington, NC

The only way to protect net neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Anything else is just another form of censorship, and an infringement on my first amendment rights by corporations. Being able to decide what gets passed on and what gets delayed, is plain and simple censorship.
—John Robinson, Tolland, CT

gotta keep things OPEN and NOT REGULATED: got enough of that already. access is key!
—Deb Doolittle, wakefield, RI

This issue is so important because some of the same corporations that used a free and open internet are the same scoundrels that want to restrict it. Net neutrality is really a misnomer. You are by no means making it neutral.
—Alan Brown, Canon City, CO

One would have thought that we learned a lesson from the Citizens United decision: you can not let big money deprive the people of their rights to equal access. Permitting an elimination of net neutrality is horrible. Stop the rules permitting the elimination of net neutrality.
—Lawrence Sandoval, Minneapolis, MN

I want my GOVERNMENT to have some integrity and honor its obligations to the PEOPLE, not the CORPORATIONS!!
—Fred Chuang, Los Angeles, CA

Keep it on the level.
—Peter Gore-Symes, Brisbane,

The internet should be free of interference by monopolistic corporations and their FCC friends. This is essential to this essential public service.
—J Cherr, NY, NY

KEEP Net Neutrality!! No discrimination on fees, please!
—Leigh Rollins, Washington, DC

Everyone should have equal access to the internet. Do not contribute to the knowledge divide!
—Ms. Helen Colby, Miami, FL

This is very important to me and I will watch and remember how you vote.
—Kristen Gilmartin, Alhambra, CA

Don't destroy the internet! That's the path you're on with a two tiered internet. Retain net neutrality, it's only fair.
—L Parrish, Carmel,, CA

Monopolies need to comply to the Anti-Trust laws. The consumer is being billed to death and we have no where to turn if we want internet, obviously an essential aspect of modern life. The dinosaurs need to be dismantled, the people empowered, the consumer given options, and reasonable fees.
—Valerie Gilbert, new york, NY

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!
—Eric Rose, Baltimore, MD

Has Comcast offered you a job? You join your past member of the FCC who went to Comcast early.
—A Andaloro, St louis Park, MN

Net Neutrality! All of us have the same rights!
—Hernan Gonzalez, Vicente Lopez,

The wealthy should not control the Internet, whether they represent cable companies or other entities. The Internet should remain an unbiased provider of information, some of which may be used to protect our freedom and civil rights.
—Gaylene Sloane, Lakewood, OH

the internet is the great "leveler" in the entire world. it brings knowledge, entertainment, education - MIT has its classes on the internet, for crying out loud. please, please do not screw with the access for anyone - access or speed. this is truly of the people, by the people, and for the people - of the world...and not just another place to make a buck. once you start charging, censorship is not far behind.
—Mary Harayda, Ormond Beach, FL

The internet needs to be regulated just like the telephone lines. It's too important to entrust in the hands of a couple of giant monopolistic corporations. Creating fast lanes will limit competition and consolidate power into even fewer corporate spheres of influence. How the FCC can even consider this a decent proposal boggles the mind. I support full net neutrality and oppose the FCC's current proposal. Make the internet a utility as it rightfully is in actual practice and every day life of ordinary Americans.
—Scott Orr, Chicago, IL

When ISP charge me and content providers, my 5 family member budget turns into a 3 family members budget, the only thing is that we're still 5...
—Nate Ayala, san antonio, TX

The last mile of internet access is controlled by monopolies; telcos and cable companies. These companies must not gain the power over what US citizens have access to on the internet. Keeping open access to information is critical to healthy democracy. Please reclassify last mile ISPs as common carriers to protect freedom of speech, innovation and keep a level playing field for competition.
—Kurt Miller, Port Washington, NY

A system were 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 is not acceptable. Like most Americans I can not afford the extra fees for a "Fast lane" internet connection. Like most Americans we will become angry and demand your JOB if you go through with this insane plan !! Think about it carefully. Your Job may depend on it ! If you can afford to loose your job, then forget everything I have said.
—Douglas Fish, new port richey, FL

Do not kill net neutrality. Net neutrality is vital to the anti-trust nature of functional and fair business in the United States. Business in contemporary society is done via the internet. If cable companies can not compete with one another, then the business of the modern world will suffer. Do not let this injustice occur.
—Elizabeth Bullock, Chicago, IL

The internet is something that gives everyone a place to be themselves. Since we can't always be ourselves in public for probably the same reasons why you're trying to censor it, we rely on the internet and its millions of inhabitants to be ourselves with. There, we can always find someone like us, even if they live on the other side of the world. It's a wonderful place, a place that should be left free... Just like the country you say you work for.
—Jim Salotti, Ridgefield Park, NJ

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Mr. Albert Valencia, Huntington Beach, CA

The proposed net neutrality rules are nothing more than an attempt by the cable companies to extend their already ferocious and harmful monopolies and reduce competitoin. They also will also consign free speech to the rich and powerful, turning America into a 3rd world country, killing innovation and entrepreneurship. The Internet is NOT broken. Don't kowtow to the cable lobby. Don't succumb to these efforts to corrupt our government.
—L Nemschoff, Los Angeles, CA

Restoring Net Neutrality will continue to allow for the amazing technological innovations we have seen in this country over the past 25 years. Why would we instill policies that put America at a disadvantage? I implore you to stop the providers from derailing American innovation and reinstate Net Neutrality!
—Amir Bakhshaie, Sunnyvale, CA

we cannot let companies own our government, it is of the people and the people deserve Net Neutrality. We need to encourage competition within our Internet Service Providers. even if you have to treat them like dialysis centers where a company can only have so many offices per square miles. If an ISP is allowed to gouge websites for more how long will it take them to the same for consumers? Our internet service providers suck as it is, please don't allow them to screw us over even more.
—Megann w, MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO

The free enterprise system has always been the key to our success and net neutrality is the electronic implementation of this vital methodology!
—Adam Gewanter, New York, NY

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Please do not approve this plan.
—Harold T. Hodes, Ithaca, NY

Cable companies shouldn't be able to control the content of what I see on my computer. I should be the one making that decision based on what I want, not based on what a cable company makes affordable to me. Keep the net neutral.
—Randy Lantz, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality goes with freedom of information. We should not be prohibited access to any websites deemed unworthy and we should not have to deal with degraded service so the rich can have the fastest internet under the sun. This is an issue of EQUALITY.
—Jesse Varner, Sheffield Lake, OH

I just watched a video: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO): Net Neutrality. If you haven't seen it watch it; it is a simple, straight forward message with which I agree!!!!!
—Paul Cobb, Tucson, AZ

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—Christopher Wolfe, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is so important because it allows the voices of the 99.9% of our population to be heard and not silenced by the 0.1% that controls most of the wealth in our society. This is the freedom of speech issue of the 21st-century
—Paul Kornberg, Tampa, FL

Not one persons voice is more important than another especially when it involves practices that are used to benefit the people who can afford the faster connection. Reading Flash Boys you can see why speed is so important for those with so much money and why they are trying to change the rules to speed and make people charge more for especially fast connections. People are more important than corporations and we have already set the precedent that business is more important than people in recent rulings. This would further degrade humans in a democratic system that was built for the benefit of humans as a whole not just a few.
—Scott Dorn, washington, DC

As someone who works in the IT field, I don't understand how there has been no debate, no active search for experts on both sides of the issue, no work at all on the governments part to make sure this issue is executed in a way that helps the american consumer. The internet isn't broken and yet you want to fix it? I implore you, do the right thing and kill this legislation.
—Alexander Davis, Las Vegas, NV

A neutral internet may be the last place where people of all income levels can get information of any kind.
—George Stritter, Newton, NJ

Seriously, why is this even a thing? "Preventing cable company fuckery" is right, don't let the cable companies ruin our lives!
—Curtis Hart, Tarzana, CA

We need more voices, not fewer. Business should be subject to more peoples' best interests, not businesses of fewer, more selfish interests.
—John T. Denton, Encinitas, CA

No unfair advantages to the ones who are big enough rich enough to buy that advantage. As a daily user of the internet I want to have the same access to any and all sites. What I read and visit should be my own choice and it should be as easy to access each and everyone. Further more, this great country grew because new companies could compete with the big ones. That will not longer be true if the rules change to favor the large onces. Giant corporations are taking over our lives and it has to stop. Big is NOT better and favoritism for the BIG ones is not good for anyone but them. This is not what our country is supposed to be about. So, true Net Neutrality is what I want and what is fair for all. Please throw out these new rules and classify ISPs a common carriers ---- which really is what they are.
—Elizabeth Nyland, Hudson, NY

ASSHOLE GREEDHEADS WANT CONTROL SO THEY CAN OVERCHARGE FOR POORER SERVICE THAN THEY GET IN ESTONIA. STOP THESE SCUMLICKING THUGS!
—John Goeckermann, Grants Pass, OR

A two-tier Net system would create a monopoly, restricting not only choice but innovation in driving viewers to whatever sites pay the most. It would harm not only my small, independent Net business but ultimately all Net commerce, large and small.
—Danna Jackson, Bloomington, IN

SIMPLE: Protect ACTUAL CITIZENS from the corporations and designate the Internet as a COMMON CARRIER!! EASY!! Capitulating to the corporate abusers is disgusting and pathetic and has nothing to do with the MISSION of the FCC. If you're going to screw around with tax dollars trying to police LANGUAGE on TV, at least FIX THIS PROBLEM and make the internet FAIR and EQUAL for all citizens.
—Shannon Ahern, Monterey Park, CA

Where is the true leadership in this country for the COMMON good? Arn't you looking out for the interests of the PEOPLE? Please stand up to all these mega mergers that only hurt a chance at LIFE, a fighting chance for a decent life.
—Kim Brazill, Antioch, CA

Keep the bloodsucking cable companies from destroying our internet. I support total net neutrality. No compromise.
—Forrest Furman, Waialua, HI

It is a public service.
—Victoria V. Heidorn, Gardner, MA

A two or more tiered internet will just allow those who are already super wealthy get even more so at the expense of our Democracy, education and innovation. We should all be afraid of an Oligarchy - the top 1% controlling everything. Net neutrality is the equalizer.
—Fred Morrison, Hayward, CA

The current FCC Chailman, Tom Wheeler should recuse himself, as he has a history of repesenting special interest groups as a lobbyist. Sense I do not expect that he will recuse himself, the FCC should listen to the enitre expressing population of the US, and support true Net Neuterality. We, the people will remember the decisions made by the FCC on this subject. Our very freedom is at risk. Letting the megacorporations which are internet service providers have their way is both evil, and unethical.
—Peter Tidd, Eureka, CA

Why would any one of us want to be in the slow lane of progress? I would like to see the FCC ensuring that access to the Net is as easy to obtain and inexpensive as possible, given its importance to us in practically every aspect of life these days. The FCC is theoretically working for me and every other citizen. Yes, it can be confusing, as some folks think corporations are people. If they are, each corporation gets one place in the lane, like the rest of us real people.
—Susan E Crockford-Peters, Branford, CT

A two-tiered internet is not acceptable. Prptect the public from the special interests and reclassify Internet Service Providers as
—Irwin Hoenig, Laurel, MD

FREE SPEACH
—Jean Fleming, Studio City, CA

Tom Wheeler is a frightening ghoul and a harbinger of further corporate takeover in the US. He needs to be stopped because the dissolution of COMPLETE net neutrality spells one of the largest successes for crony capitalism and monopolistic excess ever thought of. PLEASE do not let this happen.
—Mike Burnside, Ypsilanti, MI

ISP are unquestionably "common carriers." There are no other reasonable interpretations.
—Mark Snyder, Flemington, NJ

We, the common people of the USA, have little to no upward mobility and our educational system sucks. The NSA legally spies on us and large portions of the rest of the world appear to despise us. No matter who we put into office, there seems to be little to no change in sight. You got us. The only true freedom we have left is a neutral internet. Help keep us placated by allowing us to continue to entertain ourselves and to dream that we, like Mark Zuckerberg, might be able to make it big via on line commerce. We know we can't make it in real life. If you insist upon pricing us out of our mind numbing complacency, you may gain more profits (seriously, do you really need more money?) but you also might create an actively unhappy electorate who has little to nothing to lose. Is that what you want? Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and allow us to continue to dream. It's not a lot to ask. Really. Thank you, Mr. Obama, for change we can't believe in. And thank you, Mr. Wheeler, for your dogged loyalty to corporate America.
—Norma Gail Smith-Beil, Saint Louis, IL

Internet access should be treated as a utility, not a luxury item.
—Matthew Vallon, Framingham, MA

Net Neutrality is the FAIREST way for EVERYBODY.
—Douglas Thompson, Chicago, IL

The days when only major corporations could produce quality content are long past. Now, almost anyone with sufficient talent can create a wonderful live action video or animation, which are quite often far better, in my opinion, that what is available from the major networks and cable companies. Right now I can find the content I want to see, whether it comes from a multibilllion dollar corporation or some guy working in his mother's basement, and I have just about equal access to both. If net neutrality is overturned, then the major corporations will be able to pay for their content to take up nearly all of the available bandwidth and the little guys will all be trying to squeeze their content through a keyhole; the same keyhole. This should not happen! I should be able to watch the content I want, no matter who it comes from. The content I like will probably never appeal to the masses, so it won't be put out by a giant corporate purveyor of homogenized pap which can afford to pay through the nose for the fast lane. Do not do this! Throw out the rules you have proposed and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—William Ansley, Westtown, NY

Monopolies used to be against the law.
—Betty Phillips, Topeka, KS

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—Mr. Richard T Oberlander, Hanover, PA

Democracy is served best by equal access to the sharing of ideas and information. Slowing down various sectors of the internet and/or extorting via monopoly, money from average citizens looking to participate in public discourse regarding the public good or nonprofit information services serving the public good by contributing to public discourse, will deprive the majority of people a voice because Free Speech will be Fee Speech and that is bad for democracy, America, and the world.
—Angela Smith, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I use the internet every day and I do not want to become a second class citizen so some billionaire can get even richer.
—Margaret Cole, Saratoga, CA

The big media companies are already pricing Americans out of the ability to have and keep the internet in their homes. If we don't keep net neutrality, it will get worse, far worse, for families and for America. Ll
—Kevin Evans, Springfield, MO

Because I am tired of being controlled by corporations. The Internet belongs to the people. Regulate it like a public utility, in the best interests of the American public.
—M Garrett, South Jordan, UT

Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers! Do not create "Internet Inequality" -- which would simply serve to further advance the inequalities that "Income Inequality" has already created in too many areas. Free communication and access to information should not be destroyed.
—Kathy Bradley, Lugoff, SC

Net neutrality is important because no company should have control over the Internet. The Internet should remain open and free for all people. There should be no restrictions for anyone which I believe is very important.
—Todd Freeman, Kings Mountain, NC

ISPs must be classified as Common Carriers because the Internet is the indispensable information-flow utility of the 21st century. It has truly become as basic to our health as power and water; the Internet protects our MENTAL health the way those protect physical. Do the right thing and reclassify broadband as a utility now.
—Brian Waak, Aurora, IL

Which is more important: the health of our democracy and the integrity of your oath, or corporate profits, electoral bribes, and free perks paid by lobbyists? Please adhere to your oath of office. Please.
—Mr. Reuben Yancey, Olympia, WA

If I have to explain it to the FCC, there is no way they will understand or care.
—Doug Landau, St. Petersburg, FL

Hey FCC! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!! SAVE Net Neutrality!!
—Ann McCaffray, Sperryville, VA

Maintain Net Neutrality and our rights to connect and communicate. It is the right thing to do.
—Thomas Perez, Mims, FL

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freedom of speech is the core value of this country and net neutrality is a modern version of that value. Those who have a lot of money should not have any more right to the expression of free speech than those who have less in any form (internet, voting etc..) I should not have to be telling this to the FCC. This is the reason the FCC exist. Are you confused as to why you exist & the protection of the rights of the people you serve? If you are not confused then protecting net neutrality is what you are doing now & for ever more. If you are confused then big business & special interest will continue to corrupt the American way of life until it not longer exist. Please get this straight & stop the double talk lies and do the right thing for the people you serve now & for the generations to come.
—Richard Paperno, Somerset, CA

I want my children to have the same access to the internet as anyone else's. I want my business to have the same access to the internet as Apple or Google have. The internet is a utility unless you want to restrict it for your own personal gain and profit. The FCC should protect the interests of those who can't afford to hire Armani suited lobbyists. The cable behemoths have no right to control the most powerful technology on earth.
—Vance Hiner, St. Louis, MO

ISPs should be common carriers. Anything else robs people unable to afford "fast lane" fees of a decent Internet experience. Keep Net Neutrality. The Internet is a public service, not a scheme for big companies to get rich and deprive many web users of the Internet they should have!!
—Rachel Scott, Whitewater, WI

A free and open internet is vital to my life and the future of this country. I strongly oppose restrictions on open internet access. Throw away your currently proposed rules and classify the internet a common carrier.
—Allen W. Todd, Corvallis, OR

This is a swing vote issue for me. There is NO WAY in the world I want to see Comcast and other Internet gate keepers have the power to decide who gets how much internet bandwidth, how fast. If this effort to destroy Net Neutrality passes Congress, I will not only vote against any one who supported the downfall of Net Neutrality, but also any one who enabled and/or supported those at the FCC and Congress who pushed this through. Shame on you, FCC. And though I am a Democrat, shame on you too, President Obama.
—Scott Smith, Oakland, CA

Freedom of ideas by all of us for all of us.
—Carolyn Summers, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

Eliminating net neutrality would give internet providers the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. This is just one more wrongful application that money is speech.
—Michael Rice, Tucson, AZ

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. It isn't necessary if the FCC designates the internet as a common carrier and they must do it.
—Robert McCombs, Arcata, CA

Everyone should have the same quality of service.
—Tommy Bolles, Nashville, TN

As an underemployed, part-time preschool working college student (with a bachelors under my belt), I can't afford to pay for extra fees on anything! Also, I feel that access to information is one of the more important parts of modern American culture, and is a right that every American should have. I have a right to know, learn, and read what I want. It should not be the right of a corporation to "grant me access" to information based on where their profits are sourced.
—Jennifer Black, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is necessary for America's growth and freedom.
—John Kohn III, Chicago, IL

Stealing the internet to suppress free access and give the big cable companies control over start-ups that could give them competition is the most outlandish rip-off the FCC could possibly become involved in. STOP this nonsnese and preserve net neutrality.
—Robert M. Rubel, Mira Loma, CA

America was based on access to information and knowledge. Net Neutrality is now a critical part of this expectation, opportunity, and appropriate entitlement. Do not allow discretionary, even discriminatory, speed or access to the internet. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and preserving our right to access to information.
—Rebecca Phillips, Santa Fe, NM

Please do not allow the current proposal for a two-tier internet to be enacted. The internet is only an agent of change and social empowerment by virtue of the ability for any individual to be heard clearly and effectively by any other individual, regardless of their endorsements, payroll, or connections. We must protect the one-tier speed system. Yes, cable companies and service providers bear an exceptional financial burden to deliver our increasingly data-heavy internet content. We should work as a society, and through policy, to address that in order to lessen that burden. However, the price we would all pay from a speed-filtered internet is too great to sacrifice the current freedom the world enjoys. Thank you.
—James D Jones-Rounds, Ithaca, NY

A free internet allows young people to become entrepreneurs and build new businesses. We need the innovation to grow.
—Kathleen Tei, lakebay, WA

Net Neutrality is important. You need to protect it, because internet access is the kind of commodity that should be uniformly available to all.
—Ronald Jeffries, Pinckney, MI

The term "Net Neutrality" is no longer appropriate. The term "Net Monopoly" is now more appropriate, because that's where we're headed--no matter how Wheeler spins it. The amount of band width is finite, and to give prioritization (more bandwidth) to deep pockets like NETFLIX means that average users and innovators will be sacrificed. As the kid in the computer stored explained to me. "There's only so much gas in everyone's tank," he said."You essential siphon a little gas from the poor guy's scooter so the tractor trailer can get where it's going in a hurry...but the scooter is slow and eventually runs our of gas." The idea that this is all being done to deliver entertainment faster over the Internet ignores that many of us have never watched a NETFLIX movie. In particular I search a lot of academia and other interesting sites that are in fact mostly startups. So the place I want to go in the Internet are organizations and businesses that couldn't afford ransom to make their traffic move normally. I don't have have $18 million to lobby the government. Remember: If Wheeler wants to guarantee a "minimum" of service, then that's all the cable companies will ever give us. Our Internet service is already slower than Estonia, and you want to make it slower for your cable friends?
—Daniel Menefee, chestertown, MD

It is only through a level field that living, breathing, humans have any real hope of competing with corporations for control of the country. The rules proposed here are nothing less than an attack on the first amendment rights of all citizens of the United States.
—Steven Conwell, Amarillo, TX

I'd be willing to bet that a boycott would happen if you made people mad enough.....I know I would certainly support one...
—Kay Sullivan, Kanab, UT

The Internet has become necessary. I consider it a utility, the same as power and water. It must be regulated as such. Allowing private interests, such as Comcast, to discriminate in any way the data they transmit undermines competition. These companies are near monopolies in their current form and maintaining Net Neutrality is imperative to maintaining competition. Please, I am requesting that the FCC reclassifies Internet Service Providers as Title II common carriers.
—Guillermo Patino, Sugar Land, TX

Net neutrality needs to remain in it's present neutral state! So much of our economy has been taken over by corporations and big money. It would be yet another travesty to allow a multi-tiered internet access system in which those with less financial influence get shafted.
—Catherine Day, Marietta, GA

Americans are basically asking you to bite your owners' hands, to betray those who feed you, and side one time with the American public. Did you have to take any sort of oath? Wasn't there something like that in there? The former chief lobbyist for the industry is now your leader. Is there nothing wrong with that? Hey, for one time, a most important time -- and I know that none of you will even attempt to read these comments, but still I type -- GROW A PAIR! and for once stand with the consumers and most tech companies. One tier is enough, and that tier has to be ten times faster like most of the civilized world. Estonia has faster download speeds!
—Richard A. Barry, Sarasota, FL

Please don't screw us all, you tossers. Maintain net neutrality.
—Bruce Bortin, OAKLAND, CA

Net Neutrality is such a major issue to me as a life long broadcaster just to have a safe haven for non corporately owned media! Period.
—Mr. Andy Weber, Chicago, IL

NET NEUTRALITY is important to me because without it there will be no free speech on the internet and COMCAST and VERIZON will control all the content we receive on the internet. I receive the worst service in the world from Comcast and no other company offers internet service at a reasonable speed in my neighborhood. They are a MONOPOLY and soon no one will be able to afford their ever-increasing rates. Please, please, please, FCC - LISTEN TO YOUR PEOPLE and protect NET NEUTRALITY â DO NOT ALLOW the cable companies to shut out small companies and individuals from the internet. We want to be able to hear from the little people as well as the Monopoly cable companies. Is this the "democratic way? All content controlled by a MONOPOLY CABLE COMPANY? Internet should be treated as a utility and must be regulated to ensure everyone equal access to the internet and ensure EVERYONE in the US can afford to access the internet. FCC - show us you are listening to the people - protect net neutrality and do not allow the deep pockets of the monopolistic cable companies to influence your decision. Remember you are the GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE - you are not there to enrich COMCAST and VERIZON. Thank you
—Pauline Hamian, Miami, FL

Because free press is already dead. An open internet is the last hope for the freedom of ideas and information.
—Morwynne Holmyard, Longmont, CO

You screw with Net Neutrality you are messing with freedom. If you are messing with freedom, perhaps you would be more comfortable living in Iran or Russia.
—Rob Rushing, St. Peter, MN

Net Neutrality is critical to our ability to remain in competitive in web applications development in this country. With out net neutrality, we will see higher prices for mediocre services. Already we lag other developed nations due to the monopolies who control our access to the internet, but to have a two tier service is simply not acceptable. This would be a huge mistake for our country and I encourage you to rethink your position and support Net Neutrality!
—Kim Daigle, Homewood, AL

My life and business center on the Internet. I'm a self-employed business person working from my home computer. I design and maintain websites, plus designing books for self-published authors. Net Neutrality and an open Internet are extremely important to me and to the growing number of individuals who do business in this manner. The Internet is a marvelous phenomenon changing the way people communicate, research, work, and learn. It has opened opportunities and information channels around the world. Why are we trying to change it? Why are we limiting it for the convenience of a few huge corporations that are trying to become monopolies (or they already are) and to control the way the public uses this tool. Please do not allow the Internet service providers to regulate themselves or create a two-tiered Internet. Internet should be a public utility. Thank you, Judy Loose
—Judy Loose, Fort Myers, FL

PLEASE THROW OUT these ridiculous rules outlined in the proposal and RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. Let's keep the internet equal for EVERYONE to use instead of giving gigantic companies the ability to apply rampant discrimination online. MmmKay? THANKS.
—Rae Senarighi, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is imperative for our country. The FCC must do its job and protect net neutrality. Tom Wheeler needs to do his job!
—Carolyn Boyles, Cotati, CA

The future of the U.S. economy depends upon entrepreneurs creating companies that we can't even dream of yet. The fair and level playing field of the Internet is the breeding ground for new and innovative creations and the loss of Net Neutrality would damage this critical resource.
—Ira Chayut, Los Gatos, CA

The current proposed rules will end net neutrality. Tom Wheeler sends me replies to e mails saying he supports a free and open internet. His proposals will mean an end to a free and open internet. It is not free and open, if there is a two tiered system in which internet providers can pay extra fees to have faster lanes than those who don't. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No to two tiered Internet. Thank you
—Harvey Dym, Madison, WI

Please keep the net neutral
—Judy, blairsville, PA

We need these network providers to be reclassified as common carriers - they are for everyone, not just Big Money, Big Business....
—Cecelia Cook, Pawleys Island, SC

Freedom to access and exchange information is crucial to personal and national success. The internet is one of the most effective means for expression and education; discriminatory access to information online inhibits growth both personally and socially.
—Bert Austin Sherron, Riverside, CA

There is no more room in our culture for the monsters of big business to take everything they want and leave the scraps for everyone else. Do your fuckin job and keep the net neutral!
—Matt Oyer, Rochester, NY

Look, I'm already sick of lobbyists governing what food we eat, but I lose it when they screw with our internet. Leave our internet alone. The United States should remember Standard Oil Co. Inc., US Steel, and other monopolies that were outlawed by Congress. Now Comcast and Time Warner Cable are wrongfully dominating the playing field and treating their customers like garbage. We're not mindless consumers who will let this thing slide. Let's allow equal opportunity for all businesses on the web and support Net Neutrality.
—Katie Lemmon, Logan, UT

I guess if one was looking to shut down the economy passing this law would be a good start. not to mention giving these already too large companies more of a monopoly. taking away jobs that could be created or are working right now, I don't believe would help at this point.
—Beowulf Gilbert, central village, CT

To leave freedom and innovation possible. Capitalism is a play on a level ground: the profit of companies should be limited by fair playing rules, this is the essence of it, and only by innovating they could stay on top. The rest is corruption and no better than state monopoly.
—Vincent Boudry, Saint Michel-sur-Orge,

We all have the same rights to free speech and press. Some don't have more of a right than others.
—Cassandra Lyons, Lexington, KY

It was just a few decades ago that Standard Oil was broken up by the Government because it was a monopoly. Likewise AT&T a few years back was broken into "Baby Bells" for similar reasons. Why in any sane world would anyone want to commit internet (or any other communication method e.g. news networks) suicide?
—Robert Reed, Lake Elsinore, CA

ALL internet users and services should have the SAME priority! NONE should get special rights or special consideration, it should remain a first come, first serve proposition with NO ability to pay so one can line jump. STAND WITH AMERICA AND FOR REAL NET NEUTRALITY Chairman Wheeler!!!
—Jeff Stone, Thornton, CO

I oppose the internet becoming commercialized which is the point of stopping internet neutrality. We have enough disparity between the "haves" and the "have nots" in other aspects of our society. Please do not destroy the equality that we have on an internet that has neutrality.
—Theodore Stoneberg, McCordsville, IN

The wonderful thing about the internet is its diversity, and its infinite capacity of niches. There is no cause, no desire or common interest, that has not through the internet created a community that would otherwise be isolated by thousands of miles. There is no cause, or idea that has not through the internet found the work, funds, or just an audience, to create content or change the world. By 2015 a satellite will be launched into space largely because of the will of a webcomic's fanbase. A subreddit based on a silly picture of a shiba inu recently raised $40k to fund water projects in poor African nations. An encyclopedia of all human knowledge has been written by random people's spare time. This is the power of little things, when they come together. And I do not think a handful of high profile websites- the only entities capable of affording high speed internet under the proposed changes in the US- are capable of providing that. I don't think there's room in COMCAST's vision for any of those things.
—Derek Vanian Conkle-Gutierrez, Davis, CA

YOU'RE RUINING THE INTERNET! STOP!
—William A Killian, Denver, CO

--THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- --THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- --THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- --THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- --THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- --THIS PLAN IS THE TRUEST SENSE OF MONOPOLY-- THE INTERNET IS MY ONLY CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS HAVING BEEN BEDRIDDEN AND THE ONLY TIME I GO OUT OF MY BEDROOM IS WHEN I SEE MY PHYSICIANS. CHARGING INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS EXTRA TO ALLOW THEIR CONTENT WHICH MAKES IT NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL, IS LIKE CHARGING MORE TO CHECK OUT A LIBRARY BOOK FROM THE HISTORY SECTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY. HOW DUMB CAN WE BE? WILL WE NEXT BEGIN CUTTING OUT PERSONS TONGUES IS TOTAL DISRESPECT AND VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT--I ALREADY PAY 1/5 OF MY INCOME TO HAVE THAT MINIMAL OUTSIDE CONTACT VIA THE INTERNET, I WILL THEN END UP HAVING TO PAY 2/5 EXTRA TO VIEW ANYTHING IN MY BROWSER BECAUSE YOU'VE ALLOWED THE CABLE COMPANIES CONTROL OVER WHAT I CAN SEE, READ, AND ACCESS. PLEASE, SOMEONE BLOWING MY BRAINS OUT WOULD BE A LESS HEINOUS CRIME. NET NEUTRALITY NEEDS TO BE A PROTECTED AND FOREVER ENFORCED SUBJECT. DON'T ALLOW COMCAST OR WHOMEVER TO REFUSE TO ALLOW ME ACCESS TO USE MY SITES.
—Gayle Hirschberger, Grayling, MI

This is the "subtle" beginning of more money and shake down of the public. Please keep Net Neutrality. Cable companies have too much control and spend unlimited funds for Lobbyists. PLEASE! WE pay more for internet services than many countries. Time Warner and Comcast should be watched and it looks like it is set for them to take over. NO...NO..NO!
—Joan Thorne Gifford, San Antonio, TX

Once again, the FCC appears to be rejecting its real mission: the protection of the public interests from corporate greed. For shame!
—Dovgin Richard, Santa Barbara, CA

i am one of the millions that support net neutrality. I worked for Lucent for many years and am familiar with how the Internet actually works. And a large part of the Internet's success - and the companies it spawned - is due to net neutrality. So now, you want to eliminate it so that you can guarantee that it will be more difficult for startups to compete with established players. That has got to be harmful. John Menard
—John P Menard, Surprise, AZ

We don't want a two tier system. We want the internet to remain on equal footing for everyone.
—Karen Owens, Gainesville, FL

I want you to tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Malcolm Yeates, Wellington,

This destruction of a fair and equal internet would create Monopoly for companies that already have close to that already.
—Shaka A. Sickels, Redway, CA

Don't give in to big bucks
—Robert Cline, richmond, VA

Because I very well could lose my job and home if this passes
—Pete Borchardt, Leander, TX

It is absolute madness that our Government/FCC would act is such a reckless manner and play favoritism to the detriment of our great nation. Stop FCC. Just stop, making decisions that would benefit a handful of corporations (AT&T, Time Warner, Comcast and Verizon) and one industry (Monopoly Telecom/Cable) at the cost of all other companies, other industries, the people and the internet (The very symbol of freedom for our times – an American ideal). Government/FCC your actions reek of corruption and short slightness. Estonia surpasses the United States of America in telecommunication speeds. Shame on you, the Government/FCC that we are having this crisis over the Open Internet and Net Neutrality. KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN AND NET NEUTRAL.
—Brian Singh, Secaucus, NJ

FREEDOM!!!!
—Mr. Eloy Perez, euless, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I think I and all other users should have equal access to online content and applications. Internet service providers should not be given the ability to discriminate between content providers and determine what users can see and how fast they can see it. I ask you to throw out your new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers and treat all data equally.
—Kathleen Harker, Madison, WI

Access to the internet is a basic human right in the 21st century,and not something to be sold to the highest bidder.
—Michael Dowling, Winnipeg,Mb,

Still hard to believe how greedy and on the take you at FCC would have to be to give Comcast and Verizon exactly what they want. I am already forced to subscribe to both, where's the competition.
—Steve Bianchi, Newcastle, CA

I think a two-tier internet will be the start of predatory practices by the cable providers. If you allow a second level of speed what keeps the cable providers from coming with a new charge to the consumer for higher speed access>
—Charles Hirschfield, Silver Spring, MD

I work in the exciting and amazing tech industry as a product designer. I make websites and products that every person has the chance to find and enjoy. I work with amazingly hardworking CEOs to help them build their companies around tech products. All of this hard work would be completely crippled if cable companies are allowed to charge more for the internet that delivers vital products to consumers. I practice User-centered design, and it's a fairly simple concept: Listen to the users. The people. It's almost as simple as "We the people..." Please do not ignore the millions who DO NOT support giving the cable companies power to rule, and dominate commerce for all of us. I am FOR net neutrality that has fostered and created so much industry, commerce and wealth for the country and it's people (even the cable companies).
—Lauren Golembiewski, Austin, TX

Why is it that we are always trying to fix something that is not broken? Voter ID reform when we don't have a voter problem, Pay as you go internet when we should be saying why is the internet so expensive and slow.
—Mirtalita Matos, N Bellmore, NY

If these freedom killing rules are approved, don't ever talk about the USA as the mother of all democracies :-(((Kill the freedom of your own citizens if you wish but leave the rest of the world alone !!!
—Vincent Marneffe, Dion-Valmont,

I do volunteer on my computer for my church. I also am a writer who takes and teaches workshops over the internet. It's bad enough that my computer is 12 years old, so already slow, but when your provider slows you down in addition...well, you might as well be using snail mail. I believe it's contrary to the American way to have a tiered system for internet delivery! I refuse to vote for ANY politician who votes against net neutrality!
—Kristyn Reid, choctaw, OK

Please reclassify the ISP's as common Carriers. It is the ONLY way to Protect REAL NET NEUTRALITY. Thanks and Blessings to ALL
—Raymond Maroun, Fullerton, CA

3 Words: FREEDOM OF IMFORMATION! By allowing the speed of information to be provided only by the richest corporations, you're creating a monopoly on what people can learn. This is a scary idea that a monopoly on information can exist. If the large cable internet providers are not making as much money as they used to... TOO DAMN BAD! That's called a market change, deal with it. Support Net Neutraility and don't take away the freedoms of our people in order to allow a few huge corporations to profit.
—Erica Bohannon, Henderson, NV

The proposed new rules amount to nothing less than censorship via PROFITABILITY. "Political power and commercial monopoly are NOT the rights of men," as Edmund Burke said, nor should they be of corporations. Placing limits to access restricts the flow of information, thus making informed debate less possible. This should not happen in America!
—David Zabriskie, Hawley, PA

Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Stephen Brittle, Phoenix, AZ

AND ANOTHER THING--NET NEUTRALITY IS NOT JUST *IMPORTANT*! NET NEUTRALITY IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. *WE* OWN THE AIRWAVES. HEY TOM WHEELER, YOU *DO* KNOW WHAT THE CONSTITUTION IS, DON'T YOU??? IT'S THAT PIECE OF PAPER THAT YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR MERCENARY, PARASITICAL, SOCIOPATH CRONIES KEEP TRYING TO WIPE YOUR ASS WITH. YOU AND THE REST OF THE 2 PERCENTERS [sic] SEEM TO FORGET YOU ARE OUTNUMBERED BY THE OTHER 98 PERCENT OF US WHO LIVE HERE TOO. YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE IS YOUR CONSTANT UNDERESTIMATION OF US. I *WANT* TO SEE YOU PUSH THIS THROUGH, JUST SO I CAN LAUGH MY ASS OFF WHEN YOU TAKE THE BIG FALL. WE'RE ONTO YOU. NEVER DOUBT THAT.
—Dana Armenta, Key Largo, FL

Unfettered communication by citizens is the bedrock of a democracy. In the 21st century, such communication is only possible via a free and open internet.
—Joanne Kondratieff, Shawnee, OK

Dear FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, What you are about to do to the internet is unforgivable. It positively cannot come as news to you that, with what you are proposing, the internet providers will abuse their power and all of us consumers will get screwed in the end. The FCC is supposed to REGULATE the communications industry, not enable it for further evil. If you can't see that that's what you're doing, then you clearly are blind to your own conflict of interest and need to step down as chairman of the FCC. You are failing spectacularly at protecting the consumers.
—Sabrina Veksler, San Francisco, CA

Prevent companies that are monopolies from providing lousy service AND slow service. PRESERVE INTERNET NEUTRALITY.
—Sunil Misra, Columbia, MD

Foxes put in charge of the henhouse. And for only $18 million. How low can we go? Thanks, Washington.
—Mr. Paul Herzoff, Emeryville, CA

It's All About Freedom For All Not Just Freedom For Those Who Wish To Dominate & Control Others.
—Brian Ringrose, Sydney,

DEMOCRACY DEPENDS UPON IT!
—William J Ryan, Valley Stream, NY

Don't reward the major players. They are already in the process of merging which will lead to unfair pricing. We have a great communication highway, don't screw it up for the little guy. Keep it neutral and for all.
—Robert Anschutz, Wimberley, TX

Start over. Classify ISPs as common carriers. To call anything else an open internet is misleading.
—Mike Mooney, plymouth, MN

Please, please, PLEASE keep net neutrality!
—Jennifer Steffen, Redondo Beach, CA

You guys are corrupt and it's obvious to anyone paying attention.
—Doug S McDonald, SEATTLE, WA

I believe in free speech.
—Emily A Ingrao, Belmont, CA

Dear FCC, I am a small business owner. I am a part of a team of amazing software developers. What we can contribute to the world has not even been realized yet. Net Neutrality is important for us to bring our talents and ideas to the world. I am certain there are many many more companies like mine that are poised to bring wonderful tools and capabilities to the world. I really can't believe I'm even having to write this to you. Seriously, you guys, don't be evil. Thank you, Lauren O'Meara
—Lauren OMeara, Franklin, TN

Our Democracy depends on a vibrant economy and the participation of new businesses and entrepreneurs which have exploded because of Net Neutrality. One More example of "elitism" and monetary discrimination which favors BIG CORPORATIONS must STOP. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Elaine Wilson, Torrnce, CA

It is vital to freedom of speech and artistic expression that net neutrality is perfected once and for all.
—Mikki Chalker, Binghamton, NY

Corporations are now people! If I actually knew any people like many corporations, I would call them bastards. They do not need any more power over our lives. Neutral means neutral.
—Richard Wagner, Vista, CA

Net Neutrality is about fairness and a vibrant growing society.
—Ken Gorrell, saint louis, MO

more monopoly's people should have an affordable choice
—Robert Eick, Scotch Plains, NJ

Don't take away the only level playing field left. The internet must be equally available to all. Working class americans and their families deserve the same consideration as greedy ISPs. The internet is fine, not broken. This is just another power grab to squeeze more and more money out of us and to control the information we can access. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!!!!!!
—Marianne Hart, Beaverton, OR

New Neutrality works, and the 99% don't need the cable companies taking even more of our money to give us mediocre service.
—Carol Williams, Santa Fe, NM

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jack David Marcus, New York, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow lanes for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out these FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead .
—Ms. Carol Savary, San Francisco, CA

Do not allow the cable companies to determine internet policy. Please keep the net neutral.
—Jane H Beattie, Ketchum, ID

This is yet another case of the guy with the bigger wallet turning america into less of the land of the free, and more of the home of the poor man getting screwed. There is absolutely ZERO reason to take away net neutrality other than your attempt to get the cable/internet companies to line your pockets!
—Robert Milam, Vine Grove, KY

If the USA is a democratic nation, it needs open communication, which in colonial times meant the right to assemble and a free press. In today's times, liberty and justice in a democratic nation means open internet or net neutrality.
—Kathleen Bobb, WESTERLO, NY

The proposed new rules would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Neil Swanson, Warrenton, VA

WE DO NOT WANT TWO MONOPOLIES CONTROLLING INTERNET ACCESS AND SPEED. DO NOT ALLOW NEW RULES TO END NET NEUTRALITY ON BEHALF OF COMCAST AND TIE WARNER. Blake Overall Fairfield, Iowa
—Mr. Blake Overall, fairfield, IA

There are many sites I use that would not be able to afford a faster connection. DON'T CHANGE THE INTERNET! PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Laura Joseph, Pasadena, CA

The Obama/Wheeler takeover of the FCC is a typical government sellout to the biggest corporations. Can the rest of the commission see the deplorable state of our internet (low speed, high cost) and rule for maintaining parity and then more speed for the same outlay?
—Dennis Holz, Leucadia, CA

Without net neutrality the Internet will be the decider of what I can research, view, and listen to. The controllers of the Internet will stop innovation, stifle communication. This all reminds me the days of the robber barons and oil companies when they tried to dictate US policy. It's exactly the same situation we're facing now, if net neutrality isn't upheld.
—Grant W. Levy, Costa Mesa, CA

Despite the fact that people already pay a hefty amount to private ISP's that provide dismal service, net neutrality at least ensures that peoples access is not further degraded at the whim of those very same ISP's. To change this and allow ISP's to tier overall speed but speed to specific sites is the very definition of discrimination of communication, and will doubtlessly lead to consumers receiving less service for a higher price.
—Brian Tsukerman, New Hyde Park, NY

As a person who lives with Multiple Sclerosis the net is my access to everything. I shop, bank, pay bills, write/ receive letters to/ from friends. To lose this access for me and many others aging and with other disabilities would be devastating. Either having to pay more or lose my connection to the world, would affect my life and others like me, I a totally destructive way.
—Kathleen R Worgul, Aurora, OH

Keep the Internet just the way it is with NO preferential treatment for anyone!
—John Witte, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is good for small business.
—Marsha Miller, North Chesterfield, VA

It is impossible to believe that so many self centering beureaucrats have gathered in one place to blockade the creativity of the internet. The FCC has made man errors because the government agency is not held accountable. Look at how much income has been generated from Net Neutrality. How many well paying jobs have been generated by start ups? I wish I could argue in front of the Supreme Court, the FCC ruling against Net Neutrality is without a doubt a violation of the first amendment. On the other hand the cable networks are proving that the first amendment money of corporations are corrupting on all of our freedoms.
—John Grzywacz, Simi Valley, CA

Dear FCC, I write today to add my comment that preservation of net neutrality is of critical importance to all Americans. New proposed rules for a two-tiered system, allowing faster access to sites that have paid for higher speed, would result in severe discrimination, prevent startup companies from achieving success, slow the economy, and dramatically worsen the daily experience of Americans online. As a physician, I am fully aware that I depend on a functional internet for optimal practice. My patients seek information online, and depend on reliable internet access to help seek medical care and improve their own knowledge. We must have net neutrality, and a tiered system based on payments is unacceptable. I look forward to having the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as this is the only rational way forward. Dr. Aaron Feinstein
—Aaron Feinstein, New Haven, CT

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and abandon the rules that allow the rich corporations to rule our democracy.
—Gail Johnson, Ukiah, CA

We cannot afford to let a few cable take us over
—John Moore, Farmingdale, NY

The current internet policies are part of our shared US resources. The internet should not "belong" or be controlled by big companies.
—Alice Trexler, arlington, MA

The internet is a public service created with public funds. It's use should not be subservient to corporate control for private gain. Nationalize the distribution network if that's what it takes!
—Richard Ives, Wilton Manors, FL

As the owner of an IT Services Company, an open and level Internet is REQUIRED for my business to function. One reason, my company can compete with much larger competitors is the open nature of the Internet. There is absolutely no benefit of a "fast lane and hyper speed lane" for anyone but a handful of large telecom companies.
—David Wieda, Woodstock, GA

Please stop making life harder for your customers.
—Eric Pranausk, Idyllwild, CA

I support net neutrality. A multi- tiered system is inherently undemocratic.
—Brian H Purnell, Walla Walla, WA

Keep the internet the way it is now. It's not broken so it doesn't need fixing. Please work on getting the internet to work faster as it is without pandering to the big players. Ralph Dobson
—Ralph Dobson, NEW BERN, NC

WE, citizens of the World and of the World Wide Web, require that you listen to us all, and keep our equality rules as they are: DO NOT make possible different levels of access, DO NOT split the only still democratic and equalitarian community! Please keep Net Neutrality
—Veronique Simar, Tuchan, NY

There are too many gatekeepers already. We absolutely do not need any on access to the internet. Net neutrality is crucial to innovation and competition.
—Linda Tanner, West Park, FL

Some of you may recall the promise of cable tv -- if you pay, you will not be subjected to advertising. If you look at your cable bill today and you look at cable advertising, you know what corporate promises are made of. Tele-corporations you also know are only out to maximize their profits. Your opportunity to do the right thing may never present itself again and will greatly impact the lives of those seeking only to survive. The internet is too important to too many to lose. Unless the FCC adopts an outright BAN on fast lanes, the cycle of corporate greed and consumer grief will continue. You are held responsible. /s/
—Jm Li, Shreveport, LA

Dear Chairman Wheeler; We KNOW that you have been the fox guarding the hen house, we know you could give a flying F*** about net neutrality, but we don't give a crap about you keeping your job nor about the wealth of Verizon, Comcast, or Time Warner. We do not want Cable companies dominating the internet and turning it into a two tier playground for themselves. And if you don't stop this, you will never hear the end of it. We will strike back and you can bet you will never hear the end of this.
—Lisa Renee Ragsdale, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality might be the last vestige of Democracy giving equal access to the Internet. Tom Wheeler spent his career representing cable monopolies. He does NOT have the interest of ordinary Americans proven by the ease with which he's willing to cast aside what he is mandated to protect. Shame on President Obama for appointing an industry insider to his post. I am absolutely opposed to Mr. Wheeler's proposal which would give cable giant monopolies greater, faster access & use of the Internet. All Americans deserve equality in access, speed, ability to use the Internet. Effectively the Internet IS a public utility & should NOT be under a corporate lackey's management. When will our government start enforcing it's own well thought out, well fought for, rules against monopolies.
—e Johnson, Oakland, CA

Please don't give so much power to the ISPs. I do not want to see the end of Net Neutrality.
—Irene Recker, San Diego, CA

I hope you realize that you are also discriminating against the disabled. I am disabled and can not get around as easily as before becoming disabled. The internet provides much needed services and entertainment! Your proposed rules would eliminate accessibility to many services and entertainment!
—Jeanne Govoni, Middleboro, MA

To safeguard the interests of the American people you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers -- to do otherwise is to create a tyranny of information control, where only the interests of those that control the Internet will be recognized and enacted. The constitutional right to "Freedom of Speech" is abrogated by giving control of access and content to corporations that have a monopoly on control over the flow of information across the Internet. Likewise, Equal Protection under law requires equal access to essential resources -- the Internet is an essential resource now... you can't fill our government forms, apply for unemployment, etc. without access to the Internet. Giving a few corporations the ability hold the Internet hostage for their own profits denies access to many, especially those who are not wealthy. It also imposes an unfair and unrealistic burden on the rest of the companies that don't have this stranglehold on our ability to communicate with each other. It is not only morally and legally wrong, giving control of the Internet to a few designated companies is a clear example of 'favoritism' that smacks of corruption. We the American people, and even most other large companies will fight this sort of corruption every step of the way. This country and the Internet doesn't belong to you--it belongs to US--All of us--and the attempt to give control, price-fixing, and throttling of our information conduit to a few companies seeking to establish themselves at the top of the information oligarchy violates the intent and the letter of our constitutional law. Let me reiterate: To safeguard the interests of the American people you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Doug Sheresh, Skamokawa, WA

Because we are already being ripped off by Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon and AT&T…with our government's help. We are already being charged in a ridiculous manner and these companies "provide" horrible "service". How the current situation has been allowed to happen is bad enough…but the future is in jeopardy if "Net Neutrality" is changed and these thieves are allowed to run rampant…the cable companies are bullies.
—Helen Rogers, New York, NY

PLEASE DO NOT incorporate a multi-tier internet, because the point of the internet is how beautifully level it is. ANY advances in technology ought to be shared with the masses, not fucking hoarded away like Egyptian treasure, only given to those with enough money to afford them. Keep the internet neutral!
—Richard Schneider, Bellingham, WA

The Internet should be a space where everyone should be able to research whatever they want online without fear of their privacy being exploited by anyone, comercial companies *or* Governments.
—Jennifer Matheson, Bellevile,

Please don't let Verizon and Comcast shake down the internet. The net does not need fixing. Preserve real net neutrality.
—D G, porterville,, CA

Any change to net neutrality will adversely affect the US's competitiveness and innovation in this crucial field! Do not side with the need for large corp to make more profits while stifling the digital economic engine the internet is. Its importance of it in today's economy is the equivalent to electricity during the last century - it's the life blood of all industry's. The largest job and wealth creators in the US over the last 10 years has been internet innovation; Google, eBay, Amazon, fb and hundreds of smaller companies - stack that up against the cable co and the numbers are telling!! Do not jeopardize a bright future. Willy
—Willy Aenlle, altadena, CA

I'm on a low fixed income, and cannot afford to have to pay more for my Internet service than I already do. Dividing up Internet service between those who can pay for high-speed Internet and those who can't is discriminatory and unjust in the extreme. If net neutrality is not restored, believe me, I am voting only for those who support it this next electrion and the one after. This is one more example of how the current administration is trying to set the haves and the have-nots at war with each other by making the latter hate the former for taking away the sort of Internet service that is worth anything. Thank you so much for doing what you can to destroy net neutrality.
—Yael Dragwyla, Seattle, WA

The freedom of the internet is contingent on OPEN access. That access, once monetized, will not be open and equal.
—Tracy Griswold, Bronxville, NY

http://act.freepress.net/lette r/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t= 1&akid=4797.9190427.TrTXXR
—James Brown, Dayton, OH

I have written before and I am writing again. OPEN INTERNET is extremely important to me as a physician to keep up with latest advances in medicine and as a citizen to be well informed about issues that concern my community, my city, my county, my state and my country. Absolutely no way two tiered system is acceptable.
—Rupa Shah, Froest Park, IL

we need the net to stay free so stuff like this keeps going viral. we need to see our right of freedom of speech be protected. we need to be able to tell the world what to do to change things. we need the www to make the human race understand that we are one. we need to see our human right to free information protected. we need to see the USA to be the land of the free (in that case internet) otherwise you will wake something in every freedom loving human you want to stay asleep ... and we are many ... much more than you.
—Patrick Seletzky, Tübingen,

Keeping the Internet Neutral is essential for a truly free market.
—Lory Keller, sylmar, CA

Because I am reliant on the freedom in the internet as is the future of commerce, thought-freedom and the basis of society as we will know it--please ensure real Net Neutrality.
—Joshua Courteau, Seattle, WA

Do not throw away the net neutrality that has allowed the internet to be the bastion of free speech and entrepreneurial spirit that it has been for almost two decades now. America already has to deal with some of the most expensive, least reliable internet in the world. There is no bigger or more ubiquitous dead weight on our economy and the typical consumer than these ISPs who already enjoy monopoly status, and face no real competition from "local" providers who manage to be even slower and often less reliable than the behemoths that we already hate. Preserve net neutrality, and do not capitulate to the companies who already hold back our economy and extort consumers for (quantifiably) terrible service on a daily basis. May Google Fiber, or some other new, not-evil ISP save us all.
—Mitchell Rubin, Santa Cruz, CA

These are common carriers they should be regulated as such. The 2-tiered system hurts our first amendment rights by limiting availability to high speed internet that all oecd countries currently enjoy. We already see this with cable companies and their "premium" stations. All ideas should be available to all Americans regardless of income.
—Elaine Hornal, Waialua, HI

The new proposed rules are nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing. They are designed to give Big Money the edge so that competition is destroyed. All your protestations to the contrary are absolute nonsense, and you know it. The proposed rules will not preserve even a semblance of Net Neutrality. NO ... NO ... NO to the proposed rules. The internet is a Public Utility ... Declare it to be that.
—Patrick Smit, Coos Bay, OR

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—W F. Noble, BOSTON, MA

Net Neutrality is The last frontier of freedom. PLEASE don't mess with the internet. Lives are at stake. Really.
—Maria Schafer, Granite Springs, NY

There is no justifiable reason to allow providers to control throughput. None.
—James Sander, Austin, TX

It's time to put an end to corporate greed and welfare!
—Dennis P. Finn, Greig, NY

Net Neutrality is fundamental to an innovative economy and grassroots democracy. ISPs should not be the gatekeepers of the internet picking winners and losers based on the fees they try to collect.
—John Seakwood, New Lebanon, NY

Everyone has a voice. Everyone has equal say on what works and what does not in a democratic society. Corporations do not represent the voice of America. They can't be the only voice heard. This is why Net Neutrality is important. It gives everyone a voice!
—John F Lamb, Sierra Madre, CA

Internet must be for all in equal conditions!
—Paula Serraller, Hondarribia,

Net neutrality is democracy at work. Allowing already extremely wealthy corporations to make more money off something that is not theirs is completely inappropriate. We need to maintain some semblance of what our country was when it was great, and not keep plowing into more greed and fiasco.
—Mr. Paul Black, Evergreen, CO

As an internet user who lives on a fixed income, I would like the internet to stay the way it is. I would be one of those who cannot afford the "fast lane" type of connection. There is already inequality in this country and we don't need or want it on the internet. It's already irritating to have so many advertisements. I would hate to see that I have limited choice in what I want to look at on the internet. I also like the fact that we can start businesses in a fair way. What is wrong with having competition? That is the way this country got to be the way it is. Don't change the internet with rules that would make people even more unequal. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Leave the internet alone.
—Jennifer Armstrong, North Pole, AK

Net Neutrality was one of the founding principles of the internet and there is a reason it was. Ending Net Neutrality would allow those few cable companies to expand an already ridiculous monopoly into letting them force companies to pay in order to have quality speed. This not only is unfair but also will have devastating effects on those companies who cannot afford to pay cable companies fees.
—Ben Milgram, Cooper City, FL

Real Net Neutrality is important to me because if it is undermined then the consumer will be the ones who pay for it in the long run and we will pay for it many times over, not only for the service of having the internet, but as additions to the other services such as gaming and video streaming services. Furthermore, it threatens to entrench an oligopoly in terms of internet businesses.
—Marixa Perez, Union, NJ

Equality and freedom of communication are more important than money.
—Margaret Evans, St Petersburg, FL

I support a free and open internet.
—Joe Buhowsky, San Ramon, CA

In no way can I support a corporate lobby intrusion into what has been a world expanding and innovative tool for creative and the not so creative minds. For young people across the globe it has been second nature to supplement what we all agree is an anemic public education for many. The internet has leveled the educational and social world of most of us and sparked innovations, the very kind of which a bunch of aging corporate thinkers are attempting to control and squeeze the last dime out of. It is sickening to imagine the loss of this tool as it is now, without the interference this "fix" which will actually "break" the internet experience for everyone who uses internet for more than email and their garden newsletters. What have we come to? First, filtering and intrusion into our internet privacy and, now this! If ever Occupy, Libertarians, Independents, Conservatives (not bought) , Liberal Lefties and the Tea Party (the original version) and thinking Americans could agree on government overreach, this is a good example.
—Caro Harrison, Huntsville, TX

Separate is never equal! We need a truly neutral internet, not one where some are allowed to pay to get priority over other users. After all, consumers are already paying a lot more for poorer service than exists in many other countries.
—Randall Nerwick, Portland, OR

Please protect us. Keep the internet free. It belongs to the people, not the corporations.
—Denny Genovese, Gainesville, FL

A two tiered system is wrong and the FCC must pass a plan that allows net neutrality to continue a free and open internet.
—David English, Tillamook, OR

Net Neutrality is essential for a truly free and democratic society
—Fouad Hafiz, Burnaby, NJ

We live in an information age, and world citizens have the right to get the information they need from unbiased sources. Corporations are NOT citizens, despite what the Supreme Court may think, and we citizens should have our rights protected.
—Ms. Linda A. Heath, Senecaville, OH

How would you like your phone service to only work when phone traffic was light or when the big paying users were not talking?
—Tim Mommers, Brownfield, ME

once again the ordinary citizen has to let the ex- lobby figure out that the whole people of the united states want an open internet for all . why is it that these cable company's are never satisfied with being given an opportunity to provide services to the american masses and make a profit, they want more and more and more. the internet should be for everyone and at the same speed regardless how much money you enjoy. stop this insanity before its to late.
—Robert H McCartney, desoto, MO

Net Neutrality is nothing more than a money making move for those that can afford it. We loose our suppose freedom with it.
—JC Bower, Sumner, WA

The vitality of our country depends upon ample public commons, including channels for entirely free speech. Honor our founders' free speech intentions: Declare the Internet a public utility and treat it as one! If you will react to vulgarity and vitriol, you will have it in other messages from me.
—Stephen G Schoggen, Little Silver, NJ

We have enough monopolies in communication ... save the net ... throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steve Irwin, Melbourne Beach, FL

A neutral internet is ESSENTIAL for keeping access available and equal for everyone. And the only way to ensure that it stays that way, is to regulate it like a common carrier. PLEASE do exactly that, and keep the internet free from classes, levels, and hierarchy.
—Steven Meissner, San Diego, CA

I'm going to be starting an online business within the next two months. If I'm stuck in a slow lane of the internet because I don't have the money to pay to be in the fast lane, the chances are that my business will never get off the ground and will fail. I think the AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon have a big enough slice of the pie. Quit being so greedy and leave some for the rest of us!
—Ms. Rose Riker, Sioux City, IA

The free internet is crucial for a democracy. Everyone should have equal access - that is a democratic principle.
—Shantara Sandberg, Boise, ID

Net neutrality is central to the idea of a democracy and equal access to information and fair practices in providing content.
—Kelly McConnell, Portland, OR

One of the core economic responsibilities of the federal government is to encourage competition and innovation. If you let Net Neutrality die, you will be showing just how corrupt the system is in a way that might just spark a revolution. Choose your actions wisely.
—Alex Sheive, Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality is absolutely essential for Democracy and for getting small businesses off the ground !
—Douglas Waldroop, Landover, MD

Mr. Wheeler, Instead of hawking ways to line the pockets of large ISP's and slowing down the information highway it would be more beneficial to the American public to reclassify all ISPs as common carriers to motivate real competition and a free market for internet providers.
—Howard Shapiro, Portland, OR

I don't think that any company should have the power to discriminate against online content or applications. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Ms. Lucretia OToole, Hueytown, AL

Our government is plutocracy! Our politicians are beholding to corporations like Verizon and Comcast, which is why Obama appointed Tom Wheeler "former" lobbyist for the cable telecommunication industry as the chairman of the FCC. If you think that "we the sheeple" are naive enough to believe that you want to explore net neutrality for the benefit of the citizens of the US, you are full of sh/t. Our present internet is the only example of true equity and the FCC is a shill for Comcast and Internet providers that are a greater threat to our supposed democracy than Al Qaeda ever was.
—Jerry Giefer, Windom, MN

We need a leveled playing field. The Internet needs to be truly open, and accessible to all. The exchange of ideas, is important to solve problems, and we have vast oceans of challenges, in all areas of the human experience, which would benefit from the free flow of ideas. Strengthen Net Neutrality!
—Ricardo A. Gomez, Denver, CO

Dear FCC Commissioners: Did anyone at the FCC go to law school? Are you just clueless, bullied by neocon/neolib elites, or completely corrupt? This is NOT an issue that anyone should need to be worried about. Would you want newspapers at two prices, with the wealthy getting clear copies and the average citizens getting copies in fine print? Would you let cable companies slow down video speed on television shows for the poor? Like John Oliver said, this is not about some vague idea of "net neutrality," but about Cable monopolies screwing over the average person and creating an Internet that is advantageous for those who can afford to pay a higher ransom to the cable companies. The FCC should be ashamed of this corrupt, ourtageous proposal. There are plenty of serious areas in which elites and big corporations have infiltrated and corrupted regulatory processes, but the FCC takes the cake. FCC is charged with protecting our communications media, which are necessary if we are to return to some semblance of being an informed and empowered democracy. Please take some smelling salts and wake up from the delusional, oligarchy in which you live. The FCC should reclassify Internet Service Providers as they always should have been - COMMON CARRIERS. Best wishes, Earon Davis, JD, MPH
—Earon Davis, Bloomington, IN

information is democracy, yo
—Ian Murray, Lindsay,

For a better country, with true freedom and liberty for all. Support our people not special interests,
—Carolyn Lilly, San Diego, CA

As an independent voice, and small business person, as a blogger and web services manager, I require equal access to the Internet as a common carrier. For the health and vitality of a functioning democracy, for an open avenue for all voices, as well as an open and fair market for all levels of business enterprise, the network must remain part of the commons on an equal and neutral basis. The FCC must not also stifle future innovation or curtail free market competition in the marketplace by setting up roadblocks, or throttling internet speeds on behalf of a handful of non-competitive players in the network.
—Stephen Jones, Las Cruces, NM

The internet needs to be a utility.
—Robert Cowick, Yorba Linda, CA

No more power in the hands of a few! Mr. Wheeler, your previous job makes me wonder how you can be objective. I hope you will do the right thing but I doubt it!! Shame on you and shame on this country for even allowing this issue to appear!!!
—Jim Shahan, Oak Park, CA

Net neutrality should be a right we as customers have once we pay for the service.
—Eduardo Delgado, Brooklyn, NY

DO NOT pass the dumb-ass rules you are contemplating!
—Dr. Gary Adelson, Kingsport, TN

For God's sake. For once just do the right thing. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—George L Huber, Shingle Spgs., CA

FUCKING GROW A PAIR OF BALLS AND STAND UP FOR YOUR CITIZENS FOR ONCE YOU PIECES OF SHIT. THIS IS DISGUSTING
—Brandon Gutierrez, Glendora, CA

The FCC should throw out its rules and declassify ISPs as common carriers. Why are we getting screwed by the FCC? We are really getting it by the so called 1% like the Koch brother as they are taking over the world with their money and we are letting them.
—Beatrice Kreloff, New York, NY

I am retired. I rely on the Internet for important information about my country and the whole world. I rely on it to petition worthwhile causes and to give direction to my government representatives. I rely on it for education, which keeps my brain young and healthy. I rely on it for social networking to keep in touch with distant family and friends. I rely on it for shopping. Please keep Net Neutrality!!
—Joanne W Norris, Saint Paul, MN

As a Texan and artist I understand that you want and a need to own everything but the Internet is not yours. Get your hands off of it. Gene Elder San Antonio
—Mr. Gene Elder, San Antonio, TX

Stop expediting corporate monopoly. Defend Net neutrality.
—Joe Donnelly, Anderson, IN

John Oliver nails it in his brilliant editorial on net neutrality. There is so much corruption in media these days on all sides that it's actually a travesty that we're even thinking of legitimizing letting Comcast and Time-Warner merge. For whose benefit, the publics? Not a chance. It's to just line the pockets of the 1% media giants that already have corrupted our democracy and control almost everything we read and hear.
—Steve & Sharon Binder, oxnard, CA

Net neutrality only leads to absolute control, higher costs and monopoly based corporations. Can there be improvements, yes...but the internet was designed as a free movement of information on a global scale. Governments don't like their citizens thinking freely and holding them accountable to their promises of times gone by. They want your vote, support and money, anything contrary to that is undesirable. Corporations want you to buy their products, anything contrary to that is undesirable. Both of which want to know your habits and whereabouts so they can better target their products and rig their perspective markets. If you are in question of where that gets you, take a good close look at the mess we are in today. We, the people who create the majority of the content available on the internet are being treated like a parasites host, being sucked dry of every creative bit of self, we are being culled verbally by all these entities. What I say in confidence to another person is OUR business, not anyone else's for any reason. Need I remind people that we hold the power, it is our hard work, our creativity, our dollar that allow these authoritarians to thrive. The free market regulates itself and when it comes right down to it, no one should have absolute power to regulate the content or availability to the internet for it would be ripe with corruption. We are a free thinking people, and so should be our #1 means of communicating worldwide. Everything the government tries to control ends up costing tax payers more while providing less. You want a government suppressing people's freedoms, I suggest you move to China, their "values" have no place in the United States. We have a first amendment which many have died and suffered for. Trying to take away any of these rights at this point is wrong and frivolous, quite frankly people will not stand for it, nor should it be something anyone is seriously considering. It is wrong on a multitude of levels.
—Jurgen Hesselbach, North Port, FL

So . . . according to the Supreme court, money is free speech. According to corporate America, our congress should put their profits ahead of our citizens. Now, the great experiment in democratic communication is about to fall into the hands of those who want to make a profit on it. . . . And you, the FCC, created to keep communication functioning equally for all of us, are considering letting telecommunications mega corporations determine access according to wealth. When they look back on this shameful era, they will wonder how capitalism was allowed to destroy democracy!
—Richard Armour, Mansfield, MA

Net Neutrality is a disgrace to Americans and is nothing more than companies trying to make more off Americans even though we are still in a "recovery". With the market being as lucrative as it is and certain monopolies being completely obvious (Comcast and verizon) this will be a move in the wrong direction. We can not allow companies with such piss poor public relations to have this much power over something we've been forced to pay far too much for as it is.
—Randy Wingate, Lansdale, PA

Dear FCC; As an end consumer, I'd like to stress my desire to see net neutrality remain intact, with all internet traffic treated equal. As this is critical to both competition and innovation, I strongly urge that the FCC classify ISPs as common carriers, or institute like legislation that would guarantee all Internet traffic be treated equally. I offer these comments not just as an end consumer, but as someone who started the first ISP in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties (Wisconsin) back in the mid-1990s, and as someone who worked for GTE-Internetworking, providing wholesale internet services to major new domestic and international accounts that included: BBC Online (UK), Sunrise Communications (Switzerland), Teledanmark (Denmark), SingAREN, Cerbernet (UK), VBCnet (UK), Stealth.net, New York Internet, Calyx Internet, and Digital Telemedia. Finally, I bring a unique perspective to this argument, having also spent over 5 years working as a Vice President at Comcast. I offer these views as an informed citizen who believes strongly in net neutrality, a citizen who understands both the technological positions, as well as the business positions from the cable & telco giants. I welcome the opportunity to make further comments in requested to do so. Regards, Theodore Vincent Lango Woodstock, GA
—Theodore Vincent Lango, Woodstock, GA

An open internet is the best way to promote new and better ideas, and improve the world for all.
—Warren McFarland, San Pablo, CA

Freedom of speech and internet is crucial. We have all sold out too quickly in the past, we need to think that it is equality that is at stake. Money buys virtually everything but please let us stop selling the internet to the hightest bidder.
—Dee Roye, Cromer,

Net Neutrality allows equal access to all websites and web services. Anyone, I mean anyone can start their own website/service and make it accessible to anyone with internet access. Just like any other website/service can today in it's present form - this promotes fresh ideas and progress toward the future development of the internet. Remove Net Neutrality and your Internet Service Provider could, and lets be honest, will block, at their discretion, whatever websites it didn't want you to access. A good example would be blocking one from accessing competitors' websites. In in all likelihood your service provider will purposefully degrade access to certain websites or services they compete with. This monopoly will setup a situation where they will force one to pay for higher access speeds and bandwidth. So you enjoy visiting favorite websites? It could be YouTube, Reddit, you get the idea. How about paying an extra $5 or even $10 a month for that privilege. Oh.... you really like that website, well maybe you are willing to pay even more in a few months - the skies the limit with no competition from startups! We need much more competition because this allows third-party providers to access the network and provide their own custom internet services. Presently the lack of competition forces customers into situation where they have only one broadband internet service provider to choose from. Like BELL, Comcast, etc., that is, their local telephone company or if "fortunate" enough they have two providers - wow! Since there is little to no competition it means that at any point in time a solitary service provider begins to violate the principles of Net Neutrality. Customers will be completely powerless since they have limited or no alternative choices for ISPs.
—Livio Finora, Guelph,

Fairness is something that is lost is the USA. It is time for the majority to rule the government's laws in the USA like it is supposed to. , not who pays more!!
—Dale Redington, SLC, UT

Net neutrality is necessary for a healthy democracy and a healthy economy, one in which true competition takes place. As concerned citizens and consumers, we urge the FCC to throw out its latest proposed rules change, which would create a two-tier system, and, instead, take decisive action to classify internet service providers as what they are: common carriers. Please act in the public interest rather than in the special corporate interest of big internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon.
—Thea & Steve Merrill, Los Altos, CA

To the FCC: The Internet belongs to everyone. Please don't give it away to Comcast and Verizon. Thanks for your attention.
—Ian Blecher, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Wheeler, The proposed changes to the internet are outrageous ! This administration has declared itself in favor of net neurality and now they are betraying their supporters to hand the cable companies you used to lobby for the internet on a silver platter. NO! NO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED MONOPOLIES !!!!! We will remember this at election time !!!!!
—Suzanne Gallagher, Robstown, TX

Mr. Wheeler: I have been persecuted, my life next to ruined, by the Scientology cult in RTC v Netcom and the extra-legal--criminal acts--committed by this lethal cult, because some people in Washington DC, (now you), refuse to acknowledge the obvious: The Internet is a common carrier like the phone company; not a publisher! Trying to make it rich personally by creating fast and slow lanes for the monitary benefits of our already-profitable multi-billion-dollar common carriers, is not going to be accepted by Americans, or Netizens worldwide -- no matter what you said in your previous job at cheif lobbyist for these corporate theives. Abandon your attack on Net neutrality, Mr. Wheeler.
Tom Klemesrud
—Tom Klemesrud, Sioux Falls, SD

Do the right thing and assert your authority to RECLASSIFY the internet as a common carrier to enforce strong net neutrality rules.
—Douglas Brzescinski, Marina del Rey, CA

The internet is a beautiful thing that allows open, free communication. It is not broken, don't try to fix it. Don't corrupt or create a new class system that benefits the mega corporations and not the people of this planet. To appoint a former lobbyist to a position of such power would also seem like a really stupid act. Neutrality is in question in so many ways.
—Alesoun Marsden, Sydney,

The Internet should be treated like libraries - namely, available for a nominal and equal price for the public. Please keep the Net neutral.
—Mike Gorczynski, Brookfield, WI

Haven't enough freedoms in life been coopted already? Leave the internet alone.
—Ron Baginski, Cleveland, OH

Keep internet affordable and not give the 1%more dam power if you don't trust me on this an army will rise and no mortal place will be safe for you every spook will be after your head and you will make the world your enemy!!
—Allan Garcia, Buena park, CA

To whom it may concern, If the United States wishes to continue to be a leader in innovation our economy needs to remain competitive, agile, and adaptable. the best way to do this is to remove as many barriers as possible from new businesses, new ideas, and new methodologies to thrive. In the information age we currently find ourselves in allowing a regime of being able to pay for a higher class of service means that only those well established companies will be able to compete in the modern marketplace. If net neutrality is not upheld then it would cause a real and lasting detriment to our ability to remain competitive and relevant in the modern world
—Ari Goldstein, Seattle, WA

The internet is the PEOPLE's medium. Don't give corporations preferential treatment.
—Kathleen Maher, Ocean, NJ

Because ditching net neutrality will not only encourage more monopolies in the cable business, but will also reduce innovation and encourage more monopolies in any industry that depends on the internet.
—Esteban Manchado Velázquez, Oslo,

I'm a photographer, I'd like to upload large quantity of images to my online service provider , Galleries prints etc... Instead I have to send them by mail for the reason that my internet DSLconnection is too slow, (5kbps). I can't afford the faster services. Please keep the internet free and neutral for all of us to benefit. Thank you
—Gerard Lion, Petaluma, CA

We need to keep at least channel open for non-censored information. As Noam Chomsky states, there is no demecracy where there is no free speech.
—Bette Lamore, Creston, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial to prevent corrupt businesses like Comcast and Time Warner from further shaking down citizens. The fact that Tom Wheeler was an ex lobbyist for them makes me sick to my stomach. Cronie Capitalism at it's finest. We need to treat internet companies like common carriers on all issues rather than just when it is convenient for them for tax purposes.
—Charles Bremer, Fredericksburg, TX

Prevent cable company FUCKERY! Keep the internet open.
—David Katz, Westminster, CO

Stop the selling of America to Corps, it is destroying Democracy, and the Internet is democracy for the world...
—Paul Brounstein, WALNUT CREEK, CA

Vital. FCC, you have failed us for many years.
—Ej Emmons, Crestline, CA

The level playing field represented by the internet as it stands, without increased tariffs for preferential throughput, is the last bastion of fair competition in North America. With few exceptions, commerce is increasingly dominated by major companies with ample money to use to buy the kind of government, and regulations, which will make them the most profit. There is nothing about that which promotes true capitalism, or which preserves the important role of fair competition in the marketplace. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to preserve the last home of the American dream.
—Caleb Cullen, Houston, TX

It should be important to everybody. Why should those with money determine which web sites get priority? It is definitely unfair to those without much money.
—Robin Patten, Oklahoma City, OK

We're already controlled by the 1% through our government ... this is just another discrimination against those of us in the middle tax bracket who shouldn't have to pay extra fees for fast lanes. We're in our 70's and thoroughly enjoy our Netflix streaming programs - we would likely have to cancel it if Net Neutrality is lost to us.
—Karen Arndt, Kanab, UT

FCC must classify ISP cable companies as common carriers. Anything else is a failure of public trust and a give away to bigger monopolies.
—John Walling, Seattle, WA

Hey FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do!
—Ron Thompson, Seaside, CA

The internet is a free, open place. If Net Neutrality dies, that freedom will die with it. So pull your heads out of your asses and keep net neutrality alive!
—Xandar Miller, Bradley, IL

I don't like having to pay more to my provider to access certain content at the same speed as everything else.
—John Wolfe, BELLEVUE, WA

Keep the internet free. Don't end Net Neutrality.
—Kevin Lozaw, San Anselmo, CA

We cannot let big companies like At&T, Verizon and Comcast CONTROL the internet for their own profits. We need internet that is affordable for everyone, everywhere. Please protect net neutrality for we the people.
—Carol rolf, Colville, WA

We should have an internet for everyone not just the wealthy!! Once again, other countries are ahead of us on this. You want to make it slower for those of us not being able to afford to pay off the huge companies.
—Jane A Roberts, Delavan, WI

Net neutrality is the one way left where real equality can be achieved. Where anyone can go online and learn, create, grow, publish . Maybe turn into something larger than they expected. Maybe create something that would benefit us all. At least create something that would benefit many. A tiered internet lets the big guys win again. Maybe for the last time, as they would then control all the media...A loss for democracy and innovation.
—B Aronson, Somerville, MA

I do not want my information provided by the highest bidder. That is why television has more ads than real content, and went from being touted as a great 'educational tool' to the brain-rottingly trite inanity it is now. Believe me, money has enough influence as it is. We are inundated with ads on all our videos, our search engines favor those who pay more. Monopolizing corporations seek to control the debate on important issues like the environment to minimize the opinions to their rampant greed and environmentally backward policies. Letting them control our information and access to alternate ideas not only homogenizes opinion, and stifles debate, it makes competition stagnate, and ultimately hurts our country's ability to compete globally. DO NOT SELL US OUT!!
—David Kline, Lake Worth, FL

The consumer loses if Net Neutrality is lost!!! Quit pandering to the large telecoms. Net Neutrality must be maintained! You fox, Tom Wheeler, get out of our hen house! Work instead in making telecoms provide more to consumers, more speed and more content, at no increase in cost. A little less profit for the telecoms perhaps, but too bad. We, the consumers, do not need a two-tiered Internet resulting in higher fees for better service and most certainly higher fees and slower service for those that can not afford the higher tier. These companies did not invent the Internet!
—Ronald E. Kaufman, Spokane, WA

The net is nothing without neutrality, meaningless.
—Martina Navratilova, vancouver,

Get rid of the current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Johanna Cummings, Rochester, NY

Keep the internet free. Don't end Net Neutrality.
—Catherine Lozaw, Wayne, NJ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible !!!!
—Frank Wagner, Kirkville, NY

It's about time the general public is credited with enough sense to distinguish the FCC's attempt at massive monitoring and discrimination from the essential freedoms to communicate via an open and unencumbered internet.
—Barbara Moore, Bethlehem, PA

I believe that the Internet should be classified under Title II as a common-carrier telecommunications service and without any further attempts to undermine this with ambiguous terms like "commercially reasonable" that create loopholes that can be exploited. The Internet should not operate with fast and slow lanes and nor should companies like Comcast extort companies like Netflix for money to deliver their customers what they've already paid for. It is no business of an ISP what a customer does with the data that they purchase from them -- it is only their duty to make sure that that data is delivered. Data is data and should not ever be discriminated against. In fact, it's already being discriminated against now according to Level 3 Communications. (source: http://blog.level3.com/global- connectivity/observations-inte rnet-middleman/) In our society, the Internet is required to participate, function, and thrive. It is needed to pay bills as well as for education, communication, commerce, and culture. To destroy this public utility would be a major crime. ISPs have already robbed Americans of more than $200 billion from the Internet Telecommunications Act of 1996 which made ISPs promise that they would invest in their networks. They haven't (source: http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pu lpit/2007/pulpit_20070810_0026 83.html). Now instead of upgrading (America is woefully behind), companies like Comcast and Verizon hoard their money only so that they may purchase other companies to become even bigger oligopolies all while netting over 90% profit from their customers who have no choice but to pay their outrageous prices. Furthermore, I also believe that Tom Wheeler should resign from the FCC. As a former cable lobbyist, he has no business deciding against the American people in favor of corporations that wield far too much power with their money. With the revolving door system, he'll probably end up working for Comcast or CTIA like former shameful FCC commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker anyway. It was a giant mistake for President Obama to elect such an obvious snake into power instead of somebody who would respect the will of the people like Susan Crawford. The American people will not stand for this disgusting plutocracy.
—Nick Scott, Loveland, CO

Don't allow the service providers, who already are verging on having a monopoly, destroy net neutrality. It will severely hurt start-up businesses.
—Matthew Oliver, Norwood, MA

Net Neutrality is critical for protecting freedom of speech around the world and here in the United States.
—Carol L Tyler, BELLINGHAM, WA

Don't just be a shill for the big TelComs - try representing what's important for the American people.
—Marv Anderson, San Antonio, TX

It's not right for these corporations to continue buying out all forms of government and politicians. This is pure greed and evil.
—Loretta Martin, Nashville, TN

New neutrality is the closest thing small businesses and startups have to a level playing field against monolithic corporations like Netflix or Amazon. What the FCC is proposing is nothing short of imposing mob rule on the Internet, and companies like Verizon and Comcast are the mobsters. The end of Net Neutrality would mean nothing short than delivering a death blow to the small business owner, as it would create the largest barrier to entry into a competitive market. Point number two. The proposed two tier system would be devastating to the American consumer. Why? Who do you think is going to feel the sting of large corporations having to pay for this "fast lane" Internet? The corporations? Of course not. The corporations will quickly pass those costs down onto the consumer. What the FCC has done with these new proposed rules is nothing short of criminal. The FCC has bought into the lobbyist propaganda, and in turn, America will suffer in a big way if these rules are allowed to be ratified. The FCC needs to do the responsible thing by ignoring the rhetoric, and classifying the Internet and all of its incarnations (ie, ISPs, new and emerging technologies, etc) as common carriers. The Internet is NOT broken; far from it. It is a bustling hub of commerce and communication. What is broken, is a government commission that would take the side of a soulless, thoughtless cancer that holds only one purpose in mind; providing the minimum amount of service for the maximum amount of money. This is not the American dream and such behavior should be severely punished. Not encouraged. Mahalo for your time and consideration. I hope this comment persuades the FCC to make the responsible decision.
—John R Evans, Hilo, HI

It appears that a bill was recently introduced by Rep Bob Latta (Ohio Republican who received 51K from the cable industry) to block the FCC from reclassifying ISPs as Class II Common Carriers, the very action that would guarantee Net Neutrality. Time to urge the FCC to do just that while they still can.
—Steve Kester, Palm Harbor, FL

RECLASSIFY the Internet as a common carrier so you can do your job on behalf of the public instead of cable giants. Shame on Tom Wheeler (and Obama for appointing a cable lobbyist) for putting cable industry profits over the best interest of the public and a free internet.
—Sally Hampton, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet must be reclassified as a public utility and protected from any discrimination in service to those who don't have deep pockets or cozy relationships with Internet companies. One reliable, fast, and secure Internet for ALL!
—Ms. Elaine Bielefeld, Lowell, IN

Broadband needs to be regulated under Title II because AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and the other cable providers have non compete agreements. I live in Teller county so I can get AT&T's rather lame "high Speed Internet" offering. It's not available in Colorado springs because Comcast owns that market. Several of these vendors want to impose data caps and cripple the internet further. Its past time for Wireless to be regulated under Title III too many companies are taking advantage of the lack of real competition to impose unfair data caps and unreasonably high rates as a result.
—Gerald Robinson, Divide, CO

We need NET Neutrality because every website, blog etc is equally important and should be able to use the internet no matter how small or large it is.
—Nancy Meyers, Higganum, CT

ISPs need to be common carriers. Allowing them to discriminate based on income (which is what ending net neutrality amounts to) is horrible. Access to the internet for everyone allows people to make something better of themselves. It allows for learning, and connection. If we take that away and only allow the people who can afford "good internet" reliable access, we are harming society as a whole. Stop this!
—Alicia Deer, Everett, WA

The internet is where people exercise their rights under the 1st Amendment. Introducing a multi-tier system of access to it guarantees the subversion of what this country was supposed to be about.
—John McPeek, Fairfax, VA

The way things are in the USA, anything can be bought for the right price. We are loosing any sense of democracy i.e. we the people.
—Ann Marie Cunningham, Chicago, IL

It is important to allow the people the freedom of access to our internet, not the corporations to run rampant and restrict access to sites they do not support. Support the people, not businesses out to line their pockets.
—Adam, Hudson, NH

The Internet is NOT broken, and so there's no need to "fix" it, for to fix it would be to put in into the pockets of the corporations, whose unbridled greed is second only to that of bankers. Get rid of your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We will not stand for provider corporations further controlling our opportunities and lives through the enabling muscle of government agencies.
—Robert Brown, Rochester, NY

The biggest service providers should not give preference to those who can afford extra fees. It's what the biggest players want and for some reason think they deserve. But the Internet is serving everyone now and should continue to do so. The Internet should remain a level playing field, with no bonus service given to the rich just because they have the most marbles.
—Nancy Bishop, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is crucial to the free-flow of communications. Allowing megacorporations to control the Internet would mean that the FCC has surrendered its regulatory power in favour of achieving another step backwards for the U.S. The U.S is way behind South Korea in internet speed due to the FCC's lack of concern, and the U.S. is currently no. 8 in fastest speeds. This is due to the FCC not taking action to free up the market but instead to allow consolidation of megacorporations.
—James Twiford, Beverly Hills, CA

We need to have equal access and equal speed for everyone, no matter if they are rich corporations or a broke blogger. All data had to be treated EQUALITY.
—Susan Oehler, Asheville, NC

Net neutrality is important to me first and foremost because at some point a line has to be drawn to stop the corporate takeover of everything that is citizen centric. Stop the oligarchic machine!
—Steven Wiese, Minneapolis, MN

ISP's have their bottom lines at heart, not the best interest of the country. They need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Mr. Hanz Franzki, Provo, UT

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Stacie Charlebois, SEBASTOPOL, CA

Don't let Internet Service Providers double dip by charging customers And then charging content providers again to use their service. Amazon, NetFlix, and Apple already pay for Internet service. They shouldn't have to pay everyone else's Internet Service Providers just to insure customers can get to their content. It just doesn't make sense!
—Jody Saige, Goshen, IN

Net Neutrality is hugely important. It keeps from the hands of the media behemoths, the control over peoples information choices. The airwaves, ie, the internet is owned BY THE PEOPLE!! Not these huge multinational corps. that want power over where we go on the net and also to charge us for what WE OWN ALREADY!! ENOUGH!!!
—Tony Beccaccio, Cathedral City, CA

To the FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as COMMON CARRIERS. I am fed up with the dismal service provided by my local entertainment server OCEANIC CABLE. I want FAIR GROUND and FAIR RULES. I want the big boys to do the right thing and give good service instead of grabbing for more profit.
—Judy Aveiro, Honolulu, HI

AND we mean REAL NET NEUTRALITY, none of your faked stuff! Real Net Neutrality means ... EVERYONE GETS THE SAME SPEED AND ACCESS REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY GOT ON THE INTERNET!
—Wilma E Ralls, Rohnert Park, CA

Equal to all
—Tim Mankowski, New York, NY

I think the mere fact that Tom Wheeler is a "former" venture capitalist and lobbyist for the cable and wireless industry by itself should be reason enough for his immediate resignation on the simple grounds of conflict of interest. The FCC is allegedly the regulatory agency charged with overseeing these very industries and protecting the *public's* interest, not the corporations' interests. As such, he (and other lobbyists in other government positions) should be barred from service. However, as we all know quite well, this is the wretched perverse "Orwellian" state of politics in which we find ourselves, where "war is peace," "freedom is slavery," and "ignorance is strength."
—Gregory Hillis, Santa Barbara, CA

Net neutrality is imperative to all who use the internet. The idea that corporations would have faster access than Americans is not the way that the FCC should treat its own citizens. There should not be a tired system where corporations are privileged above the needs of Americans.
—Lynn and Roger stapes, Dexter, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me!!!
—Richard Craig, Fairfax, VA

Yet, another LEGAL!!! way to eliminate a HEALTHY COMPETITIVE business market. I strongly oppose it. I oppose that people who should be working for me, to uphold and protect my rights are doing completely the opposite. We pay their paychecks!!! When do people will agree that specific changes are needed. Unless we will see a truthful plan/initiative/implementation to do what they are paid I will vote to elect someone who will listen to what people want and seek a way to truly help them. Definitely no to devious, and dubious new net neutrality rules!!!!
—Bart Habrowski, Stanton, CA

The internet is a public place and should not be controlled by corporations.
—Hillary Szydlowski, West Seneca, NY

The FCC, like many government agencies, is shafting the consumer. The FCC favors the Comcasts, AT&Ts, and other giant telecoms. That's the only explanation for the FCCs recent plan. Those telecoms will take payments from the big payers for fast lane service. Or those telecoms will put favored political parties in the fast lane; disfavored in the slow lane. It's pay to play, a tune of corruption.
—Philip Ratcliff, Salem, OR

You're going to destroy a huge part of the free market.
—Zachary Newhouse, charlotte, NC

We all deserve equal access to information and to communication, and only net neutrality keeps these things from being stripped from the public in favor of providing information only to the highest bidder. Net neutrality must be preserved.
—Kahlil Goodwyn, Brooklyn, NY

Real net neutrality is crucial to sustain Internet innovation in the U.S. Packets are packets, bits are bits, and like water and electricity should be provided without discrimination, at a fair place, to all citizens of the United States. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would "destroy" shareholder value in companies such as Comcast and Verizon. However not doing so will destroy the U.S. technological leadership. Its an easy choice. Please throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dave LaDuke, Mill Valley, CA

It might -WOULD- end our great public forum.
—Roy Devoe, New York, NY

Monopoly?
—Dr. Michael Rasler, Rancho Cordova, CA

Net neutrality is vital for an open internet, and it is an imperative that the internet remains open. Dividing the internet into ‘slow and fast lanes’ will have many detrimental effects in the short term (such a hindering start-ups) and disastrous irreversible effects in the long-term. This will set a precedent from which our current state of complete net neutrality will be increasingly eroded - we must never let this happen to the greatest tool for free speech and commerce ever created. It is of the most vital importance that we do everything within our means to fight for net neutrality. The internet is too significant to compromise.
—Luke Desmond, Trowbridge,

The internet must remain a level playing field. This is of the utmost importance for established business, start-up business, and media delivery services. One would not think of prioritizing the delivery of certain television shows. One wouldn't apply differential rates for the delivery of phone calls (are some peoples' calls more important the others?). The flow of information should remain level for all services. After all, I pay for it and I expect my communications, medical information and even my streaming movies to run at optimum speed. Throttling the baseline function to gouge more profit from the same infrastructure is simply wrong and immoral. The FCC is supposed to protect my rights to communication services. Please don't let lobbyists limit my internet capabilities.
—William A Broughton, Mobile, AL

relcThrow out your rules & reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet belongs to ALL of us. Don't let greedy corporations make even more money off us in order to get internet... WE the people have spoken.....
—Sherrie Munday, Boulder, CO

Internet service providers should not be able to slow our use of the internet by having special access. Money shouldn't give them consideration that the rest of don't have.
—Pat Dufau, San Clemente, CA

America seems to be moving backwards where peoples freedom are concerned, Leave the internet alone.
—Firoza Abdulla, Fayetteville, GA

For goodness sake don't play in to the hands of those who want to control everything!!! Throw out those rules and reclassify ISPs on common carriers!
—Gary Beer, bath,

The Internet is a place for everyone to have equal opportunity, and the FCC's proposed rules will destroy that. As a citizen of the Internet, I vote for Net Neutrality.
—Aidan Shafran, Richmond, KY

I think it's obscene to allow corporate interests to have any say about how the internet works. It has become the most important source of news in the world as those interests have corrupted the mass media to the extent that what we get is filtered and biased. At least we currently get to do the filtering ourselves. A functioning democracy absolutely depends on the availability of all points of view to the public.
—Nat Childs, Miranda, CA

Nothing is broken. Nothing to fix. The Internet is the last bastion of any equality. That you would even consider a two-tiered Internet is preposterous. Is absolutely everything in this country for sale?!! Unbelievable...
—Randy Gaffney, Boulder, CO

I don't believe in a one world order ruled by a handful of elites.
—Stella Yfantidis, Singapore, WV

Net neutrality is important because democracy is important. Equal access to the net is democracy in action.
—Frank Driscoll, Meridian, ID

Net neutrality is ESSENTIAL to freedom. It is for EVERYONE, not just those corporations and their lap dogs who wish to ROB the public of their freedom. Expect FIERCE backlash if you choose to kowtow to corporate interests instead of public interest. Shame on you! WHAT the hell were you thinking?! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and STOP further damage by big corporations and quit the fake platitudes. STAND UP for the American people, NOT the corporations.
—Jennifer J. Timmons, Princess Anne, MD

Net Neutrality is EXTREMELY vital to the health of a lawful nation. Having fair and equal access to information promotes education, reduces govt. corruption and strengthens the economy due to online American business transactions. If you impose any measure that decreases neutral internet access in ANY WAY, the ONLY reason you would do that is because you're corrupt as well. DON'T DO THAT.
—Derrick Noble, Lakeland, FL

declare all isp providers as title 2 common carriers No fast or slow lanes in the interent. protect "net neutrality"
—Allan Carroll, Lake City, FL

Because it's unfair to end user and it's unfair to startups, it's just one more way for the isp's to get more money for already shitty service and speeds. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. p.s. Tom Wheeler should step down or be fired due to conflict of interest and being an a$$hole.
—Brian Lennox, Vancouver, WA

ISPs need to be classified as COMMON CARRIERS. Forget about any dual or multi-tiered priority provisions. Net Neutrality must be not only preserved, but cast in medical grade titanium.
—Richard A Green, Macon, GA

Mr. Wheeler, The large internet providers you are building this law around already have a tiered system based on how much the consumer is willing to pay. To create a business-side selection process of who they want to sell the service to (and who they don't) is wrong-headed and another way for ATT, et al to create a openly tiered society that discriminates. Shame on you.
—Mr. Don Roy, Frisco, TX

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's important for the sheer fact that it's unfair to people with lower income and that the internet should be free for EVERYONE to use. Also internet companies, the Gov't or ANYBODY should not be able to determine what content I decide to look at. The people should have a right to determine that and no one else.
—Clifford Mickity, Wantagh, NY

A free and open internet is one of the greatest technologies of our time. The innovations sparked from the level playing field provided by true net neutrality have had an immeasurable, positive, impact on the human race. It fosters fresh, creative innovative, thinking. It provides anyone with desire and talent the ability to immediately share their innovations on a global scale. It ensures the individual has just as much of a platform as large corporations. What could be more American than that?
—Jeff Caddel, Phoenix, AZ

We need to reign in the control of monopolistic ISP's and cable companies not create extra layers of billing to see their power grow. You do not have a mandate from the people for these sweeping changes.
—Michael Caines, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality assures a level playing field for all of us, not just millionaire media moguls.
—Gary Blanchard, Austin, TX

Internet companies must be regulated as soon as they become monopolies. Regulate rip-offs regulated.
—Colin Hermans, Friday Harbor, WA

If you end net neutrality, you will set America back to the 19th century. You will stifle economic growth at a time when job growth is essential to end the recession. You will end free speech in America forever. You have to pay to participate in our government, now you will have to pay to communicate freely. We are moving rapidly toward becoming a third world country. This would be the final nail in the coffin.
—Greg Wallen, Utica, NY

Net neutrality is the ultimate in democratic freedom, and allows everyone to play on a level field-- I believe it is flat out dangerous to our democratic values Not to have net neutrality.
—Doree Christensen, Jerome, AZ

As an entrepreneur and educator, I'm worried about the effects that the PROPOSAL to end #NetNeutrality is already having; MIT: end of net neutrality "is causing... firms to stop funding startups... that rely on fast Internet connections" http://tinyurl.com/neqdxuo If net neutrality is ended, it will put America at an economic and educational disadvantage. Don't do it.
—Michael Kelley, Lancaster, NY

Protect the equal access of information!!
—Denise Lussier Yezbick, Detroit, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Ginny Redgrave, Minneapolis, MN

Please keep things equal. Someone has to take a stand about the growing inequality of everything. Information is a good place to start. Now is also a good time to start.
—Suzanne Kuffler, Woods Hole, MA

Without net neutrality, cable companies can and will screw the common consumer over even more than they do now. An open, neutral Internet is the only way to ensure fairness and equality for all users, both on the consumer end and on the website administration end.
—Nicholas Hollander, La Mesa, CA

The internet is a public service media like TV and radio, and like TV and radio needs to be kept fairly and publicly accessible.
—William Rice, Salt Lake City, UT

Allowing corporations and moneyed interests to destroy net neutrality will only worsen the problem of growing (and unconscionable) economic and social inequality, in the US and throughout the world.
—Rachel Whitman, Los Angeles, CA

Is this a democracy or a fcking oligarchy??????
—Marc Burbank, Spring, TX

I strongly urge the government to uphold the current net neutrality laws. No company should be given the power that we are threatening to give to large broadband/cable companies. Please do the right thing.
—Jonathan Casey, Saint Louis, MO

The net works for everyone now and shouldn't be sold out to big corporations.
—John Hughes, Plattsburgh, NY

The Internet should be classified as a Common Carrier!!
—Wayne Burke, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it provides for democracy to flourish.
—Pat Kirk, Fremont, CA

Net neutrality is an enabler for innovation, entrepreneurs and removing barriers for entering the internet market. Removing that neutrality would be damaging to that and would undermine the very foundation of the internet. It benefits business and the consumers who use it all over the world. It seems quite clear that the majority of consumers are in favour of keeping the net neutral, which is why it baffles me that a few corporations have managed to bribe and lobby to get their own way. Plain and simple its about stifling competition and giving the bigger companies an unfair advantage. In my view no business big or small should be able to buy an advantage, it should purely be the quality of your service or product that differentiates you. Net neutrality needs to remain for the internet to continue to have value.
—Matt Wilkinson, Bedworth,

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jorge De Cecco, Ukiah, CA

The FCC cannot allow a two-tier system - which blatantly discriminates against the American people's right to choose content providers and get reasonably priced, quality telecom service (as is available in other nations) ---- in order to further enrich the monopolistic 'corporate people,' Verizon and Comcast.' --To kowtow to the Chairman Wheeler's industry friends, is certainly NOT in the interest of the public.
—Christine Roane, Springfield, MA

We don't need any more exploiters on the Internet. Preserve net neutrality. The FCC really needs to serve the people and not big cable like Comcast and Time Warner.
—John Wythe White, Haleiwa, HI

Don't you dare end Net Neutrality! I own a small business, but I compete in a global market. The internet is my primary means of reaching my clients, and I benefit immensely by having access to bandwidth at the same rate and speed as my much larger and wealthier competitors.
—Robert Mueller, Kenmore, WA

ISPs should be common carriers, just say no to different tiers on the internet. Every person and every company should have equal access!! And equal speed!!
—J Applegate, St George, UT

The freedom to express, the freedom to write home, the freedom to entertain (which is a form of humanity not a luxury), the freedom to pay a bill, the freedom to find useful information and share it belong evenly in everyones hands. Time warner, Comcast and government need to step back and end the attempts at making the internet a commodity.
—Charity Marchandt, Portland, OR

reclassify
—Ruben Garcia, Lake Elsinore, CA

The entertainment services monopolies must not be allowed to further monopolize the internet, which is far more than an entertainment media. The internet is a modern communications media and must be regulated so that The People and all businesses, large and small, have reliable, trustworthy access to all possible markets and resources. No fast lanes and no slow lanes (no hyper lanes and no fast lanes, to some).
—Tony Greiner, Albuquerque, NM

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Charles W. Ellis, Vinton, VA

The internet does not need to be "fixed" in service of giant cable monopolies. The cozy relationship between Comcast and Time Warner makes me seriously doubt the judgment and integrity of the FCC, and I believe in its mission and believe many ethical people work there. The FCC has a chance to do its job and do the right thing. I believe in Net Neutrality as it is. I strongly object to changes that will give more power to monopolies and corporations.
—Melissa Nurczynski, Philadelphia, PA

It is part of a democracy.
—Edie Pistolesi, Northridge, CA

O want a few and open internet, not filtered or under a corporations control.
—Jonathan Jumper, VANCOUVER, WA

Do not allow commercial entities to decide what private entities are entitled to, as $$$ becomes the motivation for the decision as opposed to the free exchange of information. The spirit of freedom of information is the underlying principle that allows the internet to flourish the way it does. Human creativity and progress will be lost so people with more money can enjoy more freedom than those without. "ALL ANIMALS ARE CREATED EQUAL, BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS" - George Orwell, Animal Farm
—Luke Deenihan, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality(the protection of all data being transmitted equally) is the most pressing issue of the modern day. It is VITAL that the FCC use it's authority to protect a level playing field by not only preventing ISP's from creating a two tier system, but instead reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The equality of internet access is what has allowed free creativity to result in companies like Facebook, Google, Amazon, and thousands of others establish themselves and grow new markets and entire industries where previously none existed. Some of our large Internet Provider corporations (Comcast, Time Warner) use their virtual monopoly to leverage profits and stall investment in improved technology(such as last mile fiber). Permitting them to slow down content who's owners are not willing to pay an arbitrary premium would be analogous to allowing the mafia free reign on setting arbitrary fees on all roads and highways. NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST!! If these companies want to compete in the free market of providing internet service they've got to play by the rules. And if America wants to compete in a global market we need to keep established the level playing field which has allowed the creativity and innovation which has led to our current leadership position in technology(which is being challenged by foreign innovation). DO NOT ALLOW LARGE CORPORATIONS TO LEVERAGE AND FURTHER ESTABLISH A MONOPOLY POSITION IN IP SPACE!! KEEP THE INTERNET FREE BY REGULATING IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND AMERICA BY UPHOLDING THE TENANTS OF NET NEUTRALITY!!! What is really needed is a US Constitutional amendment upholding the principals of Net Neutrality, but that is out of the scope of this policy feedback. You, FCC, have the power to end this 'debate' by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers telecom service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Thank you very much for your time, We will all be following closely the actions you take on this critical issue.
—Owen OKeefe, Redmond, WA

This is ridiculous! Stop being MORONS! We need you to protect the internet NOW and stop protecting corporations!
—D Factor, st. Louis, MO

Corporate control is ruining our political system in the U.S. It is ruining the social structure and the economic opportunities of our people. The internet is one place where all voices can be heard equally, where imagination and hard work can become a business opportunity for the common citizen. PLEASE, DO NOT GIVE IN TO FURTHER CORPORATE CONTROL OF THIS NATION.
—Suzan Clausen, San Diego, CA

This is just another push by the telecom/cable giants to squeeze out the little guy. All data is comes down to transporting zeros and ones, so why should Verizon's zeros and ones be more important than mine or any one elses. They are really saying that they want to slow down competitive content providers so that their content will be the most preferred.
—Jim Jane Barry, North Wales, PA

It should be common sense to keep Net Neutrality, remember FCC you are working for the people and this is what most people want!
—Stacy Peterson, Avondale, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Barbara Collins, Lawrenceville, NJ

The same reason that air, water, libraries, roads all over the country. Really, must we demand that corporations not become the pimps of the Internet? So democracy has a price, and so do the people we left in charge of it. I guess we'll just have to take it back!
—Prescott H. Paine, Wesley, ME

Net Neutrality is important to me as it is about the only thing left in the USA that is not already bought and sold to the 1%. Changing the rules to what you have suggested will limit access, cost more, cause more inequality in educational opportunities and business opportunities. It "rips off" the 99%. So don't amend to rules to have a two tiered system--it is like segregation. Your "reforms" are unconstitutional.
—Mary Margaret FLynn MD, San Carlos, CA

Back to the first amendment. Freedom of speech, expression, and what-not.
—Alex Pauls, Manchester, IA

Without Net Neutrality, those who hate democracy would win. Information and truth become irrelevancies in an environment where those with the most money control what actually gets heard. It would be the corrupt, bought-off news of the 1890's on Methamphetamine, and no one with less than a few billion dollars would be allowed to intervene.
—James M. Reaume Jr., Munising, MI

If net neutrality is lost, the internet will no longer operate primarily for the citizenry but rather for maximizing the profits the corporations. This is very wrong.
—Andrew Lish, Nashua, NH

When you seize a resource from the possession of those who have developed and used it for a long time, you establish that you are greedy and not egalitarian. It violates fairness, creates enmity, and places an expense and a burden on those who have used and enjoyed it. Expect resentment and disgruntlement. You already have some, but you will have much more if this idiocy is not correctly dealt with.
—Terrell E. Koken, Costa Mesa, CA

A free and open internet is equivalent to free speech. Please help keep our voices heard!
—Maria Morris, Long Beach, CA

FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Tom Wheeler keeps stating that he is strongly in favor of Internet neutrality, but the proposed rules show that stance to be a sham.
—Kristina Creighton, Granville, VT

The Internet is absolutely perfect the one it is now! Why are we bowing down to these billion dollar corporations that will charge more money which will no doubt be passed on to us...the consumers!!
—Rai Montalvo, Ozone Park, NY

I'm low-income, and I can't afford buckoo bucks just to have high-speed internet. I'm already paying 160.00 as it is. and my bill has already gone up 5 times in the past year.
—Nikkol A Bull, Bangor, ME

By creating fast lane and slow lanes, competition is stifled. We need things equal for competiton
—Jacob Blaustein, Eatontown, NJ

There is absolutely no justification for the virtual destruction of the existing net neutrality. LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE! The Net is running the way it was designed to operate, with access to all for the same standard service, regardless of the user's use.
—Ted Kircher, Canyon Country, CA

The internet belongs to the public. It was created by (D)ARPA - federal employees and/or contractors paid by Uncle Sam, i.e., We the People. No one may control it. It is a public good. We the People get screwed over by Big Business, with the aid or indifference of Uncle Sam, far too often. Big Business already exploits it and constrains it. No more! It is your duty to act in the public interest.
—Jerald Vinikoff, Mechanicville, NY

This proposal is a ruling that should not happen! Why does this proposal not violate anti-trust legislation? I support net neutrality. Barbara Barnard
—Barbara Barnard, Birmingham, AL

It's important to me because we can't let greedy companies do this because they want even more money than they deserve. Threatening companies with slower internet connection is not an okay business strategy.
—Ragnhildur Rós Þrastardóttir, Njarðvík,

You've heard all the reasons why Net neutrality is important. The question you need to ask yourself is; why does the US population support it and the telecommunications companies hate it? If we still in a democracy, net neutrality will persevere. If we live in a nation where politicians are bought by the highest bidder then net neutrality will die. So who's it going to be, the US citizen or Comcast?
—Juan Sosa, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality seems like the last haven for more balanced news of the world. Without it, we could either plunge into a one-sided agenda or a war between two obviously biased companies.
—Ned Riley, Melbourne,

I do't think there is real freedom of speech in this country when i have to go to free speech t.v. for news. We have speech managed by 6 corporate entities where the print media is concerned. Now there is talk of reducing our internet speech, and I say, PLEASE DON'T DO IT!! It aint broke, so don't fix it.
—Elizabeth R. Hallett, Ashland, OR

The internet in its current form is NOT broken. To approve the proposed rules is in poor judgement, and bad taste. You stand more to lose than gain if you were to approve them.
—Calum Traveler, Golden, CO

As a senior citizen I use the internet a great deal to track down information and learn about current events. Shut-ins, students with disabilities, and loely people who connect with interesting minds which espouse interesting information - we all need access to more than large corporations want to present. We need access to intelligence. Do not deny us access to the lifeblood of our brains, PLEASE.
—Ruth Kantor, CLAYMONT, DE

Internet access must be kept free of monetary regulation. A two-tiered system matching speed of delivery with price paid r delivery would limit access for people unable to pay for the high speed. It would curtail small businesses and the economy that thrives on the internet. I am also aware that the current FCC chairman who will be part of making this decision is the former head of lobbying for Comcast, one of the internet providers pushing for these changes to internet service. Up here in Vermont, we learn pretty quickly that it's best not to send the fox out to watch over the hens.
—Chris Zappala, Brattleboro, VT

Don't put money above innovation.
—Luther Woodard, Allentown, PA

THIS MADNESS MUST END. The internet is merging minds like never before. It doesn't seem like there is an actual problem, which would force you to have to change the way the internet works. Maybe I am just naive, but it seems like the only thing behind this decision is greed and power. My whole generation would be negatively affected if net neutrality was voted against. You gave us the internet, let us keep it.
—Sarah Biklen, Davis, CA

ThThe internet is our free speech, just like the telephone, it's how we communicate, not just a television coming in, it's our speech going out, and it needs to be free and equal. Thank you!
—Val Sanfilippo, San Diego, CA

The FCC's recently proposed "Open Internet" rules would allow ISPs to charge Web sites for priority treatment, creating fast lanes for those who can afford them and slow lanes for everyone else. Under these rules, ISPs could charge Web sites a fee to load in a reasonable length of time. Those Web sites who can afford the fee will load quickly, and those who can't (small-time bloggers, small businesses, independent news outlets) will load so slowly that people will give up and leave their sites. Effectively, this lets ISPs deteremine what we can and cannot see on the Internet. And it means that prices will rise as businesses that can afford the imposed fees pass the cost on to consumers. So, the new rules would mean higher costs for Web site maintainers and consumers and decreased access to content. Who wins? ISPs like Verizon and Comcast. Our country's economy depends on the Internet. Allowing ISPs to pick winners and losers online effectively places our economy in their hands. The Internet is a public utility, just like telephones and electricity. It needs to be protected like a utility so that everyone has fair and equal access. As an entity charged with protecting the public interest, I am calling on you to do everything in your power to protect the average citizen and small business from "pay-for-play" rules that would prioritize increased profits for a handful of huge corporations over economic recovery and free speech for millions of Americans. We need an economy that doesn't depend on a small handful of billionaires. We need a reliable, fair democratic forum that isn't pay-for-play. We need free speech. We need Net Neutrality. The only way to protect real Net Neutrality for the American people is by reclassifying broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. Please reject the proposed "pay-to-play" rules and protect real Net Neutrality for all Americans.
—Heather Owen, Champaign, IL

I grew up in the country. I remember before electricity. I KNOW what a difference that utility makes in the quality of life and providing equal access to all. It amazes me how fast the net has become what electricity is. Right now, we have a terrible digital divide. I see how it truly handicaps those who already have handicaps. Let's not make it worse. Please recognize the internet to be what it truly is--a utility important to raising everyone's quality of life and ability to fully participate in civic life. Thank you.
—Mary Ellen Gonzales, Santa Fe, NM

Because... Everything I do on the Internet (and its predecessor of 35 yrs ago), has been at whatever speed my network can manage to wherever I wanted to go. My initial exposure was at a High School guidance office in the late 70s and involved searching for colleges to possibly attend(and playing too many hours of Star Trek). Would an Internet without Net Neutrality directed me to the same schools? When it evolved for general availability in the early 90s, again, whatever speed my network could manage to whatever site I desired. Now, a former Cable executive wants to gut the necessity of Net Neutrality. NO, NO, NO say I !!! Preserve equal access for all. It was a foundation, and should remain so.
—Edward Schuh, Euless, TX

The only way to ensure a free and open Internet is to regulate the ISPs as the common carrier utilities they really are. Stand on the side of the public interest that built the Internet and regulate them now!
—Spencer Hunter, Tucson, AZ

No way should anyone accept corporate control of the internet and the US CONGRESS.
—Daryl Pullen, Boise, ID

Because I'm a Comcast customer I am full well aware of their soulless apathy toward responsible, long term customers, their unbridled greed, and ability to obfuscate what should be simple straight forward agreements. The very idea that that information on the internet might fall victim to these predatory bastards is nauseating, but then I'm old enough to remember when profiting from human suffering was frowned upon, so I'm less than optimistic about any elected official actually serving the interests of their constituents by supporting net neutrality.
—Bernel Bayliss, Mpls, MN

I already pay AT&T more than I should for something as simple as internet access. I also pay out the butt for bills that qualify as a hell of a lot more important: water, electricity, rent. I have to eat. If Net Neutrality - where I go for my source of entertainment as I do not even have cable - ends, and the cable companies in turn bump up their prices, I will have to end my internet service completely. I cannot pay anymore than what AT&T asks for something as simple as high speed internet, especially not to have ~super special access to something that should be granted to EVERY internet user who pays for the luxury of being online: a FAST, WORKING internet connection! You already have the government in your pocket, cable companies. You already have enough say. Don't come near Net Neutrality.
—April Tackett, Birmingham, AL

Net Neutrality is necessary to prevent second class internet users! The great thing about the internet is that we are all truly equal users.
—Jorge Luis Hernandez, Miami Beach, FL

Net neutrality is essential to the quality of information access and must remain intact. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nicole Smithson, Royal Oak, MI

I am a writer and a researcher. In my work I require unfettered access to information about a huge range of topics. Most of the sites I research are small, academic, and scholarly and would fall firmly into the "can't afford the extra fees" category. I need to continue consulting those sites, and I abhor the idea of being channeled toward commercial, for-profit sites by the major players that can afford to pay fees for the fast lanes. To me it's a no-brainer: service providers must be classified as common carriers.
—Deborah Sizemore, Crowley, TX

Having recently returned from several decades in Europe, I can state unequivocally that the speed, coverage and price of service for internet access (as well as cell phone subscriptions and service) are all inferior in quality in the U.S. to that of the vast majority of countries in Europe. If you want this country to stay competitive, don't mess with its net neutrality.
—Kim McCartney, Santa Rosa, CA

We are in a desperate situation where we are being overwhelmed by great problems threatening the nation and need innovation, participation, and our traditional principles to fall back on. Actual net neutrality has been the basis for the great innovations of the internet but the US has been falling behind as we have been failing to keep up with the internet infrastructure. The US will only fall further beind much faster if we permit faster internet traffic alongside the regular speed. Net neutrality is the basis for the great democratic and participatory potential of the internet. Measures need to be put in place to guarantee that everyone can participate as equal citizens online and not have faster access in the way that our offline political system has been corrupted by big campaign contributers getting faster access to our representatives. Finally, the traditional FCC systems that worked for phone service were adequate to the new era and potential problems of unequal access have emerged only as the FCC has departed from the traditional logic of common carrier. Simply treat the internet like a regulated national resource like phone service-common carrier-and the problems raised by departing from successful regulatory tradition will go away and regulation can return to fine-tuning the unique aspects of the internet.
—Chad Anderson, Randolph, NJ

Keep in the internet free! We've had enough of the cable monopolies in this country. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE.
—David Bonney, Temple Hills, MD

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet must stay open and neutral.
—John Andrews, Haiku, HI

Of the people, by the people, and for the people! Where have we forgotten that, or does democracy no longer exist? Please continue Net Neutrality.
—Bob Bushnell, Polson, MT

As other forms of media are constantly conglomerated into a few large corporations, the internet is the last place where common people with good ideas can make their voices heard. The internet is the last place that can truly be considered a Meritocracy, which is one of the most important principles of the american dream. Please keep Net-Neutrality alive. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Oliver Bucklin, Somerville, MA

Do you really have to frack our internet? Since we don't make much money for survival, at least allow us some entertainment and have the information highway uncut.
—Jeanne Proteau, Philo, CA

Protect dempcracy, no fast lanes for the few that can afford it! I demand real Net Neutrality rules that protect Internet users from corporate abuse. Chairman Wheeler throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jennifer Hillison, Portland, OR

We all need free and open access to the internet for this to function as the only true democracy on the planet.
—Kenton Macy, Charleston, IL

Why do the large telecomms want to change what we already have and that's working well? It's not broken. The playing field is level. DUH! And why are you caving to them, Mr Wheeler? I think you have ambitions. Talk about the fox in the henhouse. DUH! Mr. Wheeler, do you have the cojones to take the simple and obvious step to make all ISPs common carrier? Or are you hoping for a cushy job with Verizon (or ?) some day soon. DUH!
—Mike Walter, San Diego, CA

The proposed changes to internet policy are a blatant give away to the telecom industry and a grievous take away from every internet user. I urge you to protect internet neutrality.
—Thomas McLendon, Houston, TX

The internet carriers need to provide equal service for all citizens and should be classified as common carriers.
—Christine Wenk-Harrison, Lago Vista, TX

Getting rid of net neutrality removes freedom rather than granting it. Freedom of communication has been essential to the American dream since our country's inception. Any action taken against net neutrality is simply un-American.
—Adam Rygiol, Kansas City, MO

Leave it alone! Don't make this, too, a privilege of those with more money.
—Donna Murphy, Riverside, CA

It Creates a level playing field for everyone.
—Ralph W. Tobin, Fort Worth, TX

The moment I voted for the lesser of two evils, Obama vs. McCain, I came to realize that Obama, as many commentators put it, is at the right of Ronald Reagan, ergo, this appointment, the fox in charge of the henhouse, will be another battle that we the people lose and I have come to regret it ever since. Republicans, tea partiers get more out of him, than the people who actually voted for him. Heck, according to many media people, Hispanics that gave him the presidency twice are still up the creek w/o a paddle, while corporations keep screwing us all the time. When, oh when can we expect our government to act according to peoples' interests, instead of special interests, the elite? I'm afraid, they will always win over we the people. I don't think the protests from hundreds of thousands of citizens will amount to a hill of beans. This goose is already cooked and if someone doesn't believe me, ask Tom Wheeler.
—Jorge I. Gomez, San Antonio, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because the Internet is the only place that has an equal playing field. It is unfortunate that multi billion dollar company's could have the right to say who gets faster service based on who has more money. I mean seriously why is this even an issue? I am a small business that relies on the Internet and this could put me out of business. Of course this would greatly piss me off however it isn't just about me. It is about what is right for everyone and not about money. I say NO to Mr. Wheeler's plan. It is a plan for the wealthy and not the good of our country as a whole. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon which I am an unfortunate client of sucks!
—Denae Gemmrig, Phoenix, AZ

The internet has less and less competition; without net neutrality rules media companies can silence dissent, promote sloppy service (as they'll have a monopoly, there will be no way to "vote with our wallets" when service is subpar), and generally make the internet in the USA a joke.
—Erica Schmitt, Hayward, CA

The internet is part of the commons. Internet service providers should not be able to regulate content by charging different rates for different customers. All data transmitted should be transmitted equally. The commons belong to all and are not for sale.
—Brian Bonkowski, Lombard, IL

The internet should be free, open to all and the same experience for all, keep the money out of politics and the www!
—Mr Edward Armm, Lake Hopatcong, NJ

This is a really clear cut and simple problem. Monopoly's should be discouraged, not encouraged. Do the right thing and keep the net neutral.
—Charles E. Lumpkins, State College, PA

Granting corporations the right to decide who can be heard and who can do business freely is a gross undermining of governmental sovereignty. There is a word for the sharing of authority between government and business. I don't think you'll like that word. It's "fascism." Is fascism truly the legacy you want to leave behind?
—Laura Hague, austin, TX

Hey, FCC. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ed Simpson, Salinas, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Donald Goppert, Sylvan Beach, NY

Do not allow the internet to be sold to the highest bidder. If Net Neutality is not preserved, then only the highest bidder will have any say in what people can access on the internet. At the same time, costs for everyone would go up as companies that can afford to have to cover the additional "tax" imposed by the service providers.
—Brynnen Owen, Champaign, IL

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Carol Collins, Dover, DE

Net neutrality is important because it's simply a way to gouge more money out of people without having to do things like improve infrastructure or provide decent customer service. This anti-neutrality agenda is dangerous and should be considered illegal.
—Rachel Jones, West Paducah, KY

Its the last bastion of affordable free enterprise leave it alone.
—David Blaxton, Blountsville, AL

To the FCC I request that you throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Ed Kirkpatrick
—Ed Kirkpatrick, Rexburg, ID

Our telecommunications industry already has too many perks from the government. They already have too many "legal ways" to swindle the public. No "fastest lane" for the corporate dildos!
—Charles Clements, Las Cruces, NM

I know that I am not able to contribute millions to kill this decision but you should be listening to those many people like me and do what is good for us.
—Ethel Leider, W. Palm Beach, FL

Seriously! STOP THE MONOPOLY! PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Gil Marquez, Malibu, CA

Thank you for allowing me to make a comment because I feel very strongly about this. We cannot allow the cable companies to determine the future of the internet, when their interest is contrary to the interest of the public. It is impossible to predict the consequences of turning the internet into a pay-to-play arena. What makes the internet such an incredible tool and the catalyst for innovation is that it is free. In a lot of ways the internet embodies the American Dream. It is unbelievable to me to think about how much the internet has changed the world in the last 20 years. If the cable companies have it their way who knows what we will be robbed of in the next 20 years. In behalf of myself and my children I plead with you to protect the openness and equality of the internet.
—Matt Roberts, Lehi, UT

I own a tiny publishing company and record label. We publish books about storytelling and CDs of children's songs. We need net neutrality in order to reach our customer base, who want to hear samples of our songs before it's time to go nighty-night.
—Nancy Schimmel, Berkeley, CA

The Internet is not broken. Can't we just have one thing that isn't influenced by big money? Only a few will benefit by this - the rest will suffer.
—Vicky White, Langley,

It's astounding the amount of gall that the US government has to think that NO ONE would notice the things that you're doing to destroy Net Neutrality. I oppose this on every level and will be fighting against it as much as I can.
—Chris Hunter, Shreveport, LA

It seems that the Taft-Hartley law got thrown out with the Citizen's United ruling. This should never have happened. We can not have a democratic republic when only six corporations own the majority of television and newspapers, not when corporations have a free pass to monopolize the free and open Internet, which itself was created for all. It is the one last free and open avenue in which news and opinions can be expressed without regard to censorship either through electronic or monetary controls. Do not let these rules stand.
—Sandra Kirkland, Charlotte, NC

Please throw out the FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Geri Collecchia, Pembroke Pines, FL

The American people are sick and tired of our elected and appointed officials working against the interests of the people are for corporate America. Get your priorities straight or leave your position immediately!
—Mick Robinson, Santa Maria, CA

THIS IS A MATTER OF FAIR DEALING VERSUS ALMOST ASSUREDLY ANTI- COMPETITIVE BEHAVIOR; FAIR DEALING SHOULD WIN OUT!!!!!! THE FCC SHOULD RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. WE HAVE WATCHED IN DISGUST THE ACTIVITIES OF ISPs, REGIONAL MONOPLIES, FOR YEARS. A MULTI TIERED INTERNET ONLY EXACERBATES THE PROBLEM.
—W Herrick, GIBSON ISLAND, MD

Internet is essential infrastructure that should NOT be biased!!!
—Chris Frederick D.O., Houston, TX

tired of corporate thugs ruining my life!
—R Palm, DRIPSPGS, TX

Unhendered communication is needed for true freedom.
—Frank G. Andrews, San Rafael, CA

Net Neutrality is the foundation of the Internet. Without it, the Internet would become a virtual wasteland. It would more than resemble the real world.
—John Viacrucis, Moorhead, MN

There is no question about the need to keep net neutrality, and should there be any change, it will speak poorly of the Administration who let it happen, and spell doom to all who think they can favor monopoly and continue to serve.
—Victor Vuyas, San Francisco, CA

This is still America and WE the people still have the right to free speech = NET NEUTRALITY. The rules that are on the table are unconstitutional instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Yolanda Markle, Spanaway, WA

Net Neutrality is vital to the maintenance of a democratic society. Do not destroy this last bastion of freedom.
—Samantha Turetsky, Ormond Beach, FL

Don't fix something that isn't broke...
—Tom Watson, Portland, TX

We will never let you do this ! NEVEEEEER!!! INTERNET is for EVERYONE!
—Sorin Moroianu, Deal,

The internet wasn't created by corporations. It was created by scientists. The Internet is much too important to hand control of data flow over to greedy, monopolistic corporations. It would be a serious mistake for the FCC to do something so short-sighted. Such a mistake will not and can not be allowed to stand.
—D Ashford, New York, NY

freedom to discriminate
—Patricia Doyle, Garrettsville, OH

Creating a 2-lane Internet would stifle competition, hurt the economy, and discourage new business growth. When you even have large companies like Amazon opposed to the idea, you know it's a bad one.
—Shanti Whitesides, Hartford, CT

We must have informed choice in a Democratic Republic. For the good of all U.S. citizens and stop a two tiered system, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cherri L Nelson, Los Gatos, CA

The net is the main distributor of information and its neutrality is crucial to maintain a democracy!!! How do you not understand this? You're the FCC!! I teach mass media at Borough of Manhattan Community College and my students get this by the end of the first week. THE NET MUST STAY NEUTRAL!!!!!!
—Hollis Glaser, Brooklyn, NY

FCC throw out rules and instead reclassify IPS's as common carriers. Affordability should not be an issue for accessing the internet. Fast becoming a necessity (rather than luxury) dependency is inevitable to stay abreast in fields of interest and compete equally and fairly in ones profession and/or business (not only in the homeland but throughout the entire world). The continuous dividing of the populous between the haves and have not must come to an end. Fairness and equality for all peoples.
—Kathleen Alexander, Houston, TX

Killing net neutrality will permanently weaken the economy. It will favor the status quo and make new start ups NOT start up. Competition is good for all of us. Historically competition is good for innovation.
—Karla Vogt, Wooster, OH

It gives way to much control to those who don't understand how it works. It goes against what the free market is about.
—Cory Caserta, Ogden, UT

It is important to me for a lot of reasons but the main reason is that everyone should be able to have the right to edit content with the owners permission to whatever there ideas go to.
—JA'Braylon Vanzandt, Tyler, TX

The internet should be regulated like a utility. The telephone and cable companies are monopolies who do not need additional weapons to screw we the people.
—Robert H. Feuchter, Jamaica Estates,, NY

if it ain't broke dont fix it. stop pretending like corporations need more money. this literally doesn't help anybody other then comcast and time warner... oops i forgot time warner was just FUCKING BOUGHT BY COMCAST. i would say you're idiots, but you know what you're doing. i'd say you can't sleep at night, but i'm sure that gold temperpedic is pretty damn comfy. you've sold yourself to the devil. congrats
—Yousuck, weed, WA

As a free lance web developer, this greatly affects my livelihood and puts me $60,000 in the hole (student debt) for nothing.
—Pete Durso, Naperville, IL

I did not like the idea of having a lobbyist for the telecommunications industry as head of the FCC. Obviously he cares nothing about the public interest.
—Michael McHugh, Pinellas Park, FL

Do not let money and power hungry companies destroy one of the last sources of information and greatest tools of freedom our world has.
—Thomas Farrow, Rugby,

Do not destroy net neutrality. Our tax dollars invented the internet, and there's no reason a few monopolistic companies should control it.
—Kathleen Ryan, Sacramento, CA

I am against allowing providers to charge premiums for hi-speed access to content providers. These charges are already paid by consumers, and there are internet providers that also provide bandwidth services to content providers as needed. I feel the FCC has long been too accommodating in its policy to large providers such as COMCAST, and ATT. These companies have not returned either good service nor good investment returns commensurate with the preference provided them at the consumer's expense by the FCC. Basically, they are lazy companies that rely on government support and tricky contracts rather than providing service for fair return. The FCC has been a poor protector of citizen's interest in the past and appears to be continuing in that vein. I spend a lot of time in Japan, where the internet is very fast and cheap and widely available compared to the USA. In 1995, Japan was far behind the USA in internet connectivity. Around 2000, it had caught up and passed the USA in service, and continues to offer greater value and much better service. The FCC has seriously let us down. I know that lobbyists write our laws, and I don't expect to be successful here, but I am sadly disgusted with Washington DC and all the rent seeking and greed, and would support open standards and net neutrality as basic building blocks of fairness and equality, if there was any chance. As a democrat, I am very disappointed in President Obama on this regard.
—David Magnuson, Carson City, NV

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet was created for all of us to express our-selves and maybe even learn things we never had a clue about. While i agree that there is some bad things on the internet there is a lot more good things to balance out the bad. freedom on the internet is a very important thing in my opinion.
—Andrew Nelson, Galashiels,

If large corporations control the internet, then that amounts to just another form of censorship, and those with the big money will control the internet, suppressing the majority if they disagree with them. And remember, that majority contains most of the voters. The internet is the equivalent of the printing press, a way for the free exchange of ideas and information, and represents the principles this country was founded on, free speech.
—Gene Taber, Garland, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't listen to mainstream news and I don't think independent already underfunded websites will be able to afford paying off the big monopolies. And why you allow these monopolies to exist is a separate wrong.
—Brian Capelle, Milwaukee, WI

If this, or any country, is to have a chance of democracy thriving and people having an equal say and opportunity to thrive, our forms of communication, mainly the internet, must have a level playing field! Not for one second do I believe that cable/communication companies will turn down the chance to make more profit by making it an uneven playing field! The internet is basic infrastructure at this point in time and MUST be treated like any utility -- regulated for fairness and the benefit of everyone!
—Rebecca Hogle, Tucson, AZ

No change to net neutrality. Do not hand the cable providers more opportunities to screw the little guys. They have already extracted their pound of flesh from their customers, and they will surely demand all of the first born if you give them the chance. Keep the internet a single tier and slap down these monsters.
—Ralph Wilson, SANTA BARBARA, CA

there is no need to tier the delivery levels and power of information..... it is a move to actively monopolize and privatize the internet
—Lynne Weiske, los angeles, CA

As it now stands, we have only ONE means of information that is not heavily censored, spun or twisted. Although there is also much false information on the internet, that which is false is fairly easily determined. We DO NOT need a "big brother" watching over what can and cannot be said or shown. HANDS OFF OUR INTERNET!!!
—David R. Klampert, Los Angeles, CA

Easy, unimpeded access. Unfiltered. Undiluted. The Internet is for all the citizens of the world and any effort to ascribe it new rules that would create a multiple tiered system is fundamentally, profoundly the wrong course of action.
—Mark M. Morden, Port Huron, MI

This is terribly important. Real net neutrality is about providing a level playing field, something we are completely lacking.
—Penelope Sallberg, Pasadena, CA

I'm sure the Founding Fathers are turning in their graves at the extent of how easy it is to buy off the US government. What you are proposing and supporting should be illegal....oh wait, I believe it is!!!
—Jason Sharp, Inman, SC

Don't change our internet; the proposed new rules are a terrible idea!
—Suzanne Murphy Murphy-Larronde, Sarasota, FL

As the parent of a high-school and a middle school student, who both have a majority of their text books available on-line only, I strongly object to the fast-lane, slow-lane premise. I am a single parent and cannot afford the extra costs associated with fast-lane internet access! You will cause great hardship for many families like mine, whose children require internet access to complete homework and school work if you implement the fast-lane, slow-lane idea.
—Kristen Van Tassell, Centreville, VA

Feel the internet is important to my daily life.
—Sherryll Sprunger, Berne, IN

I am on limited income & keep up with friends, blog& work on line. I and others can't afford to pay extra for speed, I pay enough. With out net Neutrality it's just another nail in the coffin for consumers. & retailers will lose business too.
—Warren M Busha, Avon, CT

We need *more* regulation of the monopolies, not less.
—Wendy Ashmun, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality and competition are critical to american democracy and the american way. Competition is pretty much lost in regards to internet providers. Now politicians are being greased up to give up net neutrality. Shame on you!
—Konrad Dunton, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Democracy is to important to leave up to corporations.
—Troy Grant, pompano beach, FL

I demand that the FCC Reclassifying ISPs as utilities and keep net neutrality alive, furthermore free and open access to broadband internet should be seen as a right and rules written to include it as such, One that cannot be taken away by corrupt telecom executives in order to pad their bottom lines. Cheap or free municipal broadband options should exist in every city in the US, and robust and strict regulation should exist to punish any group, company or individual who would see to take away the free and open nature of the internet as we know it.
—Evan McWhirter, Santa Ana, CA

I own a small business, I pay all my taxes and I vote in every election. I believe this will be the end of small business.
—Jackie Quimpo, Pittsburgh, PA

why do we need this ??
—Klaus Dieroff, syracuse, NY

There is no good reason for access speed tiers for websites and services. Doing so will only invite monopoly and an uneven ground for new starting websites as well as existing higher traffic sites. A company should not be punished because they are successful and smaller company should not be barred from equal access because they cannot afford. ISP customers already pay for access to the internet as a whole. The FCC should aim to define ISP's as "Access Providers" (or what is also known as a "Common Carrier"), not "Information Providers". ISP's do not provide information but do provide access to information (aka the internet). Unless the ISP can claim ownership of each and every website out there, there are no grounds for access discrimination. I cannot support the current proposal in any way.
—Issaq Al-Ahmed, Concord, CA

Pity poor cable companies; they can barely make a dime off their piss-poor services!!!!!!
—Damon S. Edwards, Orangeburg, SC

I am in total disbelief that the FCC has even considered the egregious rules that would end one of the only avenues left in this country where equality has a chance--Net Neutrality. Entirely too much power is being handed to the wealthy and large corporations on a silver platter. As if the SCOTUS decisions giving them political control wasn't horrific enough, now this! Discrimination against small companies, financially-strapped ones, start-ups, blogs, non-profits will be one result. It will also discourage innovation, creativity, differing viewpoints, etc., and will closely resemble China where those in power (their government, our ISP's, major corporations and the top 1%) will be able to suppress and control the content that, for now, is given more equal expression by most citizens. Our country is in great jeopardy, losing any sense of fairness. Do not destroy the remnants of our democratic process with this decision--one of the worst in the our history! Trash these rules and reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. Keeping Net Neutrality is imperative.
—Pat P., Baltimore, MD

Internet coverage is almost as universal, and as necessary, as phone coverage. ISPs should be common carriers!
—Roger Davis, Whittier, CA

I cannot even believe that my nation is willing to allow the Internet to be sold off to the highest bidder. I want my government to do what the founding fathers intended it to do; it was created to serve the best interests of the MAJORITY and not a few well connected rich people.
—Ronnie Bolling, Ormond Beach, FL

Everyone is equally important. The rich and powerful have no more importance than anyone else. Those of us with the food are the most powerful! Make the internet a utility.
—Doris Kelsey, fort scott, KS

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Stuart Weiss, Denver, CO

The Internet has become an essential tool for people to conduct business, communicate, access information and educate themselves. As such, free and open access, with no preference for those who pay to suck up bandwidth that should be generally available, is necessary for the function of modern society. Internet service should be classified and regulated as a common carrier. Reject the proposed Internet rules creating a two-tiered system.
—Dave G Johnson, Watertown, SD

This situation is beyond ridiculous - these companies that have absolutely no interest in the public good should be eliminated from any consideration where the internet is concerned. They are already considered the bottom of the barrel as far as their ability to deliver services. Get them outta there!
—Murray/Marie Callahan, Havertown, PA

I don't want any corporation deciding what I access on the net.
—Lee Baker, Greensboro, NC

The concept of money saying whose voice can be heard stronger is not democratic. When those with more money manipulate "the message" freedom of "The People" to rule is denied. Already there is too little competition in internet providers. Our country needs to rather crack down on monopolies rather than encourage them. What makes our country great is equal voice for all. Thanks
—Penelope Williams, Rockledge, FL

Over the past two decades, the internet has become an essential public utility. The time has come for it to be regulated as one. Your proposed rules are tantamount to turning every interstate highway in the country into a privately owned toll road. This is not acceptable.
—Nicolas Freeman, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality is critical to expanding our Internet infrastructure to all citizens for equal access. We must get away from this slow infrastructure model that is overpriced and into a faster and cheaper model like that which is enjoyed in South Korea with fiber to the home at USD 12 per month. Why not in America?
—Raleigh Stout, Greensboro, NC

Net Neutrality is important for EVERYONE. It ensures fair and reasonable access to the data that users want to see with out discrimination. This proposition to end net neutrality is unfair for both consumers and producers of content. Please respect the voice of the people and do not allow these propositions to be made into law.
—Veronica McNamara, Dayton, OH

The potential for abuse seems to far outweigh beneficial outcomes. Even with net neutrality observe how the download speeds of Netflix via Comcast dropped during negotiations between them. Who benefits? A few providers (ATT, Comcast, etc.) Who suffers? Everyone else.
—Craig A Friedman, OAKLAND, CA

Net neutrality is essential for our economy, innovation, consumers, and a level playing field for business! Don't listen to greedy AT&T and Comcast--listen to the rest of us.
—Crystal Sloan, Rockwood, TN

The rich and corporate America don't need any more advantages and power over the rest of us beyond what they already have. Let's keep the internet, like the air we breathe equally available to all!
—Scott D. Coahran, Los Banos, CA

I am an average US citizen. I use the internet for research and discovery. My 10-year-old daughter uses it to enhance her education. We cannot afford extra fees to access information. We do not deserve to be punished and deprived equal access to internet content. The only solution to this issue is equality for all who use the internet. Please discard the rules that would turn this resource into an elitist, restrictive luxury available only to certain classes of society. Please classify ISPs as common carriers to enable Americans such as my daughter and me to hold on to what should be our rights. Thank you.
—Mr. Mark Lee, Dallas, TX

trashing net neutrality will kill competition and innovation and additionally give a larger platform and voice to those who can afford to pay for premium service.
—Kevin Novak, Sealy, TX

I have voiced my opinion numerous times through a variety of mediums, but it appears that elected members of the FCC are not listening to the public, which is what the agency is supposed to be all about. After years and years of public airwaves censorship of benign curse words, it's high time the FCC actually do their REAL job and protect net neutrality as they are charged to do in the first place. The new policies proposed by the current regime are an indication of just how much big corporate telcos and cable companies have the FCC and other federal agencies completely bought out. This is corruption at its finest! Seriously, FCC get a grip on reality and listen to ALL your constituents, and not just the guys lining your pockets! Rest assured, I and many other regular Americans will do everything within our legal powers to protect net neutrality and that includes voting for elected officials that will listen to the public you supposedly serve and protect. Sincerely, Scott Young
—Scott Young, Katy, TX

I can not believe that the FCC would actually destroy Net Neutrality. I urge you to reconsider and keep AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon at the same net speed as the rest of us. We all know that this is a buy off. At this point our download speeds are lower than the rest of the civilized world and the cost is higher. Do you really think we don't know this? I don't ask, I demand that you reconsider and maintain Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers NOW!
—Nancy Kaye Holcomb, Seattle, WA

No online discrimination. I choose my sites
—Susan Smith, WIRTZ, VA

In Fremont, CA Comcast & AT&T are my only choices for internet connection. I believe that they have a monopoly and need to be treated as a common carrier. I believe that if they are allowed a two tier service they will slow my internet to the point that I will be forced to pay more for the high speed internet that is found in most other countries. Instead of selling supper high speed internet to companies they need to make it available to everyone. I just received a notice that my annual charge for internet is going from $582.45 a year to $615.45 with no improvement in speed or service.
—Mrs Lynn E Locher, Fremont, CA

Net Neutrality allows us to know each other by the content of our postings and not the depth of our pockets to buy speed. Should that equality be abandoned, the Internet can become less appealing to people who have no time to waste.
—Ribeekah, booklyn, NY

Democracy!
—Darcy Skarada, Middletown, CA

Make ISP's common carriers, please.
—Richard Schulte, fraser, CO

Let's reclassify the broadband providers as telecommunications carriers and clean this up. Nobody needs to get jacked around by a multi-tiered Internet.
—Patrick Bosold, Fairfield, IA

Everyone in America is equal. It would be discrimination for the ISPs to block certain content from its customers and to slow down Internet speeds because we cannot pay for them. Not everyone is made of money like the top 1%. Don't cater to the top 1%, cater to everyone!
—Shannon Gerton, Suffolk, VA

Appointing FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler (prior lobbyist for the telecommunication industry) was a big mistake and he will not protect the internet users or net neutrality. Do not change the level playing field of the internet the way Congress demanded the USPS fund it,s union for 75 years into the future, killing America's largest union and making sending packages unaffordable to our poorest citizens.
—Mr. Daniel Venzon, San Diego, CA

I am a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, investor, non-profit board member and 35 year tech industry veteran. I am well connected and I vote. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't trust the ISPs to not degrade the performance of my favorite sites and fully expect them to coerce content providers to get into the "fast lane," and screw consumers. Do not put such power into the hands of the companies that have a track record of monopolistic behavior and poor service.
—Don Aoki, Mountain View, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler: It goes entirely against the grain of our democracy to allow a few telecom corporations to take over the internet, which is what will happen if a "pay-to-play" arrangement is approved. Access to the internet is not "play," is not a game. It is vital to the health and well-being of millions of Americans. Imagine what would happen if there were lanes on the free way that only a few people could drive on and none on which most people could drive on. That's absurd, right? So is "pay-to-play" internet access. Please reconsider the above approach and begin the process of building strong net neutrality rules and enforce them strongly and consistently. Thank you for listening.
—Mary Hein, Richmond, CA

Net neutrality is important because all content deserves to be treated equally. Companies should not be able to pick and choose what content I can see - for FREE!
—Julie Gordon, Oshkosh, WI

As a U.S. citizen, I find it appalling that our government persists on supporting bills that continually strip its' citizens of their rights, by means of allowing corporations, lobbyists, and big money to buy our rights, suppress our voices and strip us of choices. In addition, our president, appointing members of the private sector to his cabinet, is a transparent veil of quid pro quo. The president is using his office to further create monopolies, while still touting his support of the American People. I urge you not to support this dangerous bill, as it will only further alienate the populous from supporting politicians who sign on to dangerous bills, such as H.R. 4752.
—Anita M. Garza, Kokomo, IN

The internet should not be controlled by money.
—David Ball, Northampton, MA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler needs to stop playing into the hands of the big corporations. Leave the internet alone.
—Mary Dangelo, Hilton, NY

I don't want monopolies taking over and controlling the internet just to make us pay more. I want more internet providers with higher speeds at a cheaper price. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY
—David Vassalotti, Wilmington, NC

No more giving Big business special treatment - It is average Americans that should be at the front of the line not Big Business!!!!!
—Dennis Shimmel, renton, WA

Why isn't the internet treated just like phone service? Why aren't ISP's common carriers? Why allow them to discriminate between different kinds of traffic? Why allow them to charge extra? Their service is terrible. Perhaps we should first require there to be at least 5 ISP's for each location, with no one having more than a 25% market share.
—Haydn Huntley, Makawao, HI

The internet needs to be free. There are so many people who don't have the extra money to pay for the use of it. If the big telecomunication companies get what they want we won't be able to use it. Isn't the internet free speech. We deserve to use it and enjoy the things we can do on the internet.
—Doreen Mann, Lisbon, ME

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.
—Jose Rojas, Stafford, VA

Toss the corporate rules --ISPs should be common carriers! HEY FCC--ARE YOU HEARING US? DON'T BE EVIL! NET NEUTRALITY NEEDS TO STAY!
—Margaret Mew, Lafayette, CA

Broadband providers are common carriers. Regulate them accordingly.
—Douglas Bright, Hercules, CA

Two or more tiers is a huge mistake. Keep the net equal, but improve it for all.
—Paul Neujahr, Appleton, WI

Please do not let internet service providers have any more power to bleed their customers dry. I live in a rural area where the only possible internet providers are satellite providers with metered connections. It is a monopoly that charges inflated fees to be able to do my banking, attend my school, and pay my bills. I also fear that any power to limit speeds due to content will interfere with not only free speech, but freedom of the press as companies will be able to limit the speed and availability to information that they do not agree with. The internet has become a wealth of information and a place where people can speak honestly and openly about their experiences. The neutrality of the internet allows it to be the best source of consumer protection by word of mouth alone. Please do not take this resource from us by silencing dissenting voices that companies do not want heard.
—Jennifer Arnold, Longville, LA

It's essential to me to know my Google results are unbiased, and I can load anything it gives me without worrying that my government or, worse, my Internet provider, can decide what I can see and what I cannot. The absence of Net Neutrality is something that causes Americans to recoil in horror when China or Saudi Arabia does it. Because, no matter how it's phrased, it's censorship. And that's not who we, the American people, are.
—Paul S Cilwa, Chandler, AZ

I can not see any reason this would be un-important to anyone.
—Deborah Veres, Palm Springs, FL

Whatever happened to "all men are created equal?" How can you even consider dividing us up and denying us what the giants can pay for? And why is our internet speed less than that of Estonia?? Shame on you for even considering not honoring net neutrality!
—Mr Robert L Friedlander, Miami, FL

Net neutrality means NO tiered system in ANY Way. Not a fast speed for most of us and a super fast speed for those who will pay more. That's just a two tiered system and is unacceptable. Here's the solution. One super fast net speed for everyone at a reasonable price. It's the people's information highway. If it wasn't than the FCC would not be empowered to regulate it. just regulate it to protect our interests not the Comcasts of the world.
—Patrick Vingo, Norwalk, CT

The internet is for all of us to use & enjoy equally. It is not another way for media giants to make greater profits.
—Chance Rearden, West Hollywood, CA

Internet service providers do not own the internet, and ought to answer to the will of the people.
—Nancy Goebner, San Jose, CA

'I' considered my MMXII - MMXIV input imperative to the future of Humankind's 'future'. Remove 'Net Neutrality', and where do you consider our future will be spent? Sod it! Let's just order lots of CO2 Extinguishers and hope for the best... :-(. D226474D
—Robert Laverick, Sunderland,

The Internet in its current form could only have come out of America. Tom Wheeler's plan is going to make it look like a Russian enterprise. A handful of mega corporations at the top, with everybody else sharing scraps under the table. Presumably a bunch of Tom's buddies will be in there making a fat pile of cash out of the arrangement too!
—John Crawford, Glen Waverley,

It is the last frontier that is still virtually untouched by corporate interest. If we give in to the oligarchs, then what are we? Citizens or merely consumers?
—Raudel Sandoval, Chicago, IL

Stop the monopolies from ruining the internet!
—Jay Tartaglia, philadelphia, PA

Protect net neutrality, support free speech.
—Gregg Brownell, Bowling Green, OH

As a public library director I am firmly behind equal access to all, not matter their race, gender, or economic status. Net Neutrality assures the same right to equal access to the Internet as libraries do for their materials. Keep the Internet free for all and do not make it another instance of the "have and have nots".
—Celeste Dyer, Coventry, RI

I seems as though restricting internet access is only being done out of a desire to increase already enormous profits and limit the access of the general public to factual information that could hurt business or government interest. The level of greed people have is absurd. The internet as a whole is not anyones to own or censor. If you take away net neutrality, i.e. the thing american citizens have grown accustomed to and heavily reliant upon, you will give many people who had previously been uninterested in politics or business a reason to rally behind your opponents. i know i will.
—Kyle Lawler, walnut creek, CA

The FCC is bought and paid for the the industries it serves. No competition as the CEO said. Profits have never been better in the industry. But it's never enough, is it? Stop stuffing the money in the CEO's pocket and do some investment in your infrastructure and your monopoly will continue to be mega-profitable. As I said it's never enough. Now we need "horizontal" mergers to shrink the pool of competition. How come S. Korea gets 3x the speed at 1/3 the price? Because their government is not BOUGHT off. NET NEUTRALITY RULES and should stay that way. STOP THE REVOLVING Door of INDUSTRY TO GOV'T. and STOP electing these MORONS to ELECTED office that SCREW the people.
—Albert Ulrich, Bronx, NY

It is not broken! Don't fix it!!
—Christy Williams, Dallas, TX

Dear fucktards, I have signed more of these letters then I care to count, yet will continue to do it to the end of days as long as there is a threat to net neutrality. By charging companies for faster internet you are destroying innovation and creativity the founded one of the greatest creations mankind has ever seen. Please stop trying to destroy the internet.
—Robert Bradshaw, oakdale, MN

The internet should be a utility. I urge you to support net neutrality. Thank you
—M Johnson, Eugene, OR

Please declare the internet a public utility, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and reenforce net neutrality rules and enforcement. ISPs are ripping us off and I'm tired of being abused by the monopoly that ISPs have set up.
—Nathan Burrows, Minneapolis, MN

In many states there is already a monopoly over ISP options. Now, and through these proposed rules, the corporations that are the shot calling only game in town, will be given additional power to impose a reality that is counter to what the internet has been, and should continue to be: A free place.
—Dan OMalley, Cornelius, OR

Hi Tom, Do not, under any circumstances allow Net Neutrality to end. I don't care how much you're getting paid off. Do not kill Net Neutrality.
—Richard Clark, Coupland, TX

Dear useless FCC, I honestly can't believe you're managing to still be going along with killing net neutrality. You keep trying to do this and every time the public is in an uproar, you go into hiding and just try to sneak it by again. Common carrier is the only solution for this. There is NO competition. I have lived in 3 places in the last few years all of which gave me ONE choice for a cable carrier. Having Tom Wheeler run the FCC is also a big slap in the face to the American people. Go to hell.
—Jacob Ferderigos, Orlando, FL

What's in it for Wheeler?
—Richard Evans, SEATTLE, WA

I believe the success of the internet for empowering those of us without large funds stems from it's built in inherent democracy. This has allowed grassroots innovation to occur globally. Google, Youtube, Facebook are just a few examples of once small startups with little money that because of the open free net neutral internet were able to take a good idea and find an audience. This kind of equal access for all is in jeopardy with the FCC new rules. The FCC's job is to protect the best interest of the citizens of the US and NOT just those of a few giant corporations! Why is it that that although the people and several big internet companies (Google, Amazing etc) overwhelmingly support Net Neutrality that the FCC continues to push ahead with this plan to allow companies to charge different rates for different speeds? Could it be that you Tom Wheeler formerly from the cable business are putting you and your buddies self interest above that of the people? It's unbelievable that president Obama choose you for this post when it's so obviously a conflict of interest because of your former ties and relationships with the telcom industry. Prove me wrong by doing the right thing. GET RID OF THESE RULES and RECLASSIFY ISP's as COMMON CARRIERS. thank you, Wiley Ross
—Wiley Ross, Tucson, AZ

There should be an even playing field. There is too much income disparity. This will just lead to more power to the corporations and oligarchs. The world is going to hell .
—Diana nadanyi, Bluffton, SC

Without net neutrality the big corporations will sink their fangs into our bank accounts and suck us dry while selling our data, keeping us under surveillance, and deluging us with propaganda. It may well be the end of American democracy. For God's sake throw out these new rules.
—Sally O. Wells, West Kingston, RI

An educated democracy includes free access to information for all citizens. Please support real net neutrality!!!!!!!
—Ardeth L. Weed, Edmonds, WA

I've also submitted a comment via the FCC's website, but to add to Freepress' efforts, I must again implore you folks--reclassify the internet as common carrier! REAL net neutrality does not allow for "fast lanes". What happens when unpopular content is beholden to giant telecom companies? The plan Mr Wheeler is offering the internet is the first step in building a censored internet, where certain information is privy to certain benefits. Its something subtle like Netflix paying Comcast preemptively in the wake of such a short-sighted, profit-motivated decision. Please, listen to the people and RECLASSIFY THE INTERNET AS 'Common Carrier'. As a last note, look at Google Fiber's business model
—Joshua L Hupp, Philadelphia, PA

Free speech
—Kamaria DeLaForce, Bogart, GA

I HATE YOU, I HATE CONGRESS, AND I HATE YOUR COLLUSION TO PUT THE INTERNET IN THE HANDS OF A GREEDY MONOPOLY. I HAVE TWO LETTERS FOR YOU: F. U.
—Michael Janover, Eugene, OR

The internet is part of our country's infrastructure, it should be managed as a public utility, not as a cable subscription.
—Peter Leighton, Los Angeles, CA

We have the WORST internet for the HIGHEST price already and there is NO COMPETITION. KICK THESE MONEY GRUBBING VAMPIRES TO THE CURB. The ONLY reason they are this strong is THEIR ARMY OF LOBBYISTS PUTTING BIG MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF THOSE WITH POWER. The REST OF US want DECENT INTERNET SERVICE with COMPETITIVE PRICES! BREAK THEIR MONOPOLIES, don't give them license. HOW MUCH ARE YOU FOR AMERICA, ANYWAY?
—Richard Schwager, Santa Barbara, CA

Ensure real Net Neutrality - reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Barrett Eynon, Palo Alto, CA

Start ups need a chance to truly compete. Providers are lying when they say they won't slow down websites, as statistics show. In addition, relative speeds are what matter. One group must not be faster than another. This proposed change is not endorsing free trade, it is creating another way for oligarchies to take over.
—Kyle Campbell, Parksville,

We, the people of the US, don't want a communist government! Net Neutrality is extremely important.
—R Lauer, Orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is so important to the future of our country. Please keep our access open and available to every citizen. Please DO NOT let our internet become like cable television where I search and comb for valuable information and news.There is nothing wrong with the internet as it is now. DO NOT TAKE AWAY NET NEUTRALITY!!!!
—Christeal Milburn, Bakersfield, CA

Standing up for Net Neutrality!!
—Valarie Bailey, Clayton, NC

Quite simply it is about freedom from corporate hacks that already screw us with overpriced, unreliable internet service through a conspired monopoly eliminating any true competition. You idiots have improperly classified the internet now fix it by re-classifying it.
—Clay G. Colson, Land O' Lakes, FL

No one should have to pay more to get the same level of service and access to information that big business is accustomed to receiving.
—Alan Oresky, Laurel, MD

As for now the way it's been done, it's just working good,we don't need any changes especially when it comes to descrimination. FCC please throw those rules out!!! We don't need them!!! We are against Online descrimination.
—John V., selma, CA

All web sites should have the same speed. No fast lanes
—Ted Mann, Toronto,

OUR future requires that we find a better way of living on this planet. Eliminating net-neutrality is a step in the opposite direction. Our survival requires more openness, fairness, and happiness. This decision CAN NOT be made by the rich elite.
—Adam Frase, Minneapolis, MN

equal access for all internet traffic
—Robert Fiebing, Spokane Valley, WA

The internet is a place full of free media and the exchange of free ideas. It belongs to everyone, not just the people who can afford it.
—Alix Nyden, Vienna, VA

I demand net neutrality and you have no right to dismantle it.
—Failea Bocanegra, Whittier, CA

I feel the internet needs to be open and free, not controlled by the big companies in the telecommunications industry
—Brian P. Whitney, Cherry Valley, MA

STop this nonsense of protecting the biggest companies against the citizens. Nowadays Internet became like the air we breath, it can't be owned by a limited number of "virtual entities" (companies) but must be owned by all (the people)
—Pierre Longpre, Laval,

Corporations are NOT people. They have not earned, nor do they deserve preferential treatment over the people of this country.
—Melodi Willis, Tamarac, FL

I will say this a thousand times, Net Neutrality is absolutely vital for the future prosperity of American Business. The current FCC plans sacrifice our long term prosperity for short term profits for a few telecom giants.
—Charles Capko, Charlotte, NC

Do not give cable providers like Comcast and Time Warner more power over the collectively created internet that belongs to all of us. It is evil that Obama appointed a cable industry lobbyist to run the FCC and giving big, rich cable corporations more power over the internet than everyone else is also evil. Real net neutrality is what the internet it. No Government entity should have the ability to regulate what is the people's property, or the people's commons.
—Tree Fitzpatrick, Berkeley, CA

I thought Monopolies weren't legal. Make ISPs a utility just like water, gas, & electricity. This is insane to put the fox in charge of the hen-house.
—Kevin Toney, Richmond, CA

How did google deal with all the Netflix streaming traffic -Simple: they gave Netflix space in their data center to host their traffic. This was a win for Netflix for both parties because it dramatically reduced their bandwidth requirements. What Comcast and Verizon need is Google-Like Thinking... That's how we keep an open & neutral internet!
—John Dennis, Lennon, MI

The proposed changes are another sellout to monopolistic corporations. I am sick of this. Why is the chief lobbyist for cable now in charge of the FCC? The internet, as the airwaves, should belong to the society at large, for its benefit, not to monopolies.
—Dennis Sweeney, Portland, OR

I am deeply concerned with the way the FCC is handling the Net Neutrality issue. We Americans (from my great grandparents, to myself) have consistently and clearly expressed our sentiments about anti-competitive behavior and monopolies, and trust our government to represent our voice. It is the responsibility of our civil servants to uphold and defend that voice. Do what is right!
—Tucker Bradford, Green Cove Springs, FL

Companies do not own the internet. The American people do.
—Mark Koppel, Greenacres, FL

reclassify isp's as common carriers. do not end net neutrality!!!!
—Mr. Chris Vlaenty, forest lake, MN

The internet is about equality, but ending net neutrality will essentially make it so only the wealthy corporations have a voice. We MUST keep the net neutral!
—Eddy Zalinski, Bellefonte, PA

I got an email today from Cox Cable telling me that I could get faster internet speed for an extra $5 a month. Ending Net Neutrality will only make this worse.
—John-Christopher Ward, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want and have a right to ALL the information on the internet at the fastest possible speeds.
—Maggie McCormick, Littleton, CO

We finally have something in America that's equal for everyone. Rather than getting rid of a free and open Internet, why not use it to make other aspects of our lives equal, like jobs, and pay, and housing?
—Sue and John Morris, Marshfield, VT

A two-tiered internet is a censored internet, not a neutral one.
—Richard Fisel, Yuba City, CA

Why not just do the right thing, Chairman Wheeler and make sure Net Neutrality remains in place. Do it for the people and forget about letting the big corporations rake in even more unearned money. Please let democracy win this time!
—Connie Schuett, Reno, NV

If we want to promote freedom the internet must remain free and open, Neutral. Letting corporations control the internet is a dangerous idea. Please support the people!!
—Mary Cain, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. A two tier internet will only hurt the consumer and start up companies. Don't let this happen. Please do not go thought with allowing internet providers to dictate the speed I view my content.
—Michael, Springfield, MO

Net neutrality is one of the founding principles of the internet and it's ridiculous that there is even a question of whether or not it should be upheld. Allowing the internet service providers to speed up and slow down the internet based on who pays them is morally wrong. Fair competition is the base of democracy and the USA. Startups, small businesses, musicians and numerous others rely on net neutrality to give them a chance at success with their ventures. The fair playing ground provided by the internet is keeping America moving, it's creating jobs, it's giving everyone a voice, it's allowing expression from those who previously felt shackled. This change would be terrible for our country in countless different ways.
—Charles R Hendricks, Oak Forest, IL

We, the taxpayers, the everyday users of the internet, are the ones who you should be listening to, NOT the ISPs. They only have their own interests in mind. We NEED Net Neutrality in order to keep the Internet, with its vast knowledge and endless uses, affordable and within reach of EVERYBODY. To do anything less is criminal. Stop taking bribes and start listening to your constituents!
—Metaka Fraser, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality works and everyone everywhere has access! Please keep it this way for all time.
—Gail Wees, GARDEN CITY, ID

Because it is just right to keep it open.
—Bob Phelps, Galesburg, MI

As a customer of comcast for the past eight years, I've grown tired over their over priced internet and none satisfying customer service. Just learning about the Net Neutrality, I am convinced that if the internet is not neutral across the board, these companies will cause an insufficient market where not only can put a larger dip into the American people's pockets, but make it hard for new internet based businesses to be created. Why are we charging 3rd parties (Netflix, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to display their content to customers through providers who damage a market that was not in the ideal motive of providing internet in the first place. Why isn't comcast paying the government to supply us with internet? I would like the government to take hold of this situation and provide internet themselves. I wouldn't mine paying OUR government for servicing our internet which can better our economy and other government owned programs instead of helping some CEO purchase a G5 and withstand their expensive purchases. I am growing tired of finding it hard to access different services because our country has not cracked down on the corruption many of the businesses in America are delved in. Hell a government owned internet service could help pay for hospitals to get the supplies they need and not have to charge so much for Medical procedures, or help elementary schools that needs funds to moderate their classrooms. You all are already cracking down on illegal downloading and finding criminals with face recognition. I believe the gov't and with a final confirmation (vote) by the American people could make decisions to better our internet capabilities. Obama take ownership of this and take the internet and land phone services in your own hands and receive our thoughts on how it should be ran. Thank you for your time!
—Justin Watkins, Chicago, IL

First, the FCC should be an independent body with NO TIES to corporations engaged in doing business on the internet. Instead it is a revolving door for corporate lobbyists. So it is the fox guarding the henhouse. WE ALL PAY FOR INTERNET ACCESS. WE SHELL OUT BIG AMOUNTS FOR COMPUTERS, FOR WIRELESS OR MODEMS. THAT IS ENOUGH! There must be no fast or slow lanes on the internet. Money should not dictate the speed of one's access to information. It is just wrong! IS CORPORATE GREED AND MONOPOLIZING NEVER SATISFIED??
—Janet Tache, Penn Valley, CA

Our society has enough problems, and the money-grubbing pigs that control mega-corporations and businesses in America need not be funded any further. Do the right thing and maintain net neutrality. Or, continue down the path of destruction and injustice until the tides turn and society crumbles at your very feet.
—Seth Drouin, South Dartmouth, MA

Stop ignoring the will of the people & putting corporate interests above the peoples.
—Forrest Miller, Yuba City, CA

This whole grab is evil! We need to get internet service categorized as a utility rather than entertainment. Everyone should have equaled access!
—Susan Maletksy, Sonora, CA

THROW OUT YOUR RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIES. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY. WORK FOR THE PEOPLE!!!
—Lynn Wolf, Saugus, CA

All communication providers MUST be classified as Title 2 Common Carriers because that is WHAT THEY DO. The internet is PUBLIC infrastructure built by PUBLIC funds, researched by PUBLIC entities, and the UN has declared internet access to be a basic human right. NO ONE has the right to discriminate against our data! Internet access providing should be a line of business that ANYONE can get into, furthermore, because clearly there is no competition for these corporations and they have an absolute monopoly on where they do business. This is a travesty and forcing them to adhere to the standards of common carriers is the FIRST Thing We Need To Do!
—Matthew Giera, Chicopee, MA

Are you guys so greedy that you have to fix things that aren't broke, and limit the freedom of speech and the building of ideas through communication on an equal and unhindered level. Cable companies are monopolies cause they have no one to compete with, and those that tty get drowned out from bs illegal fees that the monopoly forces on the new guy. Yet in the end its whoever has the largest check book that wins things like this, which is why even with major companies and people all over are wanting to put an end to your ideas. You still got the go ahead cause you forked over enough money to make people bend and ignore the rules.
—Travis, nickerson, KS

The Internet isn't broken, why change it? We need net neutrality to foster innovation, free speech, start-ups, etc. Please don't kill net neutrality.
—Brian Lorentz, eagan, MN

I I am a Comcast customer. I have never done business with a company that so routinely disregards customer needs. I know from personal experience they are a predatory business. Please do not destroy Net Neutrality.
—Jane Jane Bozman, Waverly, TN

As more activity and technology become net aware, the more our lives will become dependent on access at speeds not governed by unaffordable costs. Listen to the people.
—Robert Herion, Newtown, PA

Please do not create a two track internet. Net neutrality is important to ensure future innovation. The internet should be classified as a common carrier. thank you, Stan
—Stanton Paris, rockville, MD

An end to net neutrality would stifle innovation, the tech industry, and job creation. For the future of the American people net neutrality must be protected.
—Stuart Munich, orlando, FL

Net Neutrality has been a key design principle of the internet from the beginning. We should not let big ISPs mess around with it for their own profit. And Comcast CEO is confused -- the USPS does not charge me if Netflix mails me something, whereas the ISPs want to be paid on both ends -- that's bogus. They should be Title II common carriers, problem solved. If Wheeler has guts and a love of NN then he will not be looking to pad ISPs for a future revolving-door gig, rather he will do the right thing for the long term health of our internet.
—Robert Spector, Somerset, NJ

I telecommute fulltime from home via the Internet.
—Neal White, Smyrna, GA

Net nutrality is one of the few things left in America that is purely neutral. This shouldn't even be up for discussion, leave it neutral. Don't give into the Internet providers monopoly. That is exactly what they are a monopoly and if we let them change the internet's nutrality we are basically giving them boardwalk and park place (the dark blue win all pieces). They already own the rest of the damn board. Drink some coffee and wake up, really look at what they are doing. It looks a lot like another business's monopoly plan, that we let pass. We realized too late just how much power we gave them and had to federally court order them to break up. We need to learn from our past not repeat it. Internet neutrality needs to stay, we need to give small businesses a chance.
—Shakira jones, St. Paul, MN

Dear FCC, reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect real Net Neutrality. Take this opportunity to do the right thing.
—Evan Mazunik, Englewood, CO

Net Neutrality means that the speed of the net would be the same for everyone. I can exercise my ability to select what I want to see without worrying that big companies will slow down what I want while the speed up ther material. Our airwaves should be free for us all.
—Lois Durso, Philadelphia, PA

Please make the internet a common carrier.
—Ms. Marian Drake Drake, Portland, OR

Please do not let the cable company regulate the Internet. The should be regulated as public Utilities!
—Stephen Swaney, 20007, DC

Everyone deserves equal access and speed on the Internet.
—Chas Martin, st louis, MO

The people of the United States of America must take their country and government back....it's been and is being hijacked by corporate greed and and the 1%....we're not going to put up with it anymore. Monopolies are illegal....time to take the fox off guarding the chicken coop!
—P Atti, Yelm, WA

Let's focus on better service and information for all Americans not less for those who can't afford to pay. I will be appalled if a Chairman appointed by the Obama administration falls short of serving the best interest of American citizens, by aiding the best interests of service providers instead.
—Skye Christensen, San Francisco, CA

Do not jeopardize a prime wealth & job producing infrastructure element of our national economy to satisfy a small, if generous in their lobbying efforts, industry. Urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—William Graham, Lake Forest, CA

Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL for preserving America's democracy!
—Sara Hart, N. Myrtle Beach, SC

THE NEW RLES FOR GIVE HUGE CORPORATIONS A VIRTUSL LOCK ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET. DON'T LET THE FCC CHAIRMAN DO THE WORK FOR HIS FRIENDS IN INDUSTRY
—John Connor, madison, CT

The internet is what keeps me and millions of people in touch with out family and friends we can't see on a daily basis. Just because you all want more fucking money doesn't give you the right to corrupt what we already have. Selfish bastards
—Katie fuck you saalberg, Ann Arbor, MI

PLEASE reclassify broadband internet as a title II common carrier telecommunications service. If you don't, you are knowingly allowing monopolies to happen, not to mention prove how corrupt our government is.
—Zach, Chippewa Falls, WI

Please preserve real Net Neutrality. Throw out these ridiculous new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Does the USA really want to squelch entrepreneurs? Does it really want to cede power and profit to the very few while leaving the rest of us out in the cold? Will this encourage innovation, or will it turn the new Bill Gates and Steve Jobs into middle-aged failures still tinkering around in their parents' garage? WE THE PEOPLE have had enough!! Please, please, please, do not do this. It is wrong, and you know it's wrong. YOU KNOW IT'S WRONG. YOU -- KNOW -- IT'S -- WRONG.
—Mary Fahey, San Francisco, CA

It's important all the legal information out there be available equally! Whether it's a movie or a Republican site or a Democratic site, if you already pay for internet, you should have access equally!
—Amanda Yoder, Chesapeake, VA

Without Net Neutrality New Ideas won't be heard. Talk about decreasing the competitive edge for our country's economy -- that will do it. So much creativity is coming from the Internet. Market domination will destroy a huge opportunity to make technological advances, medical breakthroughs, bring world peace, reunite lost souls, and restore democracy. No one will gain anything by losing Net Neutrality to the highest bidder. That would be foolish and a no win situation even for the victor. GET SOME COMMON SENSE!
—Jennifer Elliott, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important for full access to the internet, for individuals, small business growth, and true freedom of information and access.
—Tim Deschaines, Riverview, FL

I need the cable companies out of my free space. FOREVER.
—Conner Sines, Belmont, CA

Net neutrality is the only fair way to go.
—Siamak Vossoughi, San Francisco, CA

NO two tier systems. An internet that is truly a level playing field with equal viewing and speed. Come on, this is a no brainer. We all want to be able to use the internet
—Becky Greeley, Acton, MA

Stop the madness. Consider doing right by us, just once.
—Michelle Page Akpan, madison, SD

The internet is a public utility. It should be equal for all who use it, regardless if how much money they have. Do not give telecommunications companies more power than they already have.
—Justin Davidson, Lubbock, TX

Net Neutrality is very important. We can't let the cable companies monopolize the internet. If this happens not only will it be bad for the citizens of this country, but it will turn bad for the government too. If we let the cable companies monopolize the internet they will have control over the platform we all use to communicate and share with the outside world. The new normal will be whatever the cable companies, like Comcast, want it to be. If the cable companies control the information, they can shape the country in any form they please. It isn't going to benefit the citizens of this country, and it won't benefit the government. The only ones who will benefit from the monopoly will be the cable companies themselves.
—Jessica Stern, Delphi, IN

Preserve net neutrality and cease supporting media consolidation. Support freedom in our press and public airways.
—Joe Glaston, Desert Hot Springs, CA

I live in rural Wisconsin, I know that Verizen and AT&T and the rest of big Telco's and cable company's don't give a rip for us and will leave us with the slowest internet or none at all!!! Don't give them that ability!! Iam tired of being considered not worth having rights, by letting those with the dollars run over our rights!!!
—Dean Stephens, Alma Center, WI

I think the most important reason to support Net Neutrality is the FCC's apparent disregard for its importance. An "open Internet" is not Net Neutrality. What the FCC proposes is anti-progress, anti-rationality, anti-consumer, anti-competition, and is very much a ruling that seems to point to one or more members of the FCC colluding with companies like Comcast and Verizon to see that their media products are able to compete unevenly with other companies that "merely" store and deliver content without also controlling the technology used to deliver that content. What this amounts to is vertical integration, also known as a vertical monopoly, and allowing this to take place with the Internet would provide no value to anyone except the ISPs who profit from such an arrangement. It occurred to me that while the qualifications for a job such as FCC Chairman would likely include working for or with cable providers, nobody would be so idiotic as to draw attention to oneself by making any blatantly overt shows of former loyalty in such a position, but apparently Tom Wheeler isn't as smart as I gave him credit for. Just so you know, Tom, if you fail to do the right thing for our country, our country will respond appropriately. Losing your position at the FCC will only be the beginning, as the American people will use their knowledge of the NSA's capabilities to full effect when investigating every last corrupting influence that has caused you to take leave of your senses and suggest we permit ISPs to regulate the speed of companies that use large amounts of bandwidth. Note: I am not suggesting that it is not both possible and likely that popular services like Netflix might use a much higher than anticipated amount of bandwidth, but this should be driving technological improvements, making bandwidth cheaper, and thereby increasing the respective caps on usage, both for the consumer, and for commercial interests. There is no reason why Google should have to upgrade our infrastructure, they are a relatively new company compared to the likes of Comcast, Time-Warner, and other long-standing ISPs. The very real problem of bottlenecks in transmission speeds during peak hours must not be addressed by simply slowing down people who won't pay a premium for outdated services that are not growing to meet rising demand for online content. The tiers that consumers currently purchase, at least in my area, where we have Comcast, are purely speed-driven, which is as it should be. Higher costs for speed directly translate into increased income for an ISP, and the more people who purchase these higher speeds, the larger the profits which can then be used to provide greater speeds and more bandwidth, which adds to supply, thereby causing a decrease in cost to increase demand. The goal should be to disseminate information as fast as possible, because let's face it, if the FCC doesn't clearly see how the ISP portion of a corporation's service offerings should be regulated like a utility, with all the safeguards for the consumer that go along with it, then we clearly aren't getting the information that needs to be shared to the people who need to receive it. Forgive me for repeating myself (I've sent a LOT of these letters), but I am merely acceding to the requests of various agencies, like Freepress.net, in this instance, standing with other concerned Americans who feel that our government would be better served by having agencies like the FCC simply do the jobs they were hired to do instead of pawning the job off on companies eager to turn your collusion and laziness into profits. Let me be clear and concise: any attempt by the FCC to allow a slow lane to be created will be considered a complete failure of this taxpayer-funded government agency to properly and effectively do it's job, something American citizens will most certainly not tolerate.
—Marc DeLateur, Spokane, 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
—Cheryl Eichman, Henderson, NV

" what should be obvious to all of us: that the cable and phone companies "have Washington in their pockets to a conveniently almost unbelievable degree." Yes, it IS obvious. Nice job FCC.
—Jim Harley, Stuart, FL

Poower grabbing by the cable companies! That's what we're talking about! Don't obfuscate the issue, whatever that means. Stand up and use common sense. Don't allow monopolies to destroy one of the most valuable contributions of our society. Don't give even MORE power to the cable companies. Seriously.
—Ray Phoenix, Santee, CA

The Wheeler Plan ends competition, promotes monopolies, and curtails free speech and equal access for all. Eliminate The Wheeler Plan and eliminate Cable Companies complete control over the internet and what information is accessible. Classify all Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Keep a truly free and open internet without tiers and different speed lanes, but have the same access and speed for everyone.
—Robert Schwartz, Columbia, MO

Dear FCC. Now that the Net has become a necessity for people to function in this society ; all users need to have the same level of service. The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. ISPs should not be allowed to discriminate against online content and applications. With Regards Matthew C. Jackson.
—Matthew C. Jackson, Santa Paula, CA

Don't fuck with the internet !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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—Ronald Grimmer, kenmore, NY

I have an online business and internet marketing relies on net neutrality to give everyone an equal opportunity to represent their services. Allow business to flourish and help the economy to recover!
—Frances Woodley, Llandysul,

One of the halmarks of Democracy is unfettered access to the internet. Furthermore, we are so tired of big money communications companies dictating pricing, bundling service, choosing greed over consummer protections/rights, and the endless control they hold sway over our elected officials. This is quickly becoming a country of "haves" and "have-nots", and this is a travesty for this country.
—Thomas Keenan, Coeur d' Alene, ID

No more corporate control of the internet. We want a system that is at least as good as South Korea, for crying out loud. What ever happened to our pride and our democracy?
—Ned Quistorff, Fox Island, WA

Defend basic democracy and equality for all on the internet!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep Net Neutrality as a common core principle!!
—Diane Beeny, Westfield, NJ

Please -- listen to those who can be more eloquent than I can about this. True net neutrality and not letting just a few megacorporations dictate who can take advantage of the net's infrastructure is _incredibly_ important on too many levels to let it fail.
—Michael Hanscom, Ellensburg, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because, for most people, the Internet is our escape from the real world! Why should we pay for something that has always been free? It's not right, because some of us live in poor families that are already struggling enough. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY.
—Carmen Mann, Denver, CO

FCC plans such as this make it harder and harder to maintain any kind of faith in federal government. Everyone who knows about this issue knows that it is a blatant example of out of control corporations using the government to pad their profit margins. Please do something to restore people's faith in their government by doing the right thing, by maintaining net neutrality.
—Michael Christopher, Honolulu, HI

This is so wrong . the net should remain as it is, free . The FCC would change the net all over the world
—Noel Lyle-Stirling, Southampton,

I am a small business owner. This would stop me from being able grow unless I had as much money as AT&T, etc... This does not allow for fair competition and the growth of start ups.
—Carroll McCarthy, Fairfax Station, VA

I am appalled by the idea that the FCC is looking to end net neutrality. This a complete power grab by big business yet again, and FCC is the only thing (it appears) that can stop this horrible idea. Please, do not pass this idea as it is the free speech of modern times. I appreciate you time and willingness to listen, and I hope you act with the interest of the US citizens, not big business.
—Dan Cochrane, Bend, OR

The US should not be a dictatorship
—Linda M, Apex, NC

Please stop internet monopoly. The internet is a public utility. Thank you.
—Ms. Helen Clarke, miami, FL

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. It is the only way to assure fair access to the Internet for all. I already pay a boatload of money for mediocre cable service. I can't afford to do the same for Internet access.
—Jennifer Waters, Tucson, AZ

Our economic system are founded on the principle that the best emerges from competition and the free inter-change of ideas. Continuing to empower the wealthy to be to compete in the arenas of business and especially communication will eventually destroy that way. Please do not allow a 2 tiered system of internet speeds.
—David E Angell, Martinez, CA

No one should have their internet held hostage, rich or poor, corporation or individual. It is unforgivable that in the US our speeds are already so slow. ISPs, get it together and do your job or we'll all get Google balloons.
—Annie Oosterwyk, Mystic, CT

The cable companies did not develop the internet nor invested in its development, just like the airwaves, the internet belongs to everybody not only the people the rich and cable companies.
—Nicholas A Mantas Esq, Twp of Washington, NJ

We need to preserve free and open competition on the internet
—Kimberly Pratt, New Orleans, LA

Corporations control more and more of the government policies. Please stand up for the public interests this time! Thank You!
—James and Sarah F. Berkheimer, Fremont, CA

It is a lie that fast lanes will not cause others to have slower internet service. Fast lanes steal bandwidth from all the lanes making slower lanes even slower. Primary schools will suffer the most as they already have outdated networks and computers. Education is more important than corporate greed. Time to serve the people before the corporations or risk a real revolution.
—Kevin FitzMaurice, Portland, OR

I am an anti-fascist
—Charles Rapport, Holliston, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the surest way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Peter Tijerina, Chicago, IL

because i dont' want big companies entrenched and start ups discouraged.
—Matthew Lawliss, Dannemora, NY

Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The double talk of the carriers, AT&T, Comcast and Verizon in "justifying" the rules, reminds me of Animal Farm: "...some are more equal than others..." These rules lead to monopoly and greater corporate control.
—John Anthony, Bothell, WA

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Teresa Collins, Louisville, CO

Don't give corporations the pleasure of killing net neutrality and ruining the democratic freedoms our founding fathers would have continued fighting for. Keep net neutrality.
—Alan, Roslyn heights, NY

Dear FCC, I believe there will be a big backlash if you allow two-tiered internet speeds. People recognize that this would be one more example of unfair distribution of services. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!!!!!!!!! Mrs. Cynthia Enlow
—C Enlow, Albany, OR

Net neutrality is very, very important to me because I believe in a society that is free, where the rich and poor alike live together without class distinction. Please let us 'little ' guys alone and let us enjoy the Internet the same way as everyone has for years. There will be newer technology that makes this possible for generations to come. Please, FCC, don't believe everything the big companies say.
—Tim Campbell, Tucker, GA

NET NEUTRALITY IS WHAT DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT
—Hunter Wallof, Point Reyes Station, CA

Keep Net Neutrality for the better of our country and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!
—Justice Bahrychuk, Birmingham, AL

Suggesting that these new rules do not create a two-tiered internet is egregiously dishonest. Trying to sell this as a "fast lane" and "hyperfast lane" system is still one in which one tier is relatively slower than the other and the service providers have an incentive to allow the "fast lane" to degrade in quality RELATIVE to the "hyperfast lane." The FCC should reject proposal 14-28 and move instead to classify internet access as a utility, just like electricity. The internet is just as vital to our modern economy as electricity in the early 20th century.
—Andrew J. Padovani, Davis, CA

Leave the internet along!
—Joseph Pagan, S.I., NY

A two-tiered system is wrong. The very people who need the Internet most will be walled out so the rich and Big Business can have everything. In America, Big Business, Big Ag, Big Corporations have all the tax breaks, corporate welfare, the politicians in their pockets, and now they will control the Internet. This is just wrong. The Internet isn't broken. Leave it alone.
—Carolyn Haines, Semmes, AL

Allowing large ISPs to control net traffic based on who coughs up the most money will seriously impact new start up businesses and stymie creativity. This is not good for the country.
—Lynda Cook, Santa Clarita, CA

Stop stealing the public domain!
—Ed Pool, Myrtle Point, OR

First Amendment - Freedom of the Press - plain and simple.
—Shannon Rossiter, San Francisco, CA

Access to information has become as essential as access to electricity, running water, and basic telephone service. It is an essential utility and needs to be protected as such. Have you learned nothing from Standard Oil? Or are you just hoping that everyone else has forgotten?
—Sharon Lai, San Diego, CA

True net neutrality is important to me both as a member of a MAJOR enterprise corporation and the owner of three small businesses, with the intention to expand into many more businesses as time permits. Unfortunately, the recent "net neutrality" proposal from the FCC will provide a means for large enterprises like the one that I am a part of to become more powerful in the world of internet communication and promotion than any other business that is not already great. This will hinder competition and, as a result, innovation and drive for success. It is with a feeling of abhorrence that I write this letter - I never should have had to explain this to those entrusted with safeguarding the future of our world. The policies you create and approve are instrumental in determining the course of many futures. Internet communication is the single greatest part of our current and future society. Will you make a choice that benefits that future in a true way by standing by your country members - those who work and toil the way you do, who bleed and may one day die for the love of their country - or will you be the ones who ensure their children are raised in a world already poised against their success? You know the right choice. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect net neutrality, and in so doing, protect a crucial part of our futures.
—Caleb Meszko, Everett, WA

Net Neutrality is important to be because it is what protects us all from companies wanting to put unfair restrictions on us. With the new net neutrality, we would not get the same speeds for certain sites as other individuals who are willing to pay more money. It would cripple other companies because cable companies would be able to squeeze dollars and cents from them for better speeds. The way Net Neutrality is now, it not broken. The whole world is in an uproar with only cable companies getting the benefits from this. Please stop this new Net Neutrality. Stick with what we had originally. It works.
—Quenetta Phillips, Goldsboro, NC

We built the internet. We, the little people. We made it great with our content. We made it interesting with our social interactions. We made it profitable. It doesn't belong to Comcast. It doesn't belong to Verizon. It belongs to all of us, and the government is charged with protecting the very life pulse of our modern age. Or do you want to go down in history as the very people who ended the Internet? Because we all will remember you. And we won't let our children forget your names.
—Ursula Lemming, new york, NY

Large companies that are practically monopolies shouldn't be allowed to decide what content users get to see by means of b.s. fast lanes and slow lanes.
—Chris Nephew, Winchester, MA

Because it is the right of all Americans---not just the rich few to have access to information!
—Michael Flinn, New York, NY

REGULATE THE INTERNET AS A UTILITY - PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL COMPETITION AMONG ISPs - BREAK UP THE MONOPOLIES!!!
—Dorothy Meyers, NEENAH, WI

Money shouldn't drive everything. Internet communications is a public good. Allowing the ISPs to discriminate is a sure way to continue widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots. Inequality is a serious problem that I feel threatens the very foundations of our democracy.
—Michael V. Lease, Medford, MA

If net neutrality disappears, then libraries and schools across the nation will either be needing more money from the government or have to no longer have internet available in them. Which would cause more than 50% of the population to be without internet access at a time when it is needed to find jobs and get a decent education. Do the math FCC. Net Neutrality = A Stronger America.
—EJ Willette, Walpole, MA

Please protect Net Neutrality and reclassify Internet Service Providers as Title Two Common Carriers. I want my ISP to transfer data to and from all sources at equal speed.
—Eric Lynes, San Bernardino, CA

We have come to depend on the Internet for quick dissemination of information. I am in the process of starting an Internet based business and will not be able to compete with the big companies. We need this level playing field. Thank you.
—Roberta Heist, Fort Bragg, CA

The internet should be free and open to all. No exceptions.
—Richard Stern, New York, NY

An inequality the USA does not need.
—Marie Wakefield, Newport, OR

NO WAy: We won't let COMCAST, Time Warner and AT&T charge us MORE $ to be the Monopoly of the future. FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. And US..remember us , the guys who work ?
—Sheila Bay, Temple, NH

Bank of America took my home, Taco Bell gave me diarrhea, and General Motors tried to kill me. But Comcast, Verizon, and Time Warner are worse! Preserve net neutrality, or you will see a revolution.
—Roger Diez, Dayton, NV

THE INTERNET IS THE SINGLE MOST POSITIVE INFLUENCE I HAVE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE AND FOR THAT I SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT IT IS THE MOST POWERFULL TOOL WE CAN USE TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE WORLD. THE INTERNET IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE EVER GOING TO EVOLVE AS A SPECIES. ONLY NET NUTRALITY WILL GENERATE AN ENVIROMENT THAT WILL BOTH CONNECT THE WORLD AND SAVE IT FROM DECEIT.
—Orlean Filipov, OTTAWA,

save net neutrality
—Ja a, genoa, NV

The notion of "a fast lane for everyone...and a hyperfast lane for those who pay..." does not sound honest. We saw the graph of Netflix's speed being slowed during the negotiations with Comcast and this seems to belie the idea that the net is always being run as a common carrier now or that everyone now has a fast lane. Internet providers will game the system as much as they are able to. Please preserve the Internet as it currently works. The current arrangement is not broken and does not need to be fixed; it does, however, need just regulation and oversight. Declare the Internet as a common carrier.
—Grant Syphers, Rohnert Park, CA

This will kill the internet completely. Net neutrality is needed to save the internet for all of us that use it for so many different things.
—Daviann McClurg, Salina, KS

First of all the net belongs to the American people, all the people not just rich corporations. Our government developed the internet with tax payer money. We all deserve the same access and privileges to the net.
—Marianne Amann, Ingleside, IL

Corporate takeover of the internet will spell the end of freedom in America and perhaps the world. Do not accept a two tier or any tier system which allows some but discriminates against others.
—Lloyd Bradsher, Livingston, TX

We can NOT allow big cable companies to "OWN" the Internet. In the 21st century this eliminates the playing field for next generation Entrepreneurs and allows cable/ISP providers to discriminate on services and sites while deepening their pocketbooks by targeting EVERYONE. That is by charging consumers, businesses, Schools, ect more unessecary fees. NO one (besides the cable companies) is protected. ISPs should be classified as common carriers ONLY. Please protect Net Neutrality as we know it today.
—Jen Hegna, Hayfield, MN

Please prevent cable company f..kery. Thank you.
—Ms. Casey E. Williams, Port Angeles, WA

I think it's really important that we don't end up in an Orwellian society. I feel that net neutrality prevents the world from just believing the party line, which is a good thing.
—George Millman, Colchester,

I am 95 and the only way I have a voice
—Charlotte Flynn, austin, TX

Net Neutrality means I don't have to use the Slow Lanes when I use the internet.
—Leonard Kamman, Austin, TX

ISPs are common carriers. Any other interpretation is unacceptable.
—Michael Slaughter, Pacifica, CA

To give this much power and oversight to cable companies - literally allowing them to oversee their overseers (the government) - is against the fundamental principle of checks and balances meant to balance the United States government and avoid monopolies. Consumers do not trust these companies and any assurance of "sufficient speeds at the baseline level" and any other promises like non-discrimination will be disregarded. The internet a major part of modern life but more importantly, a strong force for scientific and political change. The ability of the internet to do great good relies on its neutrality and giving users the same access indiscriminately. Equal access would also be very important for start-ups and small business who could not compete with large established companies. Neutrality between people and companies using the internet is essential in the government maintaining a place of integrity.
—Ruby Falls, Brooksville, NY

Making the internet a pay to play, fast lane/slow lane endeavor is a terrible idea. An open internet where all data is treated equally is the only way to ensure the free exchange of information and ideas for all companies and peoples regardless of their size, influence or wealth. By having the former head lobbyist for the cable/telecom industry now in charge of regulating the same industry is criminal. It is far worse than letting a fox guard the henhouse. This country already is an oligarchy where money rules the political system and the voice of the average citizen counts for less than nothing. Prove me wrong by not adopting the changes in net neutrality proposed by that corporate shill Tom Wheeler and the FCC. Or don't and give yet another of the people's properties to the highest bidder.
—Gerald T. Shaia, Sun Valley, CA

Please reclassify the internet as a common carrier or public utility. We all need access (consumers and small ISP's) and I believe this would be the best way to protect access for all. Small ISP shouldn't be at a disadvantage. Companies supplying the communications links shouldn't have a monolopy on providing ISP services.
—Mark Roberts, Beaverton, OR

Having a fast lane and charging more for these lanes is not democratic.there should be a level playing field. Otherwise the biggest corporations and telecomms control what we see on the Internet.
—Victoria Crampton, Bozeman, MT

Many of us can barely afford to eat, pay rent , pay our life insurance. etc. The internet has been a blessing for all of us to learn of the news, other cultures, up to date weather forecasts. Why would anyone want to inflict this kind of pain on us. I am retired person with serious health issues, cancer being one. The free internet is a way for me to continue to participate in the world. The internet was created for all people, not just the rich.! jeri
—Jerilyn Kay Miller, Madison, WI

Democracy requires equal access to information available on the Internet. The Net allows us access to our Government, so that our voices may be heard. DON'T LET THEM STIFLE WE THE PEOPLE!
—Cathy L. Brownlee, Paragould, AR

Protect our communications,
—Dakotah Pena, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is the only way to give the non- wealthy real free speech and is also a utility.
—Darryl Cameron, Lake Elsinore, CA

The internet is as vital a public utility as the telephone and should be accorded the same protections—with no price discrimination regarding quality or speed of service.
—Laura Daniel, Hawi, HI

FCC Chairman Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.The FCC needs to protect Net Neutrality!
—Ernest Huerta, hurley, NM

A two-tiered Internet would be a travesty. Retain Net Neutrality!
—Ian Sylvester, St. Helens,

I want the playing field for web innovation and app development to be level. Allowing the ISP's to double dip guarantees that the wealthy corporations who can afford high speed access will always have an advantage over the little guy, even if he is more innovative, just because he doesn't have mega bucks. Don't allow ISP's to choke off the web so only wealthy corporations can afford the fast lane.
—Adam Hart, Gillette, WY

We need fairness and we cannot get it when the FCC hires people who used to be in the Cable business as lobbyists. We need the FCC to regulate the net as a utility and stop it from being considered as something proprietary when in truth it is our tax dollars that built the internet from the beginning. Reframe the internet as a public utility.
—Mike Ellison, Felton, CA

Please keep are freedoms and Net Neutrality .... NO more monopolies we the people are sick of it please don't allow this . There is to much of this going on and eventually it'll be the last straw that broke the canals back . The companies that are to big to fail will end up doing just that once everyone just turns it's all off ... Hmm .. maybe that's exactly what the government wants ... Yes ?
—Raymond S kohn, Salisbury, NC

This attack on net neutrality is outrageous. The degree of dishonesty and collusion between the cable companies and the government (through the FCC) is just appalling. Who is looking out for the common person? How does this improve the state of our democracy?
—Jim Cassidy, Corvallis, OR

In my rural area, we have no real high speed and no real competition. Without "net neutrality" things will only get worse.
—Linda Schermer, Sedona, AZ

The Internet is great simply since it is a level playing field, anyone can start a business, social club or advocacy group. Big business would take personal freedom away for profits, that's what business is about. You plan to end net neutrality will break up the internet for good as a public forum. You are with corporate America not with the people
—Robert Friedman, Orlando, FL

The proposed plan to allow a 2 tier internet with fast lanes for those content providers who can afford to pay more would mean the end of the internet as we know it. This is a ludicrous plan that will benefit no one but the ISPs. Consumers will end up paying more for the content to be delivered in the fast lane while startups and innovators will be denied a level playing field.. You should reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that they can be properly regulated and true Net Neutrality can be guaranteed. Data is now an important commodity. Don't break the Internet with the fast lane plan.
—Scott Emmons, Cedar Hill, TX

I WILL NEVER UPGRADE MY ELECTRONIC DEVICES AS LONG AS I'LL BE STUCK IN THE SLOW LANE AND REFUSE TO PAY TOLL TO THE VERY FEW MEDIA COMPANIES CONTROLLING THIS COUNTRY ! I AM CANCELLING MY DIRECTV (I REFUSE TO EVER BE A AT&T CUSTOMER). I'LL FIND NEW HOBBIES AND SPEND EVEN LESS TIME ONLINE THEN I DO NOW WHICH HAS BEEN LESS EVERY DAY . I DON'T CARRY A CELL PHONE AROUND SO THERE'LL BE NO NEED TO EVER UPGRADE THAT EITHER ! IF BIG BROTHER WANTS ME TO PAY A TOLL TO THE INTERNET TROLL TO GET IN THE FAST LANE IT WON'T HAPPEN, IF BIG BROTHER WANTS TO LISTEN TO MY PHONES CALLS THEY'LL GET REALLY BORED ! WE PAY MORE AND HAVE SLOWER NETWORK SERVICE THEN ESTONIA ! WOW !
—Bill Jamison, spring, TX

Net neutrality is equality and freedom in the context of independence. Shame that cable companies want to make a farce out of our values.
—John, Brooklyn, NY

The internet should be kept free for everyone. We will no loose out on innovation, creativity, new businesses and freedom to communicate if schools, individuals and small businesses can not compete with big business.
—Kathryn Mosher, Eagan, MN

Is the Bad Smell the Presence of a Robber Baron's Hamfisted Perfumed Agenda
—James Barrington, London,

The mainstream press already filters and spins information so that people don't hear the truth. We don't need more baffles and impediments imposed by corporations. Let the whole truth bubble up. We are smart enough to separate the wheat from the chaff. All voices heard!
—Mr. Antonio Padial, San Francsico, CA

We already have a major class issue in this country and certainly around the world. The internet should be a tool of freedom, not constraint.
—Matthew Koerner, Fort Collins, CO

We do not need a monopoly with our internet. The internet is everyone's freedom and should be available to all without be corporations controlling what we get and at what speed.
—Sarah Dalgliesh, traverse city, MI

Since the internet herein the US is not as good as it is in other countries why does or government want to make it slower. All for more profit for already wealthy corporations.
—Ollie grosclaude, Sallisaw, OK

Don't do it.
—Ronald Osborne, Cotopaxi, CO

Its not broke now so don't "fix" it to give big corporations more ways to rob us.
—Gayle McLaughlin, jacksonville, FL

The mainstream media has become Derelict in it's duties. We the people have a right and a need to know what is really happening in our government and our world. Net neutrality is our only real way to avoid living in a world of propaganda news. It is imperative that we have access to world news.
—Lorie Meacham, Mesa, AZ

Have a conscience. You know it is wrong. The internet is for humanity. Not the greedy rich.
—Mandy F Morris, Doonan,

Don't let mega-corps hijack the internet!
—Christi DeMark, Hoboken, NJ

Why do you think these companies want to change the way things are? Yes, it is because they want to make more money from a service that every American has a right to FREELY access. They currently have monopolies and we have no choice. How is this going to make things better for us? It is not. It is clear that the majority of Americans do not want this and it WILL throttle access for millions of us. If you really think this is good for me, get in touch and tell me why. I will share the reasons with all of my friends. Remember it is "For the People" NOT "For the businesses". You work for all Americans, not just a few greedy ones.
—Don MacLeod, St. Paul, MN

Current proposal by FCC Chairman is NOT net neutrality! No one - NO ONE should be allowed to buy access rights over anyone else on the internet! ALL traffic should be treated absolutely without any bias. In order to preserve this, the internet should be treated as a common carrier. Nothing less makes sense and protects the public rights.. H D Morris
—H D. Morris, Fallbrook, CA

Do the right thing for your country, and for humanity. Stand up for the internet and the USA's jewel of freedom of expression from those who would destroy net neutrality for their own personal, selfish interests. We are all counting on you.
—David Salih, miami beach, FL

Americans pride themselves on being the best. But when it comes to reality, our broadband ranks below Estonia. Sputh Korea's broadband is lighting fast. Meanwhile, politicians and media spin #13 or 17, depending on the list, as #1, more concerned with who's wearing the biggest flag pin. On top of slow spun as fast, we pay more for less. See: "Why is broadband more expensive in the US?" http://www.bbc.com/news/magazi ne-24528383. The answer is lack of competition thanks to deregulation, which means "Monoplies are King" and mergers get rubber stamped. And the American public gets stuck with mediocrity, a big fat bill and surly customer service It's the same creative math and for-profit love affair with corporate monopolies that peddle our WHO #37 health care ranking as # 1. America doesn't care about competition. It's actions says that it loves to eliminate competition so that Americans can be at the mercy of corporate sucking machines as they opt to embrace propaganda spun as fact. Jon Oliver nailed this one. Choose, America. Embrace ignorance, lies and government-corporate collusion, or light a fire under the FCC, Congress, and the Obama Administration ... and take no prisoners.
—Jennifer Reed, Ashland, OR

Common Carrier please. Thank you.
—David Wolf, Kula, HI

Fuck corporate control of internet speed!
—Thomas Knecht, SLC, UT

How about playing fair with all net users?
—L Jim Anthis, Edmond, OK

Protect Net Neutrality.
—Dwayne Anthony Munar, Waianae, HI

The new FCC rules on Net Neutrality are Orwellian and subvert neutrality --another attack on equality.
—Margaret Pearlman, Laguna Woods, CA

The United States already has the slowest, most expensive internet service in the world. The FCC needs to abandon their plan which will allow rampant discrimination. With net neutrality gone, ISPs will be able to make even more money off their existing customer base. They won't need to improve service or bring broadband to rural areas because they'll be able to keep growing financially by charging content providers more for faster delivery and charging customers more for faster access. So the FCC's plan will make our service worst and it will cost more. No, thanks! Throw out your plan and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Cynthia Adkins, Charlotte, NC

It's always Haves and Have Nots, and now even the Internet will be segregated. What ever happened to our constitutional equality? A new way for the 1% to hold down the 99%. It's shameful.
—Bill Gagliani, Oak Creek, WI

NO ON NET FAST LANE: it ain't broke so don't "fix" it. Comcast, verizon, Google et al are ALREADY dominant & don't need govt license to fleece the (poor) public even more while becoming even more monopolistic. NO!!!
—J Chavez, Santa Fe, NM

I oppose two tiers. Don't do it.
—Ronald Osborne, Cotopaxi, CO

Fast lane for a price favors the powerful, at the expense of every one else, who will experience slower service. This is capitalism, not democracy. Net neutrality is democracy! Keep it that way.
—Paul J Bredderman Sr., Clifton Park, NY

Democracy requires Net Neutrality.
—Mike and Miriam Kurland, mansfield center, CT

I am disappointed that such an alteration would even be considered; the FCC must reclassify ISPs as general carriers. Allowing ISPs to serve data differently at their discretion based upon content violates many principals that we cherish in America. Refusing reform is tantamount to allowing both censorship and monopoly. Forgo revision of these senseless and shameful rules and risk the severe agitation of the intellectual class on both sides of the isle, from informed common citizen to ivy league elitist. Recent years have seen attack after attack against Net Neutrality issued by ISPs and other large corporations with vested interests in controlling communications. Allowing inroads to be made against the public's right to privacy, freedom of speech, and ability to formulate informed and independent opinions by considering all available data is wrong. Furthermore, Tom Wheeler is a shameful choice for chairman of the FCC. Those with previous connections to communications companies have no place as regulators within the FCC. Although I may be considered liberal by many measures, I voted for a third party candidate in the last general election. I did so, in part, because of the continued disgraceful and indecent crony capitalist chicanery of our current administration, and, indeed, of all administrations in recent memory. Supposing the communications industry will self regulate is also exceptionally naive. Communications providers will not treat the public justly or dutifully because the financial benefits of doing otherwise outweigh the financial liabilities of correct action. Self regulation is, therefore, no solution. Never should such be considered a valid bulwark against the corruption, greed, and self dealing rampant in our morally degraded corporate system. Shame on you all. We see you. Consider the magnitude of what you do honestly, and if this does not frighten you into a return to common sense, consider the extent of the American people's response. We want equality and decency. Do not disgrace the people of this fine nation.
—Andrew Covey, Maplewood, MO

I don't like getting ripped off, and I don't like monopolies!
—Joel Detrow, Lufkin, TX

Net neutrality is the last remaining vestige of consumer power left on the internet. If it were to go, internet service providers would be able to abuse consumers even more than they currently do. As it is, they operate as effective monopolies, providing sub-par service at exorbitant prices. We lag behind the rest of the world in regards to internet speeds and are forced to pay through the nose. If the FCC has any shred of respect for the American people it will uphold net neutrality. As it is, as an American citizen I find it hard not to assume that the FCC is not bought and paid for by internet service providers. Please do the right thing, uphold net neutrality.
—Lorenzo KatinGrazzini, Storrs, CT

Please don't end Net Neutrality. Without it the economy will crash for all little businesses. It will prevent fairness and equality. Only the billionaires will benefit. Poltitcians/bureaucrats will go around with egg on their faces after seeing just what a terrible decision they made by ending the Internet as we know it.
—MC Hagerty, Carlsbad, CA

As a computer scientist, net neutrality is important to me because it allows me to work on projects - now and in the future - which might otherwise cause me to have to pay exorbitant fees to an ISP for a service I have already paid for. The Internet is clearly a communications platform, and should be protected as such. It is right that the ISPs should be compensated for providing this service to us, but it is not right that they should be able to bully other companies into paying more. In my mind, this amounts to a protection racket, and should be treated as such. To finish, let me share one of my favourite quotes which perfectly illustrates this situation. First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me. The ISPs have not come for me yet, but if they are allowed to go for large companies, I will be next. Thank you, Simon Redman simon@ergotech.com
—Simon Redman, Los Alamos, NM

Do you really think people believe less competition is a good thing. The American people know exactly what is going on. They are probably more tech savvy than most of Congress. The internet should remain the same speed for citizens and businesses alike. I don't think you really understand the proprietary feelings citizens of the world feel about the internet. So quit sending out messengers assuring us you (the FCC) will protect the internet. We understand the powers at work here.
—Aileen Spillman, Herbster, WI

No 2-lane internet!!!! The internet is for everyone!!!
—Gale Simplicio, Morgantown, WV

Our democracy requires the free and EQUAL SPEED OF INFORMATION THAT TRUE NET NEUTRALITY provides! Be fair, be honest, and and be a real patriot for net neutrality for all!
—Larry Etscovitz, Kittery, ME

Please protect Net Neutrality. Do not establish senseless rules. I do not want ISPs to have that much power over consumers. They have too much power already. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—D'Arcy Goodrich, Omaha, NE

Dear Federal Communications Commission: FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. This proposal would kill the open Internet. I and millions of others depend on Net Neutrality and demand that the FCC protect the open Internet by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Also, you have a section on your website where you invite a nation of millions of people to comment on your various proceedings, and evidence suggests that it crumbles and crashes when even a fraction of a percentage of that population actually wants to say something. That's just embarrassing. Fix it. Sincerely, Bill Brandt
—William Brandt, Pittsburgh, PA

As a developer of software and PC hardware solutions, I rely on having the full speed of the internet at my disposal. If Net Neutrality disappears, my client solutions would be compromised, as would all my own internet utility, and my bottom line would be affected.. It would be wrong to allow these big cable companies to control access to extort money from us, the users of the open internet. It brings to mind the history of JP Morgan, CHASE, and B of A. Their collective control on our money brought about a major recession. The Oil companies are another example. Monopoly continues to control the prices. Please do not allow these major internet service providers to control how we access our wonderful, free access to the manor we utilize the internet.
—Richard Dooley, LAWNDALE, CA

The internet has been one of the best things to happen in the last 20 years. The fact that I can go anywhere, search any topic and connect with any person who has a connected device is what makes modern life so great. The mere idea that any corporate entity could place a strangle hold on this access is abhorrent. America, for the sake of all of us, keep privilege out of the internet and maintain an even access for all. This process has to stop and stop now.
—John Fawcett, Auckland,

The internet has to remain a place where people are able to access anything at the fastest speeds. Handing control over speed control to the companies who will profit from this is giving more strength to the monopolies. Please reconsider.
—Jordan Corner, Albany, NY

We have to preserve at least the appearance of a market economy instead of a corporate oligarchy. Net neutrality is one issue that shoudnt be ceded to telcom monopolies. Please stand up as a representative of the American people and create a regulatory system that maintains at least some scintilla of openness.
—Chris Jung, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I need to know that there's a snowball's chance in hell for a company other than a monopoly. The two-tiered Internet proposed by these providers is undemocratic. There is NOTHING wrong with Net Neutrality except that it doesn't allow corporate hogs to take even more of everyday American's lives and livelihoods away from them.
—Cynthia Luster, Bushnell, FL

By eliminating an open neutral internet will create a number of problems as I see it. We will be limiting a major portion of economy. E commerce. More and more companies are using virtual shopping venues online over brick and mortar stores to keep prices attractive and the number of items offered at a optimum. This activity creates jobs, adds to the tax base of both the federal government and states Educationally, the internet is unmateched at bringing continous educational opportunities to to all classes of people. Even with student loan availability through government sponsored programs, many young people and older people alike have to work to support families and themselves. The advent of distance education via the internet makes this poosible. Putting the internet on a basis that will generate higher profits for a few mega communication companies and allow access speeds only at their discretion puts unbearable limits on this benefit. Limiting speeds based on amount you have to spend on the internet will most hurt those of us that can least afford it. Only a open neutral internet will continue to offer this to all levels of income. The detriment to our society and our economy will be enormous. Putting control of the internet of 3 or 4 companies only concerned about increasing their market share and there by boosting profits, will only cap competition to a service that has all kinds of untold beneficial effects on our socieity, our econommy and our way of life. Those benefits can only be negative too all but the companies who will be enriched and many instances be disastrous for everybody else.
—Dennis Dabney, Las Vegas, NV

PLEASE DISCARD THE PROPOSED RULES!!! What we need is for the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We DO NOT NEED A TWO TIER INTERNET SYSTEM1
—Mrs. Ruth Yurchuck, Tucker, GA

If I'm not mistaken, your job is to protect net neutrality, and have the interest of the public and their rights as users in mind, not sell it off to the highest bidder. The internet was originally designed to distribute the internet equally to all who use it, not slow it down to those who can't afford the luxury of having fast speed. We already pay a very high price in order to get a connection to the internet, let alone for it to become another corporate monopoly. The idea that a former lobbyist for cable and wireless companies should be in charge of regulating the internet is absurd, what a disgrace. Just more proof how big money buys off the people and the government for nothing more than greed and power. You have a responsibility to represent the people over the corporations, do your job.
—Bobbette Axelrod, St. Paul, MN

The idea of allowing premeditated variations in speed of access to websites is ripe for abuse. It discourages the ability of small companies to compete with established big players...while also having potentially huge consequences concerning freedom of speech and censorship. It's a slippery slope. The beauty of the internet is that it currently provides an equal playing field for all. Taking that away would further skew the concentration of media power to those higher financial means. Please be remembered as one of those that stood up to protect the quality of free speech in this country... Not someone who destroyed it. Thank you Gregory Kellett
—Gregorykellett Kellett, Fairfax, CA

WE THE PEOPLE WANT THIS FREEDOM OF THE NET
—Kathy Barrett, Dunmore, PA

Ending net neutrality--just one more step towards Dystopia.
—Nancy Wagner, Bothell, WA

If Internet service providers are allowed to discriminate against websites that can't afford to pay more for faster service, the negative impact on small businesses, tech startups and content creators would be extreme. As an entrepreneur married to a start up tech guy, our family's financial security would be impacted two-fold. Don't ruin it for us. Make net neutrality the rule and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Valerie Champagne, Brooklyn, NY

The internet is a superhighway for progress, innovation, and ideas. Don't let greed stunt its growth.
—Brian Furby, Lincoln, NE

We must keep net neutrality,now and forever!
—Ann Kelly, Mount Laurel, NJ

I just can't believe a man who use to lobby for the cable companies is now the head of the FCC. This man needs to be investigated right now and see how much money he has in his off shore and Swiss accounts. I am a fan of the president but shit he mad a MAJOR mistake appointing this awful man. Worse pick since Colin Powells son headed up the agency.
—John Di Fatta, Burbank, CA

Do not deploy a tiered system. Keep already excessive corporate greed away from the structure of the internet. Protect net neutrality! Don't destroy the last shred of hope I have for the government. Like a huge portion of Americans, I live below the poverty line, watching the wealthy and powerful feed on the world like damn vampires. I have no interest in watching another monopoly arise to cast its shadow over the most important tool (not media device, not entertainment providing medium, but tool) in my everyday life.
—Klayton Kasperbauer, Lincoln, NE

Please do not make internet sites loading time controlled by big corporations. Enough of our life is controlled by them. The internet should be open and free. It already is controlled enough by ads. Thank you
—Kathi Wermter, South Range, WI

The Internet is not just for the wealthy and powerful. It is for all.
—Christine Vanhoek, JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY

The internet is a good thing. Don't ruin it for everybody. Telecoms make enough profits already. You should think about making them pay some taxes instead.
—Jon Love, Sacramento, CA

The internet does not belong to any one entity. It belongs to everyone. The FCC has no right to give ISPs the power to limit high-speed internet access only to those institutions of their choosing, which undoubtedly will end up being those in which they have a financial interest, whether directly or indirectly. This is unconstitutional. It is time to realize that this corruption will not pass through unnoticed, as the consumer public and the vast majority of American businesses are firmly against it. Therefore, I am urging you to give up on this greed-fueled sham of a proposal that is being pushed by the FCC and its lobbyist-in-charge, Tom Wheeler.
—Eric Bunge, Los Angeles, CA

We need, not only freedom of speech, but access to people to speeches can be heard. Two speeds of internet access will restrict free access to important information we need to b e a true democracy.
—Priscilla Witke, DES MOINES, IA

OK, Obama put the fox in charge of the hen house. But the rest of you have to save the internet for the rest of us. Why should we pay more than anyone in the world for the slowest broadband, and then be slowed down even more if we can't pay their extortion?
—Diane Moore, Davis, CA

The only ones who want and benefit from ending Net Neutrality are (five) cable company monopolies. FCC please protect democratic internet access and speed for all the American people.
—A S. Evans, New York, NY

Keep the net neutral, don't let corporations fight against the common consumer!
—Jorge Rosas, Jacksonville, FL

I live on Orcas Island WA and have a business. I rely on the internet for research relating to my work. The internet is already slow here. DO NOT ALLOW THE FAST LANE!!! WE ARE ALREADY AT THE MERCY OF VERIZEN for our phones and we HATE them.
—Robin Hirsch, Orcas, WA

IF the FCC goes through with this moronic idea of tiering the Internet and allowing the cable monopolies to discriminate based on MONEY then all of the suspicions of corruption, graft, collusion and downright cronyism will just be reinforced and maybe then it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back and the public will DEMAND an accounting from these miscreants and DEMAND consequences for their actions which are NOT in the public interest, convenience or necessity. PICON. Remember that little phrase at the FCC or did that get thrown out along with all of the other ethics and morals of Washington DC.
—William B Dow, Bowling Green, KY

Companies should not pick winners and losers on the internet based on the amount of money another company has. The internet is as much a utility as electricity or gas. It should be protected for the general good.
—Ronald Guillemette, Hope Valley, RI

Net neutrality is important to enabling me to listen to music, do research, buy products made in the usa without needless delay.
—Carol Pinson, Martinez, CA

Protect net neutrality -- no fast track.
—Ted Clausen, Santa Cruz, CA

This issue is important not just to me, but it should be important to all Americans. After all this is the "Land of the Free and the Home of the brave" as our national anthem states. That means as long as we are willing to fight for our freedom, for our rights, then no one not even the scum of the business world (AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon) can't charge us for something that has been created to be used freely for us, and by us. Not only that, but I'm sure there are antitrust laws that will be violated by this new piece of garbage proposal. To take it a step further we should demand that the government fires FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler for bringing such atrocity to light.
—Edgar Robert, Hialeah, FL

To change the way the internet is now would be a form of oppression. The internet does not belong to anyone, so it does not make sense that these companies should be allowed to sell it to us in pieces. What we pay for is the use of their cables, not what they deem fitting to parcel out to us. They don't own the internet, they own the cables and I already pay to use those cables!
—Mahara Bocanegra, Whittier, CA

Stop the crap don't change the internet.
—Thomas Reynolds, Voorheesville, NY

Do we really need to have a monopoly in the telecommunications industry? Years ago when the government broke up Ma Bell it was to give the consumer more options. Now the FCC wants to do away with net neutrality. How absurd. If you allow the big telecommunications companies to determine what is best for the consumer then you should be ashamed of yourselves. How about looking at the statistics of what the consumer thinks of these companies. These rulesbthe FCC is considering will prevent small companies and Internet start ups from an opportunity to exist in a free market. Please do what is right and ethical. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Annette Braam, Arlington Heights, IL

Keep the Net open and accessible to everyone, not just the moneyed interests!
—Maggie Connolly, Santa BArbara, CA

Turning over the internet to rapacious corporate monopolies is absolutely the WORST idea possible in a society which values freedom and competition and the free exchange of information. America is already mostly a Corpocracy. Ending net neutrality would just about finish the job.
—Roger W. Dixon, Young Harris, GA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Travis Tindall, Whitman, MA

Net Neutrality should not be negotiable - for far too many reasons to list. PLEASE do the right thing. Discard your misguided proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Monica Firely, Sarasota, FL

The net needs to be neutral to encourage innovation.
—Alan Hansen, Denver, CO

NET NEUTRALITY AND FREE INTERNET ACCESS IS A RIGHT - LIKE BREATHING! WHEN THE TWO TOP THIEVES OF THE NATIONAL TREASURE ARE THE INDUSTRIAL MILITARY COMPLEX AND COMCAST, WE ARE FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET! THIS CORPORATE MONOPOLISTIC HIGHWAY ROBBERY IS SO EGREGIOUS, SO FISCALLY APARTHEID, SO MONSTROUS, SO INEQUITABLE - PROVING THE DEMOCRACY IS THE GRANDEST ILLUSION - WHEN FASCISM USURPED AN IDYLLIC DREAM.
—Carol A. Russell, Saratoga Springs, NY

Net Neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet. It enables individuals to freely communicate. It applies the same open principles of non-discrimination the phone system has to the Internet. With the phone system migrating to digital we should not lose the open and universal access that made it beneficial to all.
—Maneesh Pangasa, Yuma, AZ

I use the internet hundreds of times a day to sign petitions, send and receive emails, etc. I don't want there to be different classes of internet service depending on how influential one is.
—Robert W McAllister, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am an adult educator who depends on the internet to supplement my classroom materials.
—Beverly Thompson, Craigsville, VA

Do NOT give in to corporate monopolies! Do NOT let them destroy our ability to use the internet anywhere, anytime, from any provider! Do NOT kill Net Neutrality! I will continue to fight this nonsense corporate takeover of the internet until it crashes and burns.
—Alison Gilmore, Spokane, WA

Because everyone should be able to access the internet at the same speed.
—Margaret Perrin, Panama City, FL

LEAVE OUR INTERNET ALONE, WE PAY FOR IT AND YOU NEED TO QUICK THE BULLSHIT!! I AM SO TRIED OF YOUR GREEDY ASS WAYS WTF IS WRONG WITH YOU MANIACS???? WHY DON'T YOU HITCH A RIDE ON THE NEXT SHUTTLE OFF OF EARTH,. WE DON'T WANT YOU HERE ANYMORE. YOU GREEDY, DESTRUCTIVE S.O.B'S, GET A FUCKING LIFE AND LEAVE US ALONE!
—Bonnie Daut, Kent, WA

The empty pursuit of capital will bring about the evolution of social justice for all in our unity in connection.
—Cathi Woodward, Golden, CO

The Net belongs to me and to everyone—for now. Don't give away what doesn't belong to you.
—Eleanor Forman, NYC, NY

Leave things alone with the internet. Govt and others need to quit trying to screw American public.
—Dee Strum, Nevada, IA

Because I don't want a slow lane and a fast lane. Or a supercharged lane and an anemic lane. There should be ONE lane for everyone. And the monopolies of Comcast, Verizon and Time Warner need to be busted up-- while you're at it.
—Marcia Hutchinson, Sherborn, MA

This is a country (government) of, by and for the people. In order to be consistent then there is no reason to give corporations special privileges, especially as it pertains to media access.
—Virginia O. Maher, Austin, TX

I have only one option for high-speed internet, as is true of most people. A real monopoly. If my carrier gets to very speed based on who pats the most, I'm relegated to the slow lane. I also get telephone and television from the same provider. Regulate them as the telecom providers they are.
—Fred Towne, Corvallis, OR

Seriously, don't corporations have enough control over our lives? This is exactly the type of thing the government is supposed to protect us from!
—Devyn Drake, La Puente, CA

I am an 89 year old widow living alone and the Internet is my contact with the outside world. I bank there, shop there, keep in contact with friends there, read the news there. do research there, watch DVD's there. If it gets any costlier (as it will if the FCC plans go through I will not be able to afford it.
—Darlene Costner, Tucson, AZ

its all about equal footing, and the morons who are on board with killing net neutrality, know it
—Leslie Harris, Mt Marion, NY

Classify cable as a common carrier, a utility, to preserve net neutrality. Do not allow differential rates to be available for ISPs to charge content providers. Preserve net neutrality.
—Gerald Leibowitz, Oakland Gardens, NY

True Net Neutrality = freedom of speech for all of us!
—Thomas Peterson, Windham, ME

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Enough of monopolies supported by the government. We need competition.
—Jennifer Calvert, Spokane Valley, WA

These Internet companies MUST BE STOPPED NOW. If the only way to do that is to classify them as as common carriers then so be it. A two-tiered Internet will not stand. And a Comcast-Time Warner Cable monopoly merger will not stand either. Otherwise you can kiss the Internet and your job goodbye Mr. Wheeler.
—Phillip Cripps, Cathedral City, CA

Net Neuetrality is important to me because democracy is important to me. Equal access for all. Not for all who can afford it.
—Hank Bunker, Los Angeles, CA

Big corporations invading the privacy of the common folk is the last thing we ever want!
—Johnny Fifles, Laramie, WY

You cannot let these companies do this sort of thing. They are monopolies and should not have this sort of power over the internet or the people who use it. Online content should be kept free and not discriminated against. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Kate Batson, Powderly, TX

Having fair and equal access to the internet is a clear and simple global benefit to the human race, it seems pretty obvious on every level!
—Christina Rutkaus, Arroyo Seco, NM

Net Neutrality is very important for the lower-middle to middle class.
—Josh Taylor, FARMINGTON, MO

I'm on a fixed income and live in an area which is underserved by ISPs as it is. Every year the rates go up, and I have to spend time calling my provider to get their latest "special" to bring the price down to a halfway manageable level. The company is constantly running commercials touting their high speed (not!) and low cost (only if you're a new customer). This year they began requiring a new receiver as they've gone to all digital, with no choice given to their customers and a receiver which will only be "free" for two years. I was told to send back my old receiver or they'll charge me each month for a receiver that can't even be used on the new system. I sent it back and, you guessed it, there's a charge on my bill anyway. And we're going to hand these clowns even more power? Net Neutrality forever!
—Nancy Johnson Busch, Lake Mills, WI

Dear FCC; We do not want cable companies regulating internet speed. We want new ventures and smaller organizations to have the same access to fast internet service as existing and larger organizations. We want one speed of access to provide swift freedom of speech and ideas.
Bonnie Baldwin
—Bonnie Baldwin, Litchfield, CT

Freedom of speech is protected in Constitutional Amendments and Charter of Rights for a reason.
—Jennifer Jeffrey, Calgary,

The modern economy would collapse without the internet and American life would be extraordinarily disrupted. It's a simple fact that the internet is a public utility, not a private service. It's time we regulated it as such. Today, in America, we are paying hundreds of dollars to internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon, for so-called "high-speed" internet access that's slower than much of the developed world. In fact, the United States isn't even in the top 25 when it comes to internet speeds. We come in at 31, behind countries like Bulgaria, Estonia, and Romania. Several cities across the country have freed themselves from the monopoly of the main service providers and the results are outstanding. Chattanooga's publicly-owned utility company EPB, "The Gig" allows Chattanooga's residents to surf the web at lightning-fast speeds. For less than $70 per month, residents browse the World Wide Web on a high-speed fiber-optic connection that shoots data back and forth at one gigabit per second – that's 1000 megabytes per second. In Washington, D.C., you have to pay a lot just to get a 20 megabit-per-second connection. As The New York Times points out, one gigabit-per-second is 50 times faster than the average internet speed for homes in the rest of the US, and is just as fast as internet service in Hong Kong, which has the fastest internet on the planet. But "The Gig" isn't just good for downloading movies and shopping online. It's good for business too. Chattanooga officials say that "The Gig" has helped to create at least 1,000 jobs over the past three years. And, internet-based businesses are moving to Chattanooga from high-profile cities like New York and San Francisco because of the lightning-fast internet speeds. In the years since "The Gig" went live, other cities across the country have jumped on the publicly-owned internet bandwagon. Lafayette, Louisiana and Bristol, Virginia also have rolled out publicly-owned high-speed networks. These cities have realized that natural monopolies like the internet function best when they're run by We the People for the benefit of the people, rather than by a big corporation for the benefit of profits and stock-holders. Lightning-fast internet speeds shouldn't just be in Chattanooga, Tennessee; they should be everywhere in this country, urban and rural. The internet was developed by universities and the military and brought into being by an act of Congress. It was never meant to be controlled by giant corporations. It should be a public utility, run by and for We the People, not just another profit line on a giant corporate balance sheet.
—Jenna DiFeo, Incline Village, NV

Dont break the internet!
—Agustin Oliva, Chicago, IL

I'm very old and get confused sometimes. But I'm not confused about this attack on net neutrality. Faster speed for some who can afford it, and never mind the poor consumers.
—Elizabeth Furber, San Mateo, CA

There is no need to change Net Neutrality I would however suggest appointing another person to watch over the FCC. I guess all the lobbying for these corporations has finally paid off. And for doing nothing but paying off our elected officials. And they can now monopolize the internet as they have the cable industry. I do not know one person who is happy with the programming, being forced to pay for channels you don't want or just the price for what you get on cable. It will kill creativity and give those who can pay the same level of service we get now. We will get less and pay more and be less satisfied. Corruption has taken over our government. The head of the FDA is a top official of Monsanto. The head of the FCC was the head of Comcast. Looks to me like I won't be voting red or blue as both parties are owned by corporations. I would be shocked if all our comments do something. But at Elections time I will remember how we have been sold out by corporate donations and these partied no longer represent us the people.
—Tina Mizhir, Port Chester, NY

This is just another SOPA/PIPA issue and its wrong. STOP FUCKING WITH THE INTERNET AND STOP FUCKING WITH THE LAST BEST VESTIGE OF FREEDOM! The internet is not made to serve just the 1%. i'm sick of them and their cocksuckers trying to screw with because it best suites thier needs and damns the true power behind what makes it great.
—Edward Olis, Staten Island, NY

I am a citizen of California, and have been a regular user of the web and internet since its inception, and even before - when it was just at universities and military. I am opposed to the proposed changes to access to internet, an opposed to allowing cable companies to determine internet speeds. It gives cable companies too much power. Even if the government were to be able to keep the cable companies accountable, the amount of work it would take to do so, would provide for far too much opportunity for abuse. Keep access to the internet free, neutral, and public. No private company should be able to buy the internet, or use it for personal profit. Only big companies would benefit, and cause even more top heavy power by companies only interested in the bottom line. Don't let the cable companies buy your vote. Listen to the people. The people overwhelmingly do not want this. Listen to us and remember that the FCC is here to protect the people, not to protect the cable companies. We, the people, are counting on the government and the FCC to protect us.
—Tamala Takahashi, Burbank, CA

I don't want you or the telco's or the cable companies deciding who gets favored internet speeds and bandwidth. I want everyone treated equally. That's what net neutrality really means.
—Steve Courts, adsfljkdf, WV

To the FCC, I would like to formally ask you to please reclassify ISP's as common carriers and do away with any sort of "two-tiered Internet." This is down right unamerican, unjust and unacceptable. As a tax paying citizen and broadcaster, this sort of agenda is nothing more than a two bit shakedown of the already struggling population. The Internet is the most revolutionary realm that exists in this day and age, which allows inventiveness and creativity to shine. It allows new innovations to be reach larger audiences without being silenced by devious detractors for the sake of profit. To take this freedom away, it would cost the American people's potential of promising future. As corporate greed continues to irreparably sully this planet, why let major service providers call the shots? If Chairman Wheeler's new rules go into place, I will not only lose faith in humanity, but upon what the FCC was founded upon. There have been countless perversions of justice in the name of the modern FCC, to let the internet fall into the hands of more greed would be inexcusable. I am sure you will do what is best, the question lies is it what is best for the people you are sworn to protect or to the corporations that pay you your check?
—Derek Ehlert, Sartell, MN

The internet is no longer a luxury. It is a part of my life via banking, paying bills, automobile registration, notification from airlines of change in flight schedules, entertainment such as watching movies/tv shows, shopping, political activity, communication with family, etc. Please reclassify it as a common carrier. Thank you Michael Brocoum
—Michael Brocoum, NYC, NY

The US already has one of the slowest internet speeds in the world! Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers or providers will raise rates and our internet speed and the neutrality we need will be even worse!
—Bonnie Breckenridge, San Diego, CA

Buying a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people should never be this easy for anything.
—Chris McDougall, Maple Grove, MN

The FCC's proposed rule stands in complete contrast to everything Democracy is about. It would enable those companies who deliver content to slow and/or bury the content of companies and organizations they disagree with (especially political organizations), turn themselves into mega-monopolies that can muscle other companies to pay protection fees (which cost would be passed onto consumers who are already paying for content delivery), and restrict innovation by making it impossible for start up businesses and organizations to compete. These proposed rules are completely unacceptable and unconstitutional and this Administration must stand up for an open and fair internet that respects net neutrality.
—Sabrina Wojnaroski, Pittsburgh, PA

Tom Wheeler is a terrible choice to run the FCC. He is in the pocket of these monopolistic internet companies. There should not be a situation where people, ultimately, have to pay for decent internet speed. Why is the internet in the US so expensive compared to other countries anyway? Please preserve net neutrality.
—Kathryn Flynn, Hillsborough, NC

Please, under no circumstances, change the way we ALL currently have OPEN and Equitable access to the internet. The greed of self serving corporations must not be allowed to determine equitable access and indeed fundamental access to information which enables democratic sharing of information.
—Terry Morton, Korumburra,

The popularity of VOIP (i.e., the use of Internet-based phone systems) suggests that reclassification is the only appropriate response the FCC should take on this issue. Furthermore, allowing ISP's to provide better service for extra fees flies in the face of all that the Internet represents! Please keep the Internet neutral.
—J, Woodinville, WA

The internet is a valuable resource for sharing information and connecting to people around the world instantly. Monopolistic policy and agenda, should NOT be making all the decisions of who and what content is allowed to access and post to the internet. There's a term you should be familiar with, "FREEDOM OF SPEECH". Please protect it! Thanks, Holly
—Holly Wells, Chicago, IL

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.
—Danielle Meyer, Alexandria, VA

My cable bill is pretty high, and I'm a customer of one of the remaining "independents." With the proposed new rules, I'm pretty sure that my company won't survive and I know from experience what happens when monopolies take over - prices skyrocket. Just like telephones, the internet is (and should be regulated as) a public utility. I'd have thought the cable company moguls kind of have more than their fair share of money, and I don't want my government to give them more of mine. Please, FCC! Act in the public interest, just this once?
—Susan Hayward, Bronxville, NY

This is another sign that the basis of this country: democracy and equality, have been 'bought out' by the corporate consciousness. This would be a very bad idea!!!
—Sharon Orbach, Santa Fe, NM

Americans need equal access to the internet. Net neutrality is necessary to uphold our democratic principles of fairness and equality. A tiered system of internet access would encourage discrimination and discourage competition. American democracy is already being undermined by the corrosive effects of corporate monopolies. Tiered systems of internet communication will harm the American people and benefit only the very rich. We now have the worst income inequality among all of the advanced nations. Without net neutrality, American society will further deteriorate along economic lines and divide the country even more between the haves and have nots.
—Jane Bruce-Munro, Santa Cruz, CA

Support people instead of corporations. I am totally against the selling of privileges to corporations. Cable companies are able to provide good speed for everyone. Their profits are plenty high enough. They are just addicted to an outmoded business model. Wheeler is a crook who is shilling for the cable companies. Get him out of there.
—Les Rees, Tempe, AZ

the net is public property
—Al Cohen, hummelstown, PA

The internet is a utility and MUST be reclassified under Title II as a "common carrier" for REAL Net Neutrality. The laws proposed are hollow and will give Cable Companies more power via loop holes! We the American people do not want these proposed rules we want the internet reclassified as a common carrier and for REAL Net Neutrality to exist!
—Ian Caronia, Queens, NY

Allowing ISP's to determine who gets the fast lane by who is able to afford it is wrong. It's discrimination, pure and simple. It would also mean the end of Net Neutrality because the ISP's would get to determine what we see, and have access to on the Internet. The Internet should be kept Neutral and without any discrimination, period.
—Jared Long, Denver, CO

Preserve Net Neutrality. No two-tiered rip off.
—John Simmons, Rochester, NY

You can't allow corporations with a history of greed to say they will not abuse their power . The internet is working fine as is , leave it that way!
—Alex Sponza, Covington Township, PA

We need to keep an open internet where no corporations get to set variable speeds based on who is willing to pay them for the privilege. We have to maintain a fair playing field in order to keep the internet as a source of continued economic growth and innovation.
—Mr. Jason Gische, San Carlos, CA

Heaven forbid that something be left for the advantage of the people and not the plutocrats or the bureaucrats or the 1%ers. The net is the only democracy left, though big money will take that, as they have voraciously sucked up everything else. When the head of the FCC is the former head lobbyist for Comcast and Time Warner, we know we can't win. The game has been fixed and our country is lost. Instead of looking at ending net neutrality, if you "very important people" had souls and even a dim memory of the once grand concept of equality, you'd fight to keep the internet neutral. Classify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sharlene Beck, Salt Lake City, UT

We, users of the internet, want to preserve a free and fair use of the world wide web. Faster speeds by those who pay more may help service providers bottom line but will not serve the public good, which is what we're talking about here. Access to different opinions, access to the unusual, the obscure, the right and left of center. What more can we tell you? When the former lobbyist for major service providers now is the primary decision maker for the FCC, it doesn't seem that my thoughts will make one bit of difference. Please, please prove me wrong. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Dennis Whitworth, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is essential to a healthy, thriving democracy!
—Marjorie Johnson, Espanola, NM

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rebecca Bierbaum, Alton, IL

Open and unrestricted communication is the lifeblood of a functioning democracy. To allow big business to decide which websites and which information should be favored and promoted is to hand even more control of our fragile democracy to the large corporate interests. The FCC should be about protecting Americans' access to vital information and ideas, not about slavishly looking after the increased profits of the telecom industry. For the sake of this country, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We'll see if the FCC represents the interests of the American people or whether it represents the interests of big business. America is watching.
—Geoffrey Marsh, Santa Rosa, CA

I have been using the internet for over 35 years. It was originally a method of doing scientific work on-line (such as at MIT's project MAC) and exchanging scientific information. The idea that corporations intend to make profits on networks that were originally designed by the military and government labs is abominable to me I will no longer support any politicians who support the decision to undo net neutrality. In fact I will directly work to campaign against them. Sincerely Fred Cooper Visiting Scholar Harvard University and External Professor Santa Fe Institute
—Mr. Fred Cooper, Somerville, MA

The Internet is a critical resource in today's world. Allowing cable companies to privilege one kind of traffic over another is a disastrous idea, one that will derail innovation, and make it very difficult for startups to succeed. One of the key strengths of the US is its innovative thinkers and creators. Shutting many of them out of the Internet, which abandoning Net Neutrality would certainly do, would do significant and lasting damage to our economy, all so a few cable companies can line their pockets. Please do the right thing and ensure that all traffic is treated equally by Internet providers. Thank you.
—Pierre Billon, city, MA

Internet service needs to be regulated like a utility. There should be no preferential treatment for any website. I pay for a given bandwidth, I should be able to use that bandwidth for any website/content provider I choose. An ISP should not be able to play favorites and charge a content provider a premium to allow their customers to use the full bandwidth they already pay for. My electric company can't charge Whirlpool money because I use one of their dishwashers with electricity I already pay for; in the same way, my Internet service provider should not be able to charge Netflix for the bandwidth I'm already paying for. Many communities only have one maybe two choices for broadband Internet, as such there is no local market competion, just like your local water company. Declare Internet Service Providers a utility and regulate them as one.
—John Rollf, Houston, TX

This is a huge step toward into fascism, into a dystopian world where corporations control everything. It's fucking awful. Please disallow this.
—Spencer Tucker, Los Angeles, CA

We, the people, cannot afford what you propose. Leave the internet alone, please.
—Ralph Guay, Helena, MT

Net nutrality is essential to Democracy.
—Tamadhur Al-Aqeel, Los Angeles, CA

I believe that the internet should be a level playing field for all content.
—Douglas Friday, Chandler, AZ

You people need to do your jobs and keep the American people from being robbed even more than we have been already. These people that are trying to own everything are criminals. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Stop giving in to these career criminals, and protect us!
—Whitney Bowley, Exeter, NH

Cause the internet should not be corrupted just for the lobbyists to make money off of us Internet-Users to feed their own Avarice!
—Joel Greene, Fall River, MA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers! Verizon and Comcast and Time Warner can't be trusted to maintain neutrality - heck, they can't even be trusted to send a serviceperson when they "promised"!
—Carl W Klauscher Jr, Crescent, PA

The internet should be a level playing field for all. Not just a revenue generator for large corporate interests.
—Carl N Oerke Jr, River Edge, NJ

The Internet will only become more and more important in the years to come -- important to our democracy, our economy, our lifestyles, and important to our quality of life! How can you consider for one second anything that would move EVEN MORE MONEY and opportunity from the poor to the rich?? Shame on those who are trying to make this happen. PLEASE do your jobs and stand up for democracy!!
—Luise Malloy, Cheverly, MD

Keep the internet free. That monopoly companies have enough income. Greedy bishes.
—Kathy DiMeglio, Temple Hills, MD

Please don't ruin the internet for money!
—Richard Schreck, Phoenix, AZ

Do something for the American public for a change. You "screwed the pooch" on deregulation of broadcast media. Your job is not to protect the monopolies of the businesses you are supposed to regulate. It is to protect the interests of the American public.
—William McCLARTY, MCCLEARY, WA

Free access to information is essential to democracy. Don't change the rules!
—Arthur Mathiasen, Rio Rancho, NM

The internet should be regulated as a common carrier communications utility. A two tiered payola premium system will engender plutocractic oligarchy, which is not desirable for democratic societies.
—John Dodge, Homer, AK

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—Bernadette Belcastro, Floral Park, NY

The government already belongs to big business and it sickens me that the person I voted into office has appointed an industry insider to give away the internet as well. If the FCC continues down this path it's clear money is what counts in America. You talk about the vast income gap out of one side of your mouth and give out monopolies through the back door. STOP and think about people for a second. DO NOT DO THIS. STOP, STOP, STOP. We need more competition not less. WAKE UP. YOU'RE GIVING TOO MUCH POWER TO THE WORST CABLE COMPANIES. Please think about the people for one minute.
—Lee Clingman, Portland, OR

I already pay enough for cable which provides me with the internet. I don't need to pay more. The internet should be available to all, with no additional costs. I also don't need to have the Internet "choose" what is seen.
—Sherry Toelle, Atlantic, IA

The Internet is in fact, if not in corporate sponsored law, a common carrier of information. As such, its providers should charge the same rates for the same service for all comers. Failure to follow this formula opens the internet to the same problems that beset our legal and political systems. The highest payers are served first, and the rest later or not at all. Inasmuch as the internet is the recent replacement for a free press, it should also be open to all with the same rate structure. To do anything else is to fail the american people, and the vision of a free society that many of our nation's founders shared.
—David Clifton, Boulder, CO

Equality is vital for fairness opportunity creativity and inventiveness.Handing control of the entire internet over to a handful telecom giants will stifle new innovations and businesses.AT&T Verizon Time Warner and Comcast are already virtual monopolies which will charge individuals and business absurd fees in order to function in a free market.Keep the free market free,don't sell our public web space to the highest bidder.Don't kill the Internet!
—Robert Driscoll, West Chesterfield, NH

Freedom!
—John P. Grillo, Orono, ME

I value equality of access to the Internet because a neutral Internet is an engine of growth that allows and encourages innovation that would be severely inhibited by allowing those with more money to buy faster speeds than the inovators who almost always have little.
—Charles Taylor, El Cerrito, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's that. Keep it simple. Keep it fair. Stop handing our nation over to total corporate control.
—Diane Libman, chicago, IL

MR. WHEELER ET ALL: YOUR EXISTING PLAN WILL NOT WORK. IT WILL PROVOKE RAMPANT DESCRIMINATION ONLINE. YOUR PLAN IS SIMILIAR TO WHAT THE COURTS REJECTED. IT WILL FORCE THE FCC TO BECOME DAILY POLICEMEN. "THE FCC CAN'T PREVENT ONLINE DISCRIMINATION AND BLOCKING UNESS IT RECLASSIFIES BROADBAND PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS." Matt Wood THE INTERNET AS IT EXISTS TODAY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE HEALTH & PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY. IT GUARANTEES FREE SPEECH ONLINE FOR ALL. IF YOU ALLOW THE "PAID PRIORITIZATION" OF SOME WEBSITES, THE BASIC PREMISE OF A FREE AND OPEN INTERNET IS THREATENED. THE CAN OF WORMS YOU WOULD CREATE WOULD BE FAR REACHING AND DESTRUCTIVE TO ALL BUT A FEW. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS PROTECT IT'S STATUS BY MAKING THE INTERNET "A PUBLIC UTILITY". Then broadband providers can be regulated as utilities that must provide equal and affordable access to an essential service. TAKE IT OUT OF REACH OF THE MANIPULATORS. WE ARE NOW LIVING IN A PLUTOCRAZY. THE LAST TIME THERE WAS THIS MUCH WEALTH IN THE HANDS THE RICH, THEY CREATED THE GREAT DEPRESSION. WE JUST HAD A RECESSION AND IT CAN GET WORSE. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ADD TO THE INEQUALITY AND PUT SO MUCH POWER IN THE HANDS OF A FEW WHO CARE ABOUT NOTHING BUT MONEY & CONTROL? THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE'D EXPECT FROM RUSSIA OR CHINA. THE ONLY LEVEL PLAYING FIELD REMAINING IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE INTERNET. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FREEDOM THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE, WE WOULD NOT HAVE SEEN SO MANY SMALL COMPANIES GROW AND BECOME SUCCESSFUL. IRONICALLY THEY ARE PROBABLY SOME OF THE PLAYERS WHO WANT TO LIMIT IT. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO UNDERMINE THIS GREAT CENTER OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL? IT'S WORKING JUST FINE AS IT IS. Just protect it from change. Don't be the villain. ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEAKENING OUR COUNTY BY MAKING THE RICH EVEN RICHER FORCING THE LOWER CLASS TO BECOME EVEN BIGGER WITH NO WAY OUT ALL BECAUSE CORPORATE POWERS WANT TO RULE COMPLETELY? ARE YOU READY FOR THE REVOLUTION IF YOU SELL OUT? SOMEBODY HAS TO HAVE SOME INTEGRITY IN THIS GOVERNMENT. PLEASE LET IT BE YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE.
—Joanna Morgan, santa Barbara, CA

Keep the internet free of gatekeepers and turnpikes.
—Warren Leimbach, tampa, FL

The Internet should not be allowed to be run by big corporations or any corporation. It should stay as it is, and should be made more accessible to rural schools & areas that do not now have it. This is just one more way big business would like to control what we see & do.
—Bcat McGuffin, Vancouver, WA

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.
—Michael Godina, Sacramento, CA

QUIT PUSHING YOUR MONEY-MAKING SCHEMES IN THE FACE OF EVERYDAY CONSUMERS!
—Susan Ascoli, Elkhorn, NE

Having different levels of service on the internet, allows a corporation to create impediments to free speech on the internet. Keep the internet free.
—Lynn Snyder, Kansas City, MO

Don't give away something that I paid for with my taxes .
—James Belcher, VENTURA, CA

Throw out your current rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Do not destroy net neutrality.
—Richard Zoah-Henderson, Eureka, CA

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Diana Brunswig-Bosso, Arnold, MO

The USA government must support its community not corporate greed. Tom Wheeler should be imprisoned for betraying the interests and freedoms of americas citizens.
—John Cooper, Melbourne,

The internet is not broken. Do not allow government sponsored monopolies to take over the internet! All sites should have access to the same internet speed. To do otherwise is to break the internet, not fix it.
—Rebecca Shuman, San Francisco, CA

To keep the internet a level playing field for all, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Lance Ofenloch, Chicago, IL

I have one cable line that brings internet content into my house. Comcast has a monopoly on this cable. It should not have the power to regulate what content comes into my house nor at what speed I receive it. The telephone company does not have this power because it is a common carrier and neither should a carrier of internet content. If the Chairman of the FCC can not see this, he is not doing his job, and his motive become suspect.
—Mr. Robert Lyle, Federal Way, WA

Your decision affects the entire world. You do not have the authority to make decisions that affect the entire planet.
—Kathleen Beavin, Bothell, WA

Don't do it.
—Phil hartman, silverdale, WA

I'm a self-employed worker who depends heavily on the Internet for my livelihood. More then ever, I would be at a competitive disadvantage if the FCC refused to uphold Net Neutrality.
—Jaime Taber, Worcester, MA

I THOUGHT MONOPOLIES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ILLEGAL, AS WELL AS BRIBERY, IN THIS COUNTRY BOTH OF WHICH ARE PLAYING A PART IN THIS DECISION. THIS IS NO LONGER THE COUNTRY WHERE YOUR VOTE COUNTS BUT ONLY THE MONEY YOU PAY VIA THE LOBBIERS TO BRIBE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE. 1 PERSON 1 VOTE NOT 1$ 1 VOTE! THE INTERNET IS ONE OF THE LAST FREEDOMS WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY OF THE SUPPOSEDLY FREE,
—Rich Schnoor, Jupiter, FL

Large companies are getting even larger and are becoming a monopoly. They are throwing megabucks trying to get rid of net neutrality. History has shown that these large companies that want to end net neutrality have the WORST record of customer satisfaction-----it's like 'let the public be damned". Please don't give in to the bribery and listen to the common people. THANKS!
—Simon B. Reed, Severn, MD

You need to throw out your rules that favor the big corporations and reclassify ISPs as a utility so it serves the public.
—Abha Harting, Seattle, WA

Being able to communicate on the internet should not depend on the size of one's bank account.
—Sondra Boes, Campbell, CA

Say NO to the monopoly that the cable providers are attempting to sneak in the back door via this new proposed regulation.
—Michael Stickel, Quincy, MA

FOUR WORDS: BIG BUSINESS KILLS ALL.
—Stefan Walz, park ridge, NJ

The internet is the last frontier in a world of communications that have been bought out to be controlled. Free speech is the remedy to fascism. Acts of directly blocking it for political or economic reasons are fascist, and I have experienced blocked websites and an abridged version of the internet recently. This censorship is disgusting. We cannot call ourselves a democracy without net neutrality.
—Robin Brown, Albuquerque, NM

ANYTHING GOOD NEVER LAST IN THIS COUNTRY! ALWAYS SOME MORON, OUT THERE, THAT WANTS TO DO THING TO MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF. JUST LEAVE THINGS ALONE AND LET THIS COUNTRY MOVE ON!
—Marc McGuire, Venice, LA

I believe the new rules would be terrible for those of us in rural areas where internet availability is already awful
—Douglas Ward, Show Low, AZ

Please don't screw us like every other branch of government does.
—David Schaefer, Rochester Hills, MI

I am a real print journalist and Vietnam War Air Force veteran. The tax break for the bloody corporate war profits from stealing Iraq's oil was hidden in the Homeland Security Act. I don't care for corporations enriching themselves and banking said wealth in the Bahamas while Billy Bob gets his face blown off in Fallujah stealing oil for the Prince of Peace Americans raped into Mercenaries from the Mother Mary. YOU DON'T OWN THE F'ING INTERNET. Leave it alone. You and your KIND own the Iraqi dead little girls you slaughtered from 30,000 feet so you don't get your hands dirty. Truth shall set you free and real print journalists still exist and frankly Bubba humans most of the time get exactly what they have coming to them. Embrace it! If you piss off the world messing with their internet they will seek your ass out and there will not be a f'ing thing you like about it.
—Robert Hyer II, Lillian, AL

The internet must remain a level field of access for one and for all. The two tiered system that you and Comcast, AT&T and the other corporations are proposing is unjust and misguided. I urge you to reject this terrible idea that would impact people all over the world.
—Lisa Awbrey, san francisco, CA

The life-saving work that I do with domestic violence victims and survivors is in peril if net neutrality makes the internet an uneven playing field. We already have big companies ruling our country WE DO NOT WANT MORE INFLUENCE BY BIG COMPANIES AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR CITIZENS. Period.
—Carissa Daniels PMB 134, Bremerton, WA

Wealthy interests shouldn't be able to buy faster and better internet access than the rest of us.
—Greg Kimber, Temple, ME

the internet neutrality is extremely important, let keep it that way.
—Hossein kendy, lincolnwood, IL

WHERE IS THE COMPETITION? ALL I SEE ARE MONOPOLIES. DO YOUR JOB AND QUITE SELLING US OUT!! WHY DOES LITHUANIA HAVE BETTER INTERNET THAN THE COUNTRY THAT INVENTED IT? BECAUSE OF YOU!!
—John Peterkin, Cottonwood, AZ

I am an aspiring writer that needs a sounding board for my work. I am a jewelry maker that sells products on Etsy. I am a desperately lonely emotional wreck whose only means of emotional support are the friends I have online because my family is ridiculously awful. I need a good connection. I need Net Neutrality.
—Emily Daniels, Tomball, TX

It doesn't matter who you used to work for. Who you work for now is the American public, and no one else. You have been given a very important task -- safeguarding America's means of communication. No matter what you are being offered, it is not worth selling. It is priceless. Tell the cable mafia that American prosperity is not for sale. Our government was founded in order to look out for our best interests over those of gangs and criminals. If our government does not serve that function, then it no longer has a reason to exist.
—Jonathan R Lynch, Morgantown, WV

I am so sick of the lack of a level playing field in this country and the world. Taking away net neutrality in the ways proposed further destroys my hope that we, meaning the common people, will ever be able to stand up to corporate money and power. Please, for once, do the right thing preserve net neutrality as it exists today. One speed for all!
—Vicki LoSasso, Reno, NV

We should not be limited on our use of the internet by companies that have their sole interest in this matter involving money. The gold standard should be for us all not just those among us who can pay a higher price. We can not leave the hen house open to the mammoth unregulated monopolies of service providers who do not give a damn about their customers now and would be even less likely to do so in this environment.
—Clarice Rankins, Nashville, TN

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Walter Schlosser, Los Angeles, CA

DO YOUR DAMN JOB and protect America's innovation, equality, competition, and free speech by classifying ISPs as common carriers. This kind of common-sense action to protect the public good is what the FCC supposedly was created to do. It's why you exist.
—Richard Rittenhouse, Colchester, IL

To let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would result letting AT&T, COmast and Verison to create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Naomi Fatouros, Bloomington, IN

Fcc docket 14-23: t's matter of keeping the field fair for all by not giving greater internet speed to any one group. Keep it the same for All. Net neutrality please. No changes.
—Georgea Langer, ,

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FCC HERE Your proposals are shameful. Dishonorable. So unDemocratic. So unAmerican Please don't cripple ingenuity. Let unbiased access remain.
—Jane Duncombe, white salmon, WA

Corporate bullies have taken over every other aspect of American life. I want the American public to have one aspect of communication that is sacred. Keep the internet free, fast, and available to everyone.
—Nancy Murphy, Maryville, IL

It is time that FCC do what is good for the average American and stop cow-towing to big business. I realize President Obama appointed the cable television lobbyist to head FCC. That should tell us all we need to know as to who the FCC will accommodate. But prove me wrong and end this plan to have 2 different paths to high speed internet. It was created to provide fast access to all, so stop this idea of allowing big corporations to buy high speed internet service that they can then sell to other big corporations who can then charge two-tiered service to its customers.
—Patti Kimble, Emmons, MN

The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Be Net Neutral.
—Wendy F, Mount Shasta, CA

All ISPs should be required to open their connections to customers to any company willing to provide services for accessing the internet just like the phone company was required to do for phone service. The FCC should monitor these services to make sure they are improving their equipment technology as improvements become mature enough for reliability and demand requires improvement. The days where allowing them to drag their feet should be eliminated because internet access speeds growth and development. USA who created the internet and has so far failed to deliver needs to change direction. If Korea can do it and profit then this country should do whatever it takes. Amount of data used shouldn't matter since service runs 24/7 and the customer has paid the fees. Expand your network infrastructure to handle it and you will make money because your customers will pay. Only given choice will anything improve. I may have a choice of cable internet or cellular but neither provide a reasonable service. Cable is one provider even though I hate their service I am at least allowed unlimited data. Cellular service better depending on device accessing the data but due to current model extremely expensive to download anything because average $10 gb and if you don't predecide the amount of data you think you will use then they charge excessive overcharges for same data. You also don't get rebate if you don't use all the amount selected. Really you can't charge for what is used and maybe improve network so price goes down? The FCC was mandated to control airwaves, so why are you not protecting the citizens right to use the resources entrusted to you to create an environment as good or better than the best internet providing country in the world. Wired internet should better wireless service. Just like phone and electric service it should be available to all locations regardless of how remote it is from a city or community. This is a country that wasn't prepared for attack and did everything necessary to win, this is a information war and american internet is losing.
—David Lightcap, Brandon, FL

The Internet must be open, free, and uncensored.
—Kirk Preston, Glen Allen, VA

How many people have to tell you net neutrality is required to restore our democracy. It is the only hope for the middle class, to recover. It is the plutocracy that wants to be able to buy the voice of the internet. Stop the insanity and make the internet a common carrier.
—Sherrylee Felger, Port Orford, OR

Despite what the Supreme Court says...corporations are not People. They do not deserve any more than a typical citizen. This is about making those without money second class citizens! Stop this! Throw out these rules!
—Barbara Sue Scholl, Lancaster, OH

I am a frequent user of the internet. I read a lot about current politics in my state, about health care solutions, about cultural issues. I mostly use alternative sites, since I have little trust for corporate news or corporately controlled information. Net neutrality is vitally important to me. Do you want to take away the only real news I get? Please do not let these corporations put their profits before the public good. TimeWarnerCorp is my internet provider. You may not be surprised to know that only one other provider is available in my city, and it provides even worse service. My internet service slows down regularly, and my bills go up regularly. As we say on the internet, "Sucks."
—Shel Anderson, Durham, NC

Please keep net neutrality the way it is. The internet is not broken and allowing cable companies to charge for a fast lane destroys the opportunity for small companies to compete. Instead the internet should be reclassified as a communication service, and Comcast, Time Warner and Verizon should be classified as monopolies.
—Peter Athos, Albany, CA

Net Neutrality keeps the playing field level without favoritism for the big providers who can afford extra fees.
—Helen Curtis, Spokane, WA

The Internet as it is designed is a completely level playing field. Would Google or Facebook have become the companies they are today if this idea was in place a decade ago? Let's learn from history: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" --George Santayana
—M Port, Boynton Beach, FL

All the $18 billion that Comcast spent on lobbyists is paying off. We peon Americans are being steam rolled by these bastards. DO NOT FUCK with Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Barbara Mahowald, Savage, MN

Here are some reasons we need Net Neutrality: 1. Economic Recovery and Prosperity "The Internet has thrived and revolutionized business and the economy precisely because it started as an open technology," Eshoo said in a statement on Friday. The Internet is so closely tied to U.S. economic recovery that President Obama and Congress earmarked more than $7 billion to help build out more high-speed connections at a time when our economy needs it most. Obama and Congress also recognized that the economy cannot benefit by building a closed Internet. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act requires that all federally funded networks be services that meet "nondiscrimination and network interconnection obligations" -- that abide by Net Neutrality. "The Internet is an essential infrastructure," declares Markey and Eshoo's bill. "The national economy would be severely harmed if the ability of Internet content, service, and application providers to reach consumers was frustrated by interference from broadband telecommunications network operators." 2. Free Speech Freedom of the press extends only to those who own one -- or so the saying goes. It once rang true in a world ruled by newspaper chains, radio and television broadcasters, and cable networks. But the Internet has changed all that, delivering the press -- and in theory its freedoms -- to any person with a good idea and a connection to the Web. This extraordinary twist to "mass media" has catapulted many an everyday YouTube auteur to celebrity-status, while turning ideas born in a garage or dorm room into Fortune 500 companies. It is the reason so many Americans are now passionate about protecting their free speech rights on the Internet. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act would stop would-be gatekeepers from re-routing the free-flowing Web. "To meet other national priorities, and to our right to free speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States," the bill says, "the United States should adopt a clear policy preserving the open nature of Internet communications." 3. Civic Participation New media are more participatory and personal than ever before and have opened up new avenues for people to become involved with local, state and national politics. We saw it during the 2008 presidential election when tens of millions expressed their support for Obama and McCain via interactive Facebook, Twitter and e-mail forums. We are seeing it in 2009 from the streets of Tehran to the work of organizations like the Sunlight Foundation and the Center for Responsive Politics, which use the Internet as the means to open governments to public scrutiny and accountability. This wave of digital empowerment is the gathering force for a healthier democracy, and it all depends upon a more open, affordable and accessible Internet for everyone. Expanding Internet access alone doesn't erase concerns over what kind of information people will find when they get online. Net Neutrality guarantees that we all have an equal opportunity to play a part. 4. The Marketplace of Ideas The Internet was the great surprise of the 20th century. Sir Tim Berners-Lee created the standard that opened the World Wide Web to everyone with an idea and a connection. At that time, few could imagine that this open architecture would fuel such a powerful eruption of economic, social and political creativity. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act "will protect consumers and content providers because it will restore the guarantee that one does not have to ask permission to innovate," Rep. Markey said when he introduced the bill. This is true regardless of your age, social status or location. Net Neutrality safeguards everyone's fundamental right to an open Internet, making it possible for one person's good idea to blossom into the next big business or, even, a movement of millions. 5. Social Justice Broadband in America today is not equally accessible: Users are predominantly middle- or upper-class and live in urban or suburban areas. Poorer communities and communities of color, as well as communities in rural areas, have been largely left off the grid. Imagine what it would mean, then, to provide a connection to disadvantaged areas without also extending to them Net Neutrality's guarantee of openness. Dominant ISPs have argued for this exception, saying Net Neutrality prevents them from connecting more people. But it's a false choice and far too high a cost to give network owners the power to shunt ideas percolating up from these communities to a digital backwater. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act guarantees equal and unbridled access to the Internet's engine of opportunity, leveling the playing field so that we all have a chance to be heard. 6. The Rise of the Gatekeepers A high-speed connection is useful only if you can connect to everyone else online. Net Neutrality leaves control over your Internet experience with you, the user. Yet network operators are considering charging extra money depending on where you want to go and what you want to do online. Some are deploying technology that would sift through and filter the content that you share with others online. Such discrimination endangers the open and level playing field that has made the Internet so democratic. As more of us rely upon a high-speed connection to do all things media -- watch and make video, follow the news, listen to music, Tweet, email and call our friends -- legacy media are too tempted to get in our way, steering us back via old channels where they make all decisions for us. But there's no going back to the analog oligarchy. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act keeps the gatekeepers at bay.
—B Cavin Lang, Edgewater Park, NJ

Net Neutrality is important to everyone, not just the companies that deliver us an already monopolized rate for usage. If it is gone, so is America. Please keep in mind that we are already facing a crisis when it comes to being able to afford to live. Quit being greedy and keep the 'net free.
—Isaak Kein, Benicia, CA

Tired of being rob by these corporations. The end results is always the American people paying the price for their profits on our backs and yet we get nothing back in return but to pay more for the service.
—Alfred Alarcon, Pelham, NY

I do not trust the ISP's to create fast lanes but still provide fast and effective service for everyone else. Americans already pay more for less service than many other nations. A net neutral internet has been the greatest instrument for the free expression of ideas, information and commerce. Please do not destroy that!
—Seth Lubin, Jersey City, NJ

Robber Barrons are so a hundred years ago. There's no GOOD that can come of breaking down Net Neutrality, but there is a lot of BAD that can come of it. As an independent business owner, I rely on internet traffic to maintain and build my customer base. I could not afford premiums for "fast lane" content, but any paying customer demands it. I, and lots of other individuals are struggling in this economy with a new career invented from home using the internet as a new marketplace. If you start charging a premium for people to enter that marketplace, we will immediately become unemployed. So either we can bail out big cable (that can't adapt to compete with MODERN TECHNOLOGY LIKE NETFLIX) or we can keep America technologically forward.
—James Clark, Glenside, PA

Don't the 1% get ENOUGH handed to them while the rest of us deal with the leavings? Leave the Internet the way it was intended...same for everyone!
—Dawn M. Albanese, Elk Grove Village, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it opens start-ups to everyone with a creative idea and that is the basis of the American Dream.
—Clare, Fairfield, CT

I do not see any benefit to altering net neutrality, unless the goal is to stifle innovation and free expression. Chairman Wheeler I do not think any american individual would support either of those options, please think ahead to the ramifications of such actions.
—Jeremiah Oconnor, Chicago, IL

What's in it for you
—Mary Dinino, Pompano Beach, FL

I support net neutrality. Throw out your new rules and listen to the people. These are an afront to our freedom on the Internet. Don't put the future of the Internet in the hands of a few small special interests and corporations.
—Talia Kosh, Santa Fe, NM

Everything in America should not be for sale to the highest bidder!
—Donald D. Deixel, Bronxville, NY

Comcast and AT&T are liars and thieves. They will slow down the internet and demand a fee to increase the speed. Do not let a dingo babysit the baby. Keep Net Neutrality and say "Hell No!", to Comcast and AT&T.
—Spencer Matthews, Houston, TX

I think it's incredible that this is even being considered. Books aren't arranged at the library because somebody paid more for them to be put there- they're arranged so people can get the information they want to find. To do this to the internet would effectively kill all independent websites and entrepreneurship. You think the economy and job situation is bad now? Have you even considered what would happen if the Net Neutrality law changed? Unreal. I can't believe this has even gotten this far.
—Alex Drude, Bend, OR

This is an injustice to innovation and progress of country. How are startup companies and jobs expected to grow in our proud country. Are we saying it's okay to allow other country to get further and futher ahead? Then we will be the country paying for a lot less for more while falling behind.
—Elisa Alberts, Mesa, AZ

Our government and its regulatory agencies charged with defending the rights and welfare of ordinary citizens should defend us against the abuses and/or greed of major corporations. The FCC has the duty to make sure that American consumers have fair and equal access to the internet and all media. The proposed changes to the rules governing the internet would clearly, significantly and negatively affect the experience of ordinary users and would set up a system in which the major telecommunications companies have undue power and economic advantage. I do not want to live in a corporate oligarchy. The neutrality of the net is its most important value, without which it ceases to be the internet we know and have come to love. These proposed rules are wrong and must be rejected. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
—Ellen Halbert, Drayden, MD

The cable company bleeds me enough. Please don't allow them to have multiple tiers of service from the providers.
—Robert L Henderson, Mountain View, CA

The fact that net neutrality has been ruled against is a disgrace. The internet is already ruled by an oligarchy, leaving customers with poor service and ever-rising prices for a commodity that is an absolute necessity for full participation in financial and social society. Allowing ISPs to provide "premium service" will create two tiers of internet and further increase consumer (and business, particularly small business) costs for internet-based services, all while allowing these conglomerates to collect an absolutely unnecessary and undeserved windfall at the public's expense. There is NO reason for this consumer protection to be thrown out and it is irresponsible economic policy at its most dangerous, in addition to simply being an embarrassment to our nation.
—Darcy Pancir, philadelphia, PA

You guys have the combined IQ of a rock and the principles of a fig!
—Leo, Atlanta, GA

Corporations cannot be allowed to destroy the Internet!
—Dan Falconer, Bismarck, ND

The internet was created to increase Communication workout discrimination...why take a step back?
—Jason Melo Hall, Gilroy, CA

We know The FCC has been bought out by the big communication service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. We know you, the FCC, were bought out by who is sitting on the chairmanship. Chairman (shill for the big service providers) Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. We really are tired of living in a Fascist State. That is what will happen to the now equal internet if Wheeler has his way. FCC … throw out the Fascist rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Larry Stevens, Newark, OH

Please preserve net neutrality. I believe ISPs should be classified as common carriers just as are telephone companies. There should NOT be a two-tiered Internet. Our Internet speeds are already much lower than those of most of the world; why punish the "little guy" with even slower speeds?
—Martha Ann Stegar, Stone Mountain, GA

Everyone should have access to the same technology. Businesses should not be the only ones with state of the art technology.
—Robert March, Warren, OH

The internet should not be about how much more the Telecommunications corporations can make, but about public service for all. The FCC proposed rules will result in rampant discrimination against those who have the least resources. This move is anti-democratic.
—David Deshler, Port Orchard, WA

Please preserve net neutrality. I have observed over the years how choices of ISPs have decreased and we presently have little or no alternative to Comcast, which has steadily raised rates and charges. There is nowhere else to go to find more reasonable rates. Please do not allow a few ISPs to become monopolies. Net neutrality is necessary to allow other ISPs to start up and to give citizens more choices.
—Janice Moore, San Francisco, CA

Why is it all about money and discrimination??? Net Neutrality is not neutral!!
—Barbara Stamp, Bloomington, MN

The internet - the open internet - is the greatest tool for innovation and problem solving ever invented. It must not be relegated to a commercial foil. Embrace and enforce net neutrality. It is your duty, both as a citizen of the United States and of Earth.
—Daniel A. Stafford, Oak Brook, IL

It is against the constitution to make sites slower for people who don't pay for internet service. Leave the internet alone, and let us have our freedom.
—Seth Bailey, Charlestown, RI

This is an example of corporate overreach to maximize their profit margin at the expense of the Public.
—Timolin Burke, Santa Monica, CA

Hello, this is important to me. I want the people with the money to stop wanting to control everything. Do not let them kill net neutrality. Thank you.
—Kim Cyr, Gatineau,

Don't fix what isn't broken.
—ben Hig, sandy, UT

Please..... Net neutrality is as important as: Even billing for electrical power no matter who you are. Equal access to medical care no matter who you are. Equal access to telephone service when it is needed. The net will be obsoleted and replaced by the same groups that created it if it is not regulated. This will create a divisive situation across the globe. But, hey, the rich few corporations will have harvested all the money possible by then. Please make the net a neutral place. Fair for small companies and folks in all walks of life. P.S. Also kick the NSA out. Thank you.
—Larry Steinbach, O.P., KS

Corporations are already highly privileged. Corporate internet providers have unseemly power already. Do not let them have even more power to control the internet than they already have. The internet works as it is. It's not broke; don't try to fix it.
—Susan Sunshine, Olympia, WA

I have a limited budget. I like being able to access information from the Internet. I have always expected this access to be there for me. Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the FCC, is interested in changing that for me and most Americans. I do not agree. I believe that the current Internet access is the way it should be: free for all, same for all. Having a fast lane and a slow lane will allow for discrimination. Wrong. The Internet is currently available to all and it should remain that way. Wheeler is catering to the rich, not to the average American. Wrong, again. He should be ashamed. The numbers are against him. The common man prefers Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Martha Scoppa, Liberty, NY

I demand that Congress protect freedom and openness on the Internet by passing legislation to protect network neutrality. The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. Now, for-profit interests want to violate the principle of network neutrality in order to increase their own profit margins. They must not be allowed to destroy the free and open culture of the web. I strongly urge you and your colleagues in Congress to support robust net neutrality legislation that prohibits network operators from blocking, impeding or interfering with any lawful Internet traffic or prioritizing any content or services.
—James Williams, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is fundamental to a free and open internet. Net neutrality is what we already have, and it is the reason why the internet has grown into what it is today. If the internet was the private playground of a few big players, like comcast and time warner, you would not see any of the innovation, any of the great things that we have come to rely on in or daily lives. You'd see a stale and pitiful data service that nobody really cares about but occasionally drudges through when there is no other choice. Not only that, but you would see a totally unfair and uneven market place, cornered by a few big monopolies, where start ups have no chance and aren't even thought of as a possibility. We all know that when you talk about saving the internet, you are LYING, and that your proposals will KILL the internet as we know it today. We demand that your actions match your words, that you reclassify the internet as a common carrier, which every sentient being knows it to be.
—Mr. Nate Glenn, Bay City, TX

Keep existing rules in place. Net neutrality is the current standard. Make it stronger, no "2 tiered" systems. That is not fair and it is not right. Do the right and fair thing please.
—Jeremy Lucha, Union City, CA

Please do NOT ruin perhaps the only remaining truly fair and democratic piece of America left. As bad as the corporate takeover of our government has gotten already it does not need any more help in the form of control of the internet.
—Brian McCollum, Staunton, IL

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Please remember who you serve. Is it the people of the United States or the corporations and their lobbyists? The FCC should not allow Paid Prioritization. The threat to our very democracy is at risk here. I have been an Internet professional since 1997. I demand net neutrality for the country. Broadband providers should be reclassified and regulated in the public interest and the Internet should remain Free.
—Stan Krome, Santa Barbara, CA

Taking away Net Neutrality will cripple commerce, small businesses will be hurt, Americas growth and stability will be hurt. I wanted to get a web site and try to start a little internet business, but now I wonder if I will be throwing my money away, because noone will be able to access my site. ' Also the internet was developed with taxpayers money so should be here to serve all American Citizens, not to be given to giant corperations to drain us and our economy. Plesas leave Net Neutraility as it was. Gerrie DeVoe
—Gerrie DeVoe, Alpharetta, GA

By creating a two tier system you are creating a monster! Leave the Internet alone!!!
—Chris Watson, Sebastopol, CA

To Whom It May Concern, Net Neutrality is important because once large corporations are able to control what we see on the internet, creativity and speech will be reduced to only a few narrow voices. We have seen this before with both radio and television and that is why fewer and fewer people use those media. You must not let it happen with the internet.
—A Giddings, Carrboro, NC

Net neutrality is the only thing that is keeping our society free, dynamic, and full of necessary change. Without net neutrality the internet will simply get chopped up and strangled by the powers that be for their own profit, not the consumer benefit.
—Mr. John Fallon, Fairfield, CT

The large corporations already have a strangle hold (monopoly) on America--Allowing them to control the internet would be the last straw--However the fact that President Obama chose a former Lobbyist for the cable companies to head the FCC-- Does Not Bode well!
—Barbara A. Ferguson, Fairfield, CA

The free flow of information via the internet is crucial to the future populations in America.
—Ms Ainsley Dewitte, syracuse, NY

As a college student, I need to be able to use the internet for homework, papers, financial aid, and to keep in contact with my teachers. And that's just a scratch on the surface of what the internet means to me. With a tiered internet, most of what I need to do will become much more difficult and frustrating than it needs to be.
—Sarah Murphy, Owensboro, KY

The open internet is critical for future innovation. The companies with a vested interested in breaking net neutrality are essentially monoplistic and are using political clout to stay competitive rather than innovating. Net neutrality is fundamental for tomorrow's future.
—Robert Wray, Chapel Hill, NC

Dear FCC, Throw out your new rules and instead reclassify ISPs a common carriers as they always should have been classified. Your plan to allow the billion dollar profit companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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 is totally against the US Constitution and free speech also proves how corrupt the US Government is - having been paid billions in dollars in the last year or two from AT&T, Comcast and Verizon and other big Internet providers so that they can squeeze the public for more money and give them worse service than they already do. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is corruption at its highest level. You must stop this lunacy and continue to have Net Neutrality where the Internet is the same for everyone. Just think, if those companies had spent those billions of dollars on making our service better instead of lining the pockets of our politicians, then we wouldn’t be ranked so low in our service compared to the rest of the world. Estonia has cheaper Internet access with much better speed than America. That is horrific. Keep Net Neutrality and do NOT approve the discrimination of the Internet that is currently planned. Outraged, Liz Lambregtse
—Liz Lambregtse, Lebanon, NH

I use the internet to earn a living, shop and pay my bills, not to mention many other uses. Don't let the corporate greed mongers cut my speed one iota just so they can increase their bottom line. KEEP THE INTERNET EQUAL W/O EXCEPTION.
—Bernie Zelazny, Alpine, TX

Without net neutrality, well-financed corporations will control every bit of the content. 'Tis Pravda. Small businesses will not have the means to grow or really get started in the first place. Choice will be no more.
—Jerry Yeager, Louisville, KY

ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Carol Davis, Plainfield, NJ

We need an open and level playing field for the Internet to foster innovation. Don't side with corporations over the public's right to equal access and service.
—Peter B. Sweeny, Pleasantville, NY

Equality for all sites big or small. I want to access them with no loss in speed.
—Rosli Omar, Kuala Lumpur,

As a Scottish citizen I worry about the impact american politics is going to have on the internet as largest and greatest international resource for connecting everyone and everything equally. I would view any disruption or restriction of this incomprehensible magnificent, evolving ideal a crime against humanity and progress. Sincerely Cameron Andrew Francis Cooke
—Cameron Andrew Francis Cooke, roslin,

2-tiered service from telco providers is wrong and only benefits the greedy corporations. why else would a company like comcast have spent nearly $19 million lobbying the FCC to cause this?
—d snook, sac, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Your proposed rules would mean the end of a neutral net.
—Perry Chapdelaine, Nashville, TN

It is shocking that the head lobbyist for Comcast is now in the FCC and blatantly advancing his company's financial interests at the expense of the rest of the world.
—s M. Warren, Grafton, VT

This is an important issue because the internet is the source of a vast amount of knowledge and innovation. Allowing large corporations such as Comcast and Time Warner to tamper with the very inner workings of the internet not only puts a damper on the influx of knowledge and innovation, which in turn will hurt the youth who use it for resources, but will also open a Pandora's box of sorts which could allow the internet to become fully regulated. The internet is itself information, and information should not be regulated or tampered with by corporations or the government.
—Brian Link, san antonio, TX

Getting rid of Net Neutrality is unpopular, undemocratic and uncompetitive. Protect the ability of individuals, small businesses and NGOs to compete on level playing field with big corporations.
—Alasdair Beckett-King, London,

Please throw out your current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kristin Asker, Boise, ID

Without true Net Neutrality the internet providers will only give meaningful access and time to the interests of corporations and their political arms.
—Michael Dervan, Arlington, VA

the internet is the only way I'm able to keep touch with my friends who all reside in other countries. If Ip's charge any more for just having access to the internet I'll be unable to afford just talking with my friends
—Kodey Dorion, Nobleton,

Net neutrality is important to me because without it, ISPs with a well-documented past of consumer abuse can set up the feared "toll road" to partition the internet into fast and slow parts. They may claim the speeds start at "fast" and only get faster, but condom companies also start their sizes at "large" and only get larger. SOMEONE has to be below average, and looking at download speeds in the United States, it's us.
—Justin Prentice, Normandy Park, WA

The Internet is a form of free communication. When large companies have influence over the net it becomes restricted and controlled by an agenda of that company. This blocks free speech which is a fundamental aspect of the democratic system. If you value a democratic political system free speech is a corner stone. Please peotect it to the best of your ability.
—Gabe Desmidt, Berkeley, CA

Don't mess with the internet! Bad idea!!
—Todd Waymon, Silver Spring, MD

The internet is not broken. The majority of Americans cannot afford to pay more for their internet access and we shouldn't have to pay more to get faster service. There are plenty of privileges most of us do not get to enjoy because we can't afford it. There are numerous ways that discrimination is still active in America. Don't allow the end of Net Neutrality. It is one way we can level the playing field and provide a huge resource to the majority of Americans. Please don't allow large corporations to have this much control. It's just not right.
—Kathryn Perez, Philadelphia, PA

Because it is the American democratic capitalistic mission to provide a level play field,and without it, America loses it's identity and strength!
—Diane Nosnik, PLano, TX

I am a severely handicapped, entrepreneur whose life is totally dependent on The internet. You would destroy me with these new rules. Is there anything that will not be totally controlled by the weight of money. The Rich are already stomping over everyone, but if you remember your Bible Christ will be with us poor people
—Usha Cunningham, New York, NY

Net neutrality is an extremely important issue, and we should not be allowing a handful of companies (monopolies) break the internet, and nickel and dime, and double charge for traffic (see Netflix). ISPs should be common carries and should provide a a pipe to the internet. They should not be allowed to prioritize, discriminate, or block traffic. The United States used to be an example to the world as a democracy, but instead we now have an oligarchy running this country funded by a handful of wealthy companies and individuals. We need to stop the mergers, allow for municipal broadband which ISPs have lobbied successfully against, and the Comcast/NBC merger should have never been allowed as it creates a conflict of interest. Content producers should not be service providers as well. All the ISPs are doing now is trying to get more money out of everyone they can for those who are trying to move away from the awful deal that is cable television. Please look ahead to the long term best interests of the internet and our country, and don't make decisions based on short term gains for the ISPs, who report quarterly an increase in earnings as it is. I'll be honest, my hopes that you will do the right thing are not very high. Putting a former ISP lobbyist in charge of the FCC to regulate them? That position was obviously bought by these companies, and realisitically Tom Wheeler will be doing what he can for them while he is there so that he has a cushy executive position at one of the largest ISP (monopoly) companies when he gets out.
—Chris Talbert, Bradford, MA

This is a crucial part of communications in modern society, and essential to our democracy. Strict regulation is needed to make sure that big-company monopolies are phased out, and that NO company gets to choose what content gets faster or slower transmission. Unacceptable!
—Joan Budd, Pleasantville, NY

Your rules are not fair.
—Mr. John J. Ferreiro, Bellingham, WA

I don't understand why the government which is supposed to serve "we the PEOPLE" is even considering something that is anti consumer, anti entrepreneurial and anti democratic.Is it because the government does not serve the people but rather the almighty buck.
—Lois Lequyea, Streetsboro, OH

Protect real net neutrality! The Internet should be accessible by all. From job hunting, to research, to banking, everyone should have affordable access.
—Suzi Bloom, Belle Vernon, PA

What are you even thinking? Charging for faster speeds is ridiculous. This is another perfect example of the "haves" and "Have nots". Giving cable companies the right to charge for faster speeds is another way of locking out the little guy and destroying fair competition. Please, take your heads out of the asses of Big Internet service providers and wake up to your responsibility to MILLIONS of people.
—Leslie Biagini, Novato, CA

No more net neutrality means ISPs can now discriminate against content they dislike. Everyone gets their Internet from an Internet service provider -- an ISP like AT&T, Verizon, Comcast or Time Warner Cable. Under net neutrality rules, these ISPs have to treat all content you access over the Internet "roughly the same way" -- they can't speed up traffic from websites they like or delay competitor's traffic. Now, with net neutrality gone, ISPs can discriminate, favoring their business partners while delaying or blocking websites they don't like. Think your cable CEO hates free online porn? Now you'll know for sure! No more net neutrality means ISPs can now force websites to PAY for faster content delivery. You know how some sites you go to just load slower than others? Usually, that's just because the slower site is image heavy, poorly coded, or dealing with intense server load. But with net neutrality gone, ISPs can now start charging hefty fees to websites that want quick content delivery -- shifting the long load times to poorer sites that can't pay up. Destroying net neutrality is bad for small businesses. Put together items one and two and it becomes clear -- negating net neutrality is bad for small businesses. If ISPs force website owners pay for faster load times, tiny retailers and personal websites will be the ones to suffer from slower content delivery. Alternately -- or additionally -- ISPs will have no reason not to favor partner sites: Comcast, for instance, might favor the website of NBC News (which it owns) over competing outlets like Fox or CNN. Still, it's the indies again that will lose out here. While big sites might either get special treatment from their owners or have the means to pay in order to get placed in a bundle, smaller, independent networks won't get any notice from ISPs. Expand this out to music sites, web publishing, etc., and you begin to see the problem. In extreme cases, ISPs may hinder or block content that isn't produced by partners -- much like AT&T did when it owned the telephone networks back in the day. Without net neutrality, entire types of online traffic (like Netflix) may be in jeopardy. Netflix watchers and BitTorrent users might want to beware -- soon your beloved services may not work like they used to. Now that net neutrality's down for the count, ISPs can discriminate against entire types of traffic: For instance, an ISP could slow or block all peer-to-peer file sharing, or all online video streaming. Think it sounds unbelievably stupid for an ISP to stifle a certain traffic types indiscriminately? Comcast has seen reason to stifle both streaming video and peer-to-peer in the past. From an ISP's perspective, discriminating against some traffic types makes business sense: Many ISPs are also cable television providers, which means the "cord-cutting" enabled by peer-to-peer and streaming online video isn't good for their bottom line. Without net neutrality, your ISPs can make even more money without actually improving the Internet. Right now, America's broadband is slow. It's slow because ISPs can already make gobs of money by charging the rich a ton for high-quality Internet while leaving the rest of America with subpar (or no) service. Now, with net neutrality gone, ISPs will be able to make even more money off their existing customer base. They won't need to improve service or bring broadband to rural areas because they'll be able to keep growing (financially, at least) by charging content providers more for faster delivery and charging customers more for faster access. In all likelihood, Tuesday's ruling means the problems with America's Internet will be magnified.
—William Keeting, Miami bch, FL

To Whom It May Concern, We pay some of the highest rates in the world for our internet and we have horrible transfer rates compared to the rest of the world. In my area we have ONE carrier we can choose and it's expensive as is. The internet should remain as it is--every site gets an equal share of bandwidth with no 'fast lanes'. If this is changed, I will stop donating to any politician or organization that votes in favor of this policy or supports it. It is patently ridiculous your commission consists of former lobbyists for the very companies that seek to make yet more profit for our bandwidth--which we have already payed (including a former 'tax incentive' to promote bandwidth offerings to rural areas). I will actively petition and send my money to whomever opposes this bill, regardless of their political affiliation. It is shameful you are even considering this. The internet is the greatest contribution to the species possible in our modern time--why limit this potential to our children so companies can provide 'fast lanes' (which is really just limiting certain sites to the proper speeds of the future)---just so those companies can make another buck? Isn't the knowledge and potential innovations of the future and startup companies worth more than another suit for a CEO? Try thinking of something besides money. If this bill passes, your names will be shamed in the future and looked at in the same manner of the gilded age politics of the past. Try looking past profit for a moment and consider something grander.
—Iris S, SAint Joseph, MO

I know that our government is bought and paid for, but this is outrageous , even by those standards. the only parties that want this merger to happen is Comcast, Verizon, etc. Not even Netflix wants this. Shame on you for trying to ram this down our throats. Do not approve this merger.
—Ron Matela, Vancouver, Wa., WA

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—Jerry Teal, Carrollton, GA

Because I'm one of the 99%
—Wendy Meidt, Running Springs, CA

I am writing you to comment on your plan that “would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.” The internet is the hope and promise of mass consciousness and its ability to help humanity solves its myriad and eminently pressing problems. Some of those include saving our planet from ourselves by converting over to non-carbon based energy sources and reforming democracy so that it isn’t sold to the highest bidder, and addressing the massive accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few to the detriment of everyone else, our democracy, and the future of humanity and our planet. Now you want to mess with success? You want to turn the power to control and manipulate the internet (and its relative speed) over to the business interests that continue to exacerbate those same problems (the destruction of our planet’s environment, the selling of our democracy, and the great inequality of the 1%’s class warfare on the rest of us? Are you nuts? Or just in the pockets of the 1%? I urge you to re-consider this gravely misdirected effort now! Keep the internet free and neutral! We are all watching!
—David Myers, Ceylon, MN

As a librarian I firmly believe in intellectual freedom and the access to information without restrictions. By permitting companies like Comcast, Verizon and Time Warner to charge extra to have content delivered on the “fast lane” you are creating a two-tiered Internet essentially letting these companies discriminate against online content. These companies SHOULD NOT be allowed to determine what content can go on the “fast lane”. This limits citizens’ access to information and stifles innovation and competition. Keeping the Internet open is extremely important and vital to the development of our democratic culture. For true net neutrality the FCC MUST reclassify Internet Service Providers as Title Two Common Carriers.
—Janet Romine, Kirksville, MO

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—Megan Geiler, SAint Joseph, MO

I believe everyone should have equal access to the internet.
—Lucille Gary, Lansing, MI

FCC changing the rule of the Internet neutrality is the worst decision made to date in my 78 years of life. FCC is an agency of the people supposedly doing the right thing for the people...not the DAMNED CORPORATIONS. FCC chairman must be getting something under the table from the networks. HDTV decision removed me from all TV watching because the signals do not reach my apartment via the air. Since I cannot afford cable, and not allowed to use dishes on my apartment, I'm now limited to what I see on the Internet...and that has even been truncated because of "Usage" limitations of data transfer...which never used to be in place. So indeed Verizon has already change net neutrality without the regulation that was supposed to be in place. Clear (Clearwire) uses an outdated WiMax system as does FreedomPop and others keeping out competitors from the network with the greatest speed...thus for me and some, we do not have real streaming at all. It's become, "we'll do what we damn well please, regardless of the FCC and the public airwaves." SHAME ON FCC; SHAME ON THE GOVERNMENT WHO BROUGHT ABOUT THE NET IN THE FIRST PLACE.
—Mr. Paul T. Jackson, Enumcalw, WA

We need equal access to the internet to ensure that the best companies flourish, not the richest companies.
—Eric Johnson, Bothell, WA

1776 - 2014 R.I.P. American democracy. Next step might be armed revolution and there are a lot of guns out there. Better maintain Net Neutrality so we don't have a civil war.
—Patti Batchelder, Georgetown, MA

To me it's important to keep neutrality due to the fact that internet should stay the same as always because the internet is by the people and for the people
—Francisco Balesteros, Wheeling, IL

I'm sick of Wallstreet trash screwing the American people. Net neutrality is more important than Tom Wheeler's rich friends profits.
—Andrew Binkley, Santa Fe, NM

As is already the case, the two major players in the provision of net content will only continue and likely increase their monopolistic behavior. What is needed is common carrier designation (if that is the right term) to prevent the monopoly becoming even more controlling. Today's need is actually to break apart the monopolies, not to strengthen them.
—George Campbell, Mountain View, CA

If there is a fast internet, then by definition there is slow internet. I don't want Comcast deciding what I can get to quickly and what I can't. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Garth Molyneux, Carrboro, NC

Don't sell out to Comcast and Time Warner. Maintain net neutrality.
—Karen Anderson, Grand Rapids, MI

Dear FCC, only YOU can prevent the elitization of the relatively democratic Internet. Really, how could you not regulate it as a public utility? Please discuss, and stand up for the people - or at least the users - for God's sake.
—Geoff Duton, Belmont, MA

Because I'm 87 years old. Because I don't watch TV. Because I do spend a lot of time noodling around on my Mac where I find EVERYTHING of interest whenever I want it. Because I still think $$$$$$$$$$$$$$'s not everything! Now, am I wrong? Right. Love and blessing and laughter if net neutrality survives. And if not? No love, no blessing, and you'll never laugh again! Never. Ida Guny Millman
—Ida G Millman, Storrs Mansfield, CT

I'm so sick of our corrupt government that no longer serves its citizens but instead corporations that have deep enough pockets. The greed in this country is sickening and the only people who are benefiting are the ones who are already mega-rich, which includes most government officials. This country is in a race to the bottom and nobody seems to give a rip. Stop making decisions that benefit corporations while raping consumers! Enough is enough.
—Michael J. Lowery, Auburn, WA

The Internet is the ONLY arena today in which true equality exists. Entrepreneurs, social justice advocates, families and friends trying to keep in contact, law enforcement organizations, and many other groups depend on a neutral Internet as no other medium. Providing a means for ISPs to stratify content will destroy the foundation and intent of the Internet, and give them inordinate power over what the public has access to. Classify ISPs as common carriers, and do not allow them the power to discriminate between Internet content!
—Ruth Hansen, Hartland, WI

If a little bit of government intervention is bad, why do you think MORE will improve anything?? We, the common folks, who financially support both the government AND the major communications companies, did NOT ask to be raped, for your constantly rising profit margin. Man up, get out of the perpetual lobbying BUSINESS!! Seriously, we don't need improvement, it already makes us totally happy! BACK OFF!
—Robert Finley, Allyn, WA

The net needs to be a source of information not discrimination.
—Marie Leven, Flushing, MI

This is a democracy. I'm tired of the manipulation by monopolies to get our money and cut our internet access.
—Jeanne Sloane, Rohnert Park, CA

It is important that all Americans are treated FAIRLY. Increase freedom and free speech. Demand ISPs provide faster speeds and lower prices for all. Classify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Paul Klaene, Statesville, NC

We the people are sick of the bullshit that has become the united corporations of America. You tom wheeler and the rest of the fcc has a responsibility to the the people of these states. This greedy self interest move to ensure a high paying salary at Comcast all the while spouting two faced lies is unacceptable. If the people are not heard we will yell. The internet and isp's are common carriers, and anything other than that classification is unacceptable.
—William D Bowser, VISTA, CA

ISPs should be common carriers, and not discriminate based on traffic.
—Daniel Wolstenholme, Tempe, AZ

A two-tiered system is bad for any system. It's why we got rid of Jim Crow laws.
—Lucas Klein, Hong Kong,

WE don't want large corporations ruling our lives.
—Susi Hulbert, Longview, WA

The United States Constitution guarantees certain unalienable freedoms to the Citizens of this great land. These include the freedom of the press, the freedom of assembly (including on websites) and the freedom I am employing now, the freedom to redress grievances. If the lines of communication upon which those freedoms travel are sold to the highest bidder, the entire population of this country will be excommunicated. Even if this is the expressed desire of the Republican leadership it is unconstitutional.
—Quinn Stilletto, Cleveland Heights, OH

Please make the internet a regulated public service and disallow selectionist payment schedules. The internet is the greatest engine of innovation and commerce that exists. It drives America and it's finances and has made the US an amazing place of high tech innovation. The internet allows a level playing field of commerce between large and small companies. It's what has allowed companies like Facebook and Netflix the ability to gain an international market dominance; it brings American commerce and culture to the world. Limiting the scope of internet commerce supports unnecessary protectionism for companies that would suffer without it. Allowing multiple payer lanes allows for greater monopolies and disallows for great American innovation and commerce. Please protect a truly open internet, make it a regulated public service, and disallow payment selectionism.
—Andrew Britton, El Segundo, CA

The internet is too important to be for sale.
—Ms Joanna ELLEN Cuttingbrady, DRACUT, MA

If I wanted service provider controlled content I would just get cable TV. Keep the internet open. Support innovation. Don't let monied interests control how people can use the internet.
—Matt Lindley, Eureka, CA

The internet is currently one of the few places where we have a level playing field for all. Net neutrality is essential to maintain the level of innovation, competition, and fairness. Let's not hand the big guys yet another way to create monopolies and disregard the needs of the users.
—Carleen Daly, Shrewsbury, MA

Democracy requires an avenue for information to flow without censure; allowing internet service providers to distribute information using tiered speeds effectively empowers ISPs to censure content; we need a free, open internet.
—Chris Conrad, Boulder, CO

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Thomas Carrigan, Cold Spring, NY

Corporations own enough already.
—Juan Marmol, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is important because it helps ensure information gets to the people. An informed electorate is the foundation of a functioning democracy. Net neutrality is important to me because it is important to democracy. Thank you for your consideration.
—Anne Grogan, Truckee, CA

I and my children were all taught that this country was founded by people looking for a place where every person would have a chance to improve their lot in life, unhampered by the set class restrictions and biases they could not escape in their home countries. Though it certainly has been and no doubt will always be true that the wealthy and powerful get special privileges the rest of us do not, I always believed that equality was at least the goal our country was striving to achieve, that at least under the law we would be equal. Instead, I see the very structure of the laws of our country being changed over recent decades to favor big business and the wealthy over the rest of us. The government agencies that were designed to protect my interests against companies too large for me to fight as an individual are instead either working side by side with the businesses they're meant to regulate, or stripped of authority to the point of being ineffectual. The internet is perhaps the last even playing field left in this country, and now you are planning on handing it over to the service providers that you regulate for them to extort higher fees from big companies and leave the rest of us in the dust. I find it impossible to believe that you envision any other outcome for these changes. The internet is becoming our sole access to our banks, our childrens' schools, businesses we wish to support, our representatives in government, our healthcare records, and even our family photographs. Please protect equal access to the internet for every citizen and business.
—Carol E Johnson, Dakota, IL

The last time I wrote you replied that you supported Net Neutrality. Was that reply just to placate people and get them off your back? You obviously decided not to support Net Neutrality and I am very disappointed in your decision.
—Celeste Rogers, Kapolei, HI

If you want neutral internet, as you say you do, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Saying that giving the internet to for profit companies supports neutrality is something straight out of the book 1984, where some are "more equal than others." Only the book was a satire!
—Wendy Fast, Dansville, NY

I am very concerned that if Net Neutrality is not protected a large number of citizens will lose equal access to information and other important services that are delivered via the internet. In this age of technology individuals engage in many critically important functions on the internet: businesses typically require prospective employees apply for positions using internet applications, persons apply for social security, loans are initiated, and the list goes on. Not having needed access to the internet will greatly affect quality of life issues for a vast majority of the American people. It is imperative that the internet remain available to everyone and not become yet another way for corporate entities to increase their bottom line.
—Julie Nowling, Samson, AL

Please do not allow the cable companies to dictate what they will carry. Net neutrality is the only thing that can preserve our freedom of speech and allow our internet access to be better than third world countries'.
—Robert P Newell Jr, Columbia, SC

I am against the changes that companies like Comcast want to make. I want REAL Net Neutrality. I don't want a 2 step tier. I don't want the com companies having anymore power than they already do. They have too much already. Stand against them, vote against them. Vote for Net Neutrality.
—Jennifer Schmidt, Chesterfield, MO

Net Neutrality is necessary to support innovation among technology companies. The end of Net Neutrality will basically kill the possibility of the vast majority of tech start ups, which will dramatically impact our economy. As much as politicians talk about small business owners, you would think that they would be more strongly opposing this rules change, as it would make it more difficult for nearly every type of small business owner to do business if they want to have an effective website.
—Ian VanWyhe, Portland, OR

Throw out your two tier rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Maintain net neutrality. It is the will of the people you are supposed to serve (except for a few cable company execs looking to turn a buck at the expense of the rest of us).
—Daniel P. Giesy, Norfolk, VA

The internet is the "telephone" of the current age: we would be aghast if the phone company restricted who could call us. For economic prosperity for everyone, the internet needs to be unrestricted.
—Cushing Anderson, Boston, MA

NO, NO, NO! Net neutrality is NOT broken, so please DON'T FIX IT! If you do, you will only be proving once again, that the government is only concerned with big business and not the rights "of the people." Say it ain't so. Thank you.
—Leni Engels, Hollywood, FL

Keep government and the FCC out of internet business. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brian Donovan, Appleton, WI

Net Neutrality is at the heart of American freedom of speech and equality. To throttle some sites over those of wealthy individuals or companies with singular points of view is to choke the voice of average Americans. As an educator I wonder, "How will my online course content fare against the likes of Fox News, MSNBC or other large corporate entities' content?" Will speedy uploads of catchy ads or entertainment-based sites become even more irresistible as their download speeds outpace more serious content? It's hard enough to keep students focused on their studies as is without Internet companies throttling educational content to give way to vacuous shopping and entertainment sites. Don't our citizens deserve at least the same levels of access to education and diverse points of view as to commercials and corporate-driven content? Support Net Neutrality and you support American freedom of choice, freedom to voice, and equal access to education.
—Rebecca Wolniewicz, Chula Vista, CA

As an RN with limited mobility. Nutritional health is the only reality. Our medical systems broken except for accident or ER type care. Too many drugs & unneeded surgery . We need population control but poisoning our food & deleting nutrients not the way. This is open communication.
—Maureen A Absten, lewis center, OH

First we had free t.v., then we had pay t.v. Now we have cable t.v. and we pay dearly for it. And there is no competition! How much more of a monopoly must we endure? No More!! We must have net neutrality. Internet providers already make huge profits and we are stuck with nowhere else to go. Please don't make things worse for the consumer, the average citizen in our beloved country, by giving in to the oligarchs of the internet. Keep the internet neutral! Don't allow a two-tiered system of differing speeds/quality. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!!!
—Alex Henteloff, SANTA BARBARA, CA

There is too much censorship, for political ends, already present in our public media. To add additional cencorship[uncommercial grounds is intolerable.
—alvin and Harriet Saperstein, Detroit, MI

I don't want to live in a world where all of my information is filtered by a handful of powerful companies. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sage Jenson, Grand Rapids, MN

Don't allow Big Business to have priority over other Americans in internet speed . Keep the net neutral !!!!!
—Betty Waldron, San Antonio, TX

America is tired of being SOLD OUT!
—Paul Bridgewater, NY, NY

WHY can't the middle man/woman get a break for heaven's sake. If it wasn't for all of us, these damn companies would be where they are. And I ask them, how much money do they really need?
—Arlene, Eagan, MN

I am disappointed to learn that at the president has appointed a cable company lobbyist to over see the FCC. It appears that he is favoring big corporations over ordinary internet users. Please do whatever it takes to maintain internet neutrality.
—Ervin Ripp, Green Bay, WI

I just finished watching John Oliver's commentary on net neutrality on Last Week Tonight. There was some information in there that I didn't know about that shocked me. In particular, the comment about the former cable company lobbyist being the new FCC chairman. Please, we MUST have a neutral net!
—Paul Kankiewicz, Redmond, WA

Hello, Please, for one time in my lifetime because I am sure this will not come about again, give me some hope in any government institution in America. Give me hope that you aren't all ruled by the almighty dollar. That when I vote for somebody that they aren't already on some mysterious person's money leash. I understand that every politician has been bought long before they were elected and I understand that Chairman Wheeler was appointed through money and what seems to be convenient ties to the executive branch but just please lie to us this time and let the internet live how it was supposed to be. I understand that my ISP will more than likely slow my connection and my service will still remain lackluster at best and that I don't have anywhere near enough money for the FCC to listen to me but I would just like one tiny glimmer of hope that the entire government doesn't have the dollar so far down their throats that it tickles their kidneys because nobody deserves to have their kidneys tickled solely by the weight of greed and a completely uncountable amount of George Washington faces.
—Nik Vechery, Louisville, KY

It is important that we are able to watch, read and listen to what we want, when we want. We already have terrible internet speeds in the US, let's not make access available only to the wealthy. The cable providers are the worst. Why would we allow them to make more money and give us less service.
—Jamie Jones, nashville, TN

The press is dead. Broadcast television is dead thanks to digital. FM radio has been overtaken by PBS. My library has discarded 1/3 of its collection since November, replacing only a fraction of those books with cheap, glossy, look-a-likes that contain low quality information. If you throw the internet under the under the wheels of the oncoming militaristic takeover of the United States, People, WE, THE PEOPLE might start getting suspicious. For all the teachers reduced to using the internet to teach or losing their jobs because they are so saavy. For all the students' whose families strive to provide overprice technology and service to help their kids "keep up", not even addressing studies, the FCC needs to consider the PEOPLE of THE UNITED STATES and not the corporations of the United States. Why? I hear you ask... Because Corporations will go off-shore with their plunder and leave the entire country in the dark and up for grabs like Ukraine and Sudan. The FCC doesn't want to be party to that kind of treason does it? Remember, DEMOCRACY is an experiment. Experiments can be easily CONTAMINATED... Keep your act clean.
—Tina Juarez, Oakland, CA

The ability for all to have access to the same level of open resources is paramount. Serving narrow interests to the detriment of the majority, is to the detriment of the majority. It shall not live.
—Stephan Taylor, Forest Hill,

Free speech issue of our time
—Patrick Lamb, Santa Clara, CA

Allowing a two tier system will stifle innovation. Please don't allow the monied forces to force you to make this change. Instead, declare the internet a public utility and regulate it like any other monopoly.
—James Preslar, Bowling Green, KY

It is utterly important to keep the current net neutrality rules that keep all data equal. ISP companies should be reclassified as common carriers. Comcast should also be barred from merging with Time Warner cable. The monopoly that cable companies have is too much already. There needs to be more competition rather than less. These companies should not be allowed to charge more for faster service in any situation. Please I urge you to take action against these ISP companies. Please reclassify them common carriers.
—John Burkett, Springfield, MO

Protect Net Neutrality from favored status for cable companies. Reclassify broadband as a public utility.
—Chris Hargrove, Louisville, TN

Every part of American life these days is dominated by monopolies. I'm fine with you letting the monopolies retain total dominion over the American consumer and allowing them to regale us with crappy service and outrageous prices. But how about you don't make it worse either. Protect real Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carrierrs.
—Jonathan Nash, New York, NY

Net neutrality ensures that everyone, businesses and individuals, have fair access to the web for commerce and information. Preserve net neutrality!
—Brad Petrasek, Lancaster, PA

The FCC came in to being to look after the will of the people. Not to pad a corporations bottom line. Not to keep shareholders and CEO 's happy. But to do what's best for the American people whom you derive your authority from. All to often corporations once attaining their lofty heights want to quickly close the door behind them. Its your job to say no, the door stays open and the net remains neutral.
—Gary Shugarts, brigantine, NJ

The net was created specifically to facilitate the free flow of information. Your proposed rules undermine the reason for the net's existence. I urge you in the strongest terms not to allow the net to be sold to the highest bidders.
—Laura Horowitz, Pittsburgh, PA

The taxpayers built the internet we should have equal access without having to pay exhorbinate rates to profit hungry corporations.
—Dawn Impastato, Slidell, LA

Real Net Neutrality is important to me because when I click on a non-profit user-supported news service like Pacifica or Democracy Now, I want it to go from their servers to my device at the same speed as CNN.com or ABCnews.com. And it's only fair and right that this be the case. Just as important, it's also vital to a well-informed citizenry and to the First Amendment. It's time for the FCC, as John Kerry might say, to man up and put a stop once and for all to the Internet F#@%ery that Comcast and other cable providers are engaging in. The cable companies have shown their true colors. They don't care about their end users. They don't care about a level playing field. All they care about as corporations are profits. They have de facto monopolies in much of the country, which enables them to engage in very egregious behavior. And they've been callout out for it, in a very clear and unambiguous way. No more crime-syndicate-style shakedowns like what Comcast did in February to Netflix. Scrap your proposed fast-lane rules, reclassify ISPs as common carriers and regulate them so it's fair for everyone.
—Michael Heister, Los Angeles, CA

In keeping the internet neutral, the ability for small companies/businesses to promote and create their unique good and/or service. Please do not allow giant monopolies to take control of the internet.
—Spencer Strait, San Antonio, TX

This is our last freedom, our equal voice that has been eroded time and time again but has found a place on the internet. Show us, the people, that you have not forgotten all of the American dream. Stop selling us out to the corporations-- please throw out these rules, reclassify ISP as common carriers and show us that there is still sanity in our government.
—Barbara Racca, Austin, TX

Tom Wheeler and the FCC, please discard your current plan to allow ISPs to create a two-tiered system of Internet access. This would allow rampant discrimination online. Instead, it is critical that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect Internet neutrality and thus, a free press. Comcast, Verizon and Time Warner Cable MUST NOT be allowed to discriminate and determine who can have decent Internet access and who cannot. These corporations must be regulated, by you. Stop this threat immediately.
—Donna Glass, Washington, TX

If you believe in the free market, keep the Internet free! The Internet has become what it is thanks to that freedom, creating jobs and adding billions to the economy. Ending Net Neutrality benefits a handful of companies and literally no one else.
—Christopher E Beilfuss, Fort Worth, TX

The internet is one of the most important developments of recent years. It's benefits for community building, education, personal development and civic engagement are staggering. Please do not ruin one of the most wonderful things about being an American and living in a country with free speech and lots of opportunities: please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep this country moving in the right direction. Thank you.
—Peyton McCandless, Saint Paul, MN

I want to preserve the equality of Internet access.
—Linda Stulz, Maple Glen, PA

the major cable companies already have a virtual monopoly. don't further put consumer's at their mercy.
—Margaret Wilbur, East Harwich, MA

Since the various service providers charge the end users (us) a fee based on the type (and speed) of our connections to the internet, would their playing around with the speed of connections at the other end be a form of breach of their contract with us? Perhaps their promised speed of download only applies to our connection with our gateway (Internet Service Provider) and not to throughput from the other end? If that is the case, their ads are all false since they seem to be promising highest download speeds from the other end. Maybe we can all sue them for false advertising.
—Norman Lampert, Philadelphia, PA

CORPORATIONS HAVE TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM US. OUR RIGHT TO EAT WHAT WE CHOOSE. OUR RIGHT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR. OUR RIGHT TO HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION ANYWHERE, ANY TIME, OUR RIGHT TO OWN A HOME, HAVE A JOB AND NOW, THEY ARE WORKING ON TAKING OUR RIGHT TO A FREE AND EQUAL INTERNET!!!!! THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE WILL STAND AGAINST CORPORATE GREED, CORPORATE CONTROL AND CORPORATE CRIME. DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE FREE INTERNET AND PUT IT INTO THE HANDS OF YET ANOTHER CORPORATE CRIMINAL CARTEL.
—Judith Tiedemann, Mohave Valley, AZ

Net neutrality allows young upstarts and filmmakers like me the equal space to show off my talents and craftsmanship alongside giants of the industry like Disney or Warner Bros. The internet is not broken, it's perfect the way it is.If the rules to Net Neutrality are changed in any way, that is not doing good for the public, the PEOPLE YOU ARE BEING PAID TO REPRESENT, it's only putting more money into the pockets of people that have enough to begin with. You are not doing your jobs if you change the rules of Net Neutrality, you are harming this country and it's people if you side with the cable companies.
—Carson Downing, Draper, UT

Stop trying to ruin the Internet.
—Joe Hacking, Belmont, MA

There is no benefit to getting rid of net neutrality other than to a handful of corporations. Everyone else loses. Keep this freedom of speech available, and maybe open up some markets to competition, will you?
—Jacob Miller, Madison, WI

It is obscene that lobbyist Tom Wheeler was put in charge of the FCC. The internet is a public utility and ought to be regulated such that everyone gets to participate equally. If the internet doesn't have the capacity to deliver all content equally, then the solution isn't setting up expensive service for the privileged few, but rather building greater capacity to smoothly handle all of the traffic for everyone. Surely, if the fucking NSA can understand that, Comcast can, too. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY FOR EVERYONE!
—Carolyn Jordan, Arlington, MA

It is important that ALL U.S. citizens have access to the internet in an equal manner. Internet providers should not be allowed to create an even more unequal access to the internet. We are already being charged more for less quality than most of the world. All ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Helen Scott, Bonne Terre, MO

The internet is one of the few remaining bastions of equality in this country. We need to keep it that way.
—Janet Tice, Chapel Hill, NC

The internet needs to be part of the public commons, lest it become part of a specific agenda. It is for the public good that utilities are part of the public commons. The speed of the internet should not be determined by ones ability to pay for it.
—Ms. Dana Roth, Placitas, NM

I was involved in the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992. In addition to the customer service issues, one of the goals was to keep basic television affordable - to avoid having information haves and have nots. I would think that it is even more important to have the Internet equally accessible by all. It provides news, weather, education, job searches, and more. You hardly can survive without the Internet in this day and age. Since the rate controls have been removed from cable television, I cannot afford it. Since I told AT&T that I could not afford the fees to upgrade my Internet, my Internet has been really slow. Coincidence? Now you can say that entertainment may not need the same protections, however once the service providers have to raise their rates to upgrade to service that will deliver video, again you will lose people who cannot afford it. Everyone loses. These companies are making millions of dollars and they are using public rights of way and public airwaves to do it. They cannot be allowed to shut out any portion of the public. They must be classified as common carriers.
—Carole Pagan, Lake Villa, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the net free from lobbyists and lobbyists who are appointed by the President. Keep the Net as a tool for we the People, you know those of us who pay your salaries. It is time to get business out of our Government and out of our internet usage.
—Nina Tatlock, Apollo Beach, FL

You'd all be royal poop noodles for ending net neutrality. You would invoke the wrath of every "nicklebacksucks221" and "benaffflecksucksdick112". Good luck, dickholes.
—Net Neutrality, Kingston, NE

We absolutely want net neutrality. To have a two-tiered plan would be like giving our democracy away. No net discrimination. Net neutrality for all.
—jean Jackman, Davis, CA

Why fix something that is not broken.
—Johnny Matos, Orlando, FL

It is the heartbeat of a true democracy.
—Patricia Hackney, Ann Arbor, MI

Net neutrality is essentially a truly even playing field. Some guy in the middle of nowhere could create some new and awesome thing that we didn't even know we needed/wanted and then keep making money to make more new and awesome things on his own. But if the net can be limited or corralled or anything of that nature, that guy may not be able to make his idea stand out and flourish, or worse the idea will get snapped up and thrown away by people who would be threatened by it.
—Mr. Christopher F. Kennard, Dover, DE

why is the public good no longer an American value??? Public assets are sold for little, then we are charged a lot to use them....things like radio waves and tv bandwidth, now the internet. Water will be next. Nestle et. al. wants resources that should be public in order to sell them back to us at higher prices....humans can't live more than 3 days without water. With global warming and population pressures creating an even greater need for water how is anyone supposed to cope? In the meantime GIVE A SHIT ABOUT SOMETHING THE PUBLIC NEEDS AND THE RICH DON'T REALLY NEED.
—Sandra Cole, Vancouver, WA

Wheeler needs to be canned. His being FCC Chairman is a clear case of the fox guarding the hen house.
—Timothy Post, Lee's Summit, MO

The internet is the foremost bastion of freedom and development in America, and probably the world. I do not want it taken out of The People's control any more than it already is. TV is already dead and internet is the new king. I do believe that big internet companies command a disproportionate amount of internet traffic and should be charged more, but I don't think that should be used as an excuse to hand carte-blanche control of internet infrastructure to monopolistic for-profit companies. I hope that a fair way to charge internet companies is obtained, but the proposed change is a slippery slope that will end up costing internet users. Thank you for considering my comment.
—Jared Zimmerman, Montclair, NJ

I would like to freely use & view things at equal speeds
—Johnny Royer, santa monica, CA

Throw out your crazy rules! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Don't "screw" us over. Come on, play NICE!
—Mary Jo Baldridge, Harrisburg, PA

Corporations like Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, Time Warner, etc. have already bought Congress, the Supreme Court, and State legislatures. Now they are aiming for the Senate, the Presidency, and the Internet. How is this different from Hitler using Nazi Germany to attempt to take over half the hemisphere? I thought the USA was a democracy. What will it be when all these corporations rule the USA? Give the people back their votes, their voices.
—Beverly Barry, Jefferson, LA

Dear Honorable FCC Members: As a little old lady, the internet has been a lifeline for me. However, I am concerned that large, rich, and powerful Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon wo;; create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.Please reconsider and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—ML Polak, philadelphia, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That as worked very well for many years in many industries.
—Terry Luster, OKC, OK

The FCC proposal is essentially a license to discriminate. Internet service providers should not be in the business of deciding what websites deserve (or can afford) to be most easily accessed by the public. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers!
—Daniela Leonard, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality should be one of our rights here in the U.S.-The internet was invented to share, thus the root word inter-inside-net-the web. Freedom to share information for everyone.
—Christopher Minich, Lewis Run, PA

Why does Tom Wheeler hate and despise 98% of Americans? Is it the lobbyist job that he'll have after he's done with the FCC? Why is it so astoundingly difficult to do the right thing for the entire country? We're supposed to be a democratic republic, but your special-interest decisions on 'lanes' and reduced or increase speed/access do not speak well of you, of the FCC, or of any genuine understanding of the genuine needs of ALL. Your special-interest does however, make the behemoth monopolistic providers very happy. Strike another win for lobbyists and keep America stupid, poor, AND oppose equal access for all.
—Karen Poels, Wilkes Barre, PA

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. -- Arron
—Arron Mabrey, valrico, FL

Net Neutrality is important to for many reasons, not the least being that it should be available to EVERYONE at a fair and honest price. It should NOT be impeded just because a few greedy telelcoms like Verizon, Comcast and AT&T want to gouge people for a few extra bucks and make so only a select few can afford the Internet at speeds that we all now enjoy, simply because THEY cam pay more, and the rest of us get stuck with dial-up speeds just because we can't. Please, KEEP Net Neutrality. Reclassify it as a common carrier so that Internet providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon can-NOT pull this bull-crap again, ever! Thank you. Respectfully yours, Regenia Johnson.
—Regenia G Johnson, Wentzville, MO

This is a terrible idea! It entirely misses the point of the internet.
—Leigh Wood Dudash, Redlands, CA

Having equal axcess to the internet allows small businesses to start in cyberspace with out extra expenses that may be prohibitive.
—Forest Burkhart, Parker, CO

Dear FCC, I hear the President just appointed a major lobbyist for the cable and wireless corporations to be the next Chair for the FCC. Wow - I am impressed with the shared loyalty between the President and his constituents in this decision. Anyway, it is imperative that the monopolies do not overtake the media, in any way shape or form. Keep Net Neutrality and the respect of the citizens of America who want our democracy back (you know the democracy we sent our kids to fight and die for) , the democracy that we strove to improve the civil rights of all Americans, child labor laws, right to unionize - that democracy. The one that has been sold to ....we are not sure, it is not a action or law that is transparent or accountable for. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Susan Beers, Saint Paul, MN

Equality even for the super rich! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bernd Upnmoor, Hamburg, DC

You know it would be nice if Monopolistic cooperations attempted to preserve their monetary regimes through the utilization of merchandise with improved quality and efficiency with the hope that the quality of their products would be enough to entice the common masses to continue using. Unfortunately it seems that it has become commonplace for these businesses (once they have obtained their Monopoly) to simply lean upon government organizations in shockingly blatant attempts to discourage and destroy potential rivals in their chosen industry. FCC if you have even an ounce of integrity left within your organization it should be obvious what should happen to this plan... in fact it is amazing (and quite suspect) that any plan to destabilize or destroy the Neutrality of the Net ever has been considered seriously; and it is quite disturbing that it is. Thank you for your time, and I hope that in the future you the members of the FCC will serve the populous, and stop the insane plan (against Net Neutrality) before it can destroy the internet as we know it.
—David C Kadoun, St. Paul, MN

As someone who has grown up on the internet in the past decade, its clearly something that is massively important to my generation. People rely on it for their business' to grow and to gain customers. Some of the best innovations have come from kickstarter campaigns created by funded by every day people. Ending net neutrality would severely impact this process for the worst. It would merely become another media outlet for only those would could already afford it, filling it in with ads and garbage that we've worked so hard to weed out. Don't threaten small business and personal development.
—Allison Lownds, Enfield, CT

We need to keep the Internet we have, not build a two-tier system that will stack the deck in favor of big business. Let's work on making the Internet faster for everyone.
—Steven Benitez, Tallahassee, FL

We need to keep the internet open and neutral for ALL of us! The cable companies have no right to make "slow" and "fast" lanes for service! The internet is for the common good and should remain neutral--not geared toward the "favored few" that are chosen by cable company greed.
—Becky Anderson, Bellingham, WA

In my area we can use Comcast or AT&T...the costs are so high we may have to opt out thus get no new or job posts or do anything. Every place wants you to pay online..go online for info,..work at home..I am disabled. My husband is about to retire. We pay over 200 to be in touch and be good citizens who are also informed. Internet is today ..news..TV..jobs.. Economically and rightly it should be free as TV should. We will choke out.. People are on the skids and need access .,full affordable access with no restrictions to survive. I must order goods as have no car..
—Christine Burns Lehrfeld, Park Fiorest, IL

Knowledge doesn't have a bank account!
—Nicholas Kinzie, Ashland, OR

As for me and my house we blatantly oppose the FCC plan of so called net neutrality. It is a sham at best and needs to be completely rejected. The internet is meant to be for the people and not for the benefit of a select few big-business gatekeepers whose not so impartial advocate now heads up the once illustrious and independent body the FCC. Under the current circumstances these monolithic media giants control way to much as it is and the current net neutrality proposal is simply handing them more power. Ultimately American progress, ingenuity and financial well being is at stake. Without real access to information and a ready market entrepreneurs, that have been the backbone of this nation will be squashed in favor of a select few. Instead of focusing resources on research and development they will ultimately have to divert that to paying to even get exposure in the market. Again I reiterate, I vehemently oppose the current FCC plan of net neutrality for not only these reasons but a slew of others.
—Wayne Armstrong, Cape Girardeau, MO

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ellen M. Miller, York, PA

Keeping our freedoms and liberty. Allowing our basic right of freedom of speech. It's unconstitutional to restrict or block the internet.
—Mike, McKees rocks, PA

Net neutrality is critical to in I courage innovation and competition and avoid internet monopolies and oligopolies from forming. Please ensure net neutrality remains the core pillar of the internet infrastructure of our country.
—Andrey Volosevich, Fair Lawn, NJ

The Internet was founded on Net Neutrality. The FCC's new proposed rules are a slap in the face to people everywhere, and the open and free internet as we know it. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and stop putting the interests of Corporations above all else.
—Peter Tummino, Wilmington, MA

IF I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHY NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT TO ME, THEN YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOME TYPE OF A MENTAL BLOCK WHICH HAS ALTERED YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF EVEN THE MOST BASIC CONCEPTS (i.e. WHY DO WE NEED AIR TO BREATHE?).
—Ernest Harris, N Las Vegas, NV

I don't know that these comments will do any good. I don't have millions of dollars to offer or free trips to fun places or great dinner parties. but come on guys do the right thing don't let these monopolies take over the internet. They might offer all these great things but you do still work for us.
—Mark Vantaggi, parma, OH

Our society runs off the net as does my connection to it.
—Iggy Makarevich, Cos Cob, CT

Because the Net was created for the public by public institutions (ARPANet), not private companies.
—Benjamin Schlein, Nashville, TN

There's no need for what the ISP wants. None.
—Alan Urbany, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is vital to our Democracy and to the freedom of the American people. To put control of the internet into the hands of cable companies would be an abomination, a license to discriminate and create a federally approved monopoly. The internet belongs to all of us. What a sad day for democracy if the US government sells out to the highest bidder.
—Laura Cooney-Soares, Quincy, MA

I WANT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Barbra schora, Mill valley, CA

I am an average person that uses the internet daily. In my opinion, the internet is the last free place in the world. All websites are on equal footing and websites fight for the top spot, which is how the economy should be as well. The economy is controlled by the big companies in each industry. This is obvious because being a lobbyist is actually a profitable career. Millions and millions of dollars are spent every year by companies in order to put politicians in their pocket. There is evidence of this, way too much evidence. The head of the FCC, former lobbyist for Comcast, has given no good reasons for net neutrality to be erased. He also has his own agenda, which is extremely obvious. If it disappears, Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and Time Warner Cable will swoop in and quickly sort out which websites deserve fast and slow service. These cable providers will be able to control the internet. If one big service falls out of line, they can be sent into the slow lane until they "see things their way". I want an internet and a country that is actually free, not controlled by big men who give the illusion of freedom to the masses. I am no idealist, that kind of country has not existed for awhile, and won't ever again. The internet can be saved though, and the government has no right to destroy the last bastion of true freedom. They are trying to fix something that isn't broken. Net neutrality is necessary in order to keep the internet fair and equal.
—Michael Weiss, Morganville, NJ

Net Neutrality supports we the people -- not we the big corporations; let's protect it.
—Mr James David Walsh, Alexandria, VA

True net neutrality is in everyone's best interest. Do not let greed harm the interests of the many for the financial benefit of the few Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Arthur H. Swers, Floyd, VA

The internet should not be corporatized for profit but for every person's use freely and neutrally.
—Andrew D Rowlas, Chicago, IL

Please don't let greedy corporate interest take away our net neutrality. The vigor of our nation depends upon free and easy access to information, product choice, and start up innovation. We live in a rural area with little shopping opportunity, without the ease of shopping on the internet and the specific choices that it affords we would have to drive three hours each way to shop and possibly not even find what we were specifically interested in. Please preserve free speach on a neutral internet.
—Ms. Theresa Zelazny, Alpine, TX

Please uphold Net Neutrality to keep discrimination by ISPs in check.
—Bryan Buchholz, Amherst, NY

I don't want corporations to control what sites and services I choose to connect to with an internet connection. I also don't think it's right for cable and telephone companies to use their internet customers to extort money from websites and services for the privilege of sending traffic to their shared customers. If I request data from a site or service, I expect my ISP to pass the data along without charging their customers more for the privilege or slowing anything down. Tough Common Carrier regulations on ISPs under Title II is the only proper way forward. Now get on that immediately. Thank you.
—Edward McClaugherty, Germantown, MD

EQUAL ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IS A RIGHT FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY. DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS BY ENDING NET NEUTRALITY.
—Mr. Mary Ann Graffagnino, Tucson, AZ

We have to keep what happened to radio from happening to the internet. Radio is now owned by a few companies that control what music is played. The result is the same boring stuff over and over. We can't let that happen to the internet. The small voices are just as important as the big ones, and people want to hear them just as much, if not more, than the "big viewpoints."
—Marianne Flanagan, Des Plaines, IL

The WHOLE REASON THE FCC was created! was to ensure the public had equal access to the airwaves since THEY OWNED THE AIR!!! Same applies to the internet!!
—Ron Crawford, New York, NY

Americans want all internet content to be treated equally. We do not want Cable and Telecom companies to interfere with net neutrality. The American people want the FCC and United States government to keep the Internet free and open. Do not allow these greedy corporations to ruin the Internet.
—David Abelson, New York, NY

I am very concerned about net neutrality. Please do not allow Internet service providers to create fast lanes for rich people. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time.
—Rift Vegan, Eugene, OR

Because it's important to make the net a safe place for everyone, a place for truly free expression and communication!
—Jacob Martin, Mansfield, OH

I thought we already paid for internet...I pay a premium for faster connectivity. I would hate this to get worse. Internet is already part of our everyday lives, too late to up the fees now. Stop the greed.
—Katina Stewart, Palmer, AK

KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. A NEUTRAL NET SERVES DEMOCRACY
—Patty linder, San Jose, CA

Please don't sell out the public.
—Harold Waters, Houston, TX

The internet is very important to me and is important that net neutrality stays the way it already is. No need to change the internet and no need to change net neutrality .
—Cale Cochran, Williamson, GA

Internet should be the same as telephone service and mail. At this point in time the internet should be classified as a common carrier. AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon should not be allowed to dictate what people can and cannot access on the internet (obviously national laws should still apply). We don't allow AT&T decide who we may or may not receive of phone call from, why should they decide what websites "work".
—Robert Boyer, New Castle, DE

A 2-tiered internet is not what this country needs. Everyone should have equal access, not based upon income-affordability, which is what the FCC is heading towards. You're on the slippery slope now.
—Elaine Brandt, Venice, CA

The cable companies can not be allowed to sabotage a free and open internet. Their unfettered greed and monopolistic control of their markets will stifle badly needed American innovation. Do not allow it.
—Dave Dewey, Webster, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe that freedom of speech at a slightly slower speed compared to others with more money isn't freedom of speech at all.
—Charles Chano, Altadena, CA

The companies are literally monopolizing this industry and destroying the way the internet works. The internet is slow enough as it is. These companies will siphon our internet while charging us higher amounts of money when they don't do ANYTHING correctly. I grew up with the slowest internet on earth because there was nothing but dial up available in bumblefuck. I finally was able to get satellite internet which was still horrible slow and twice the price of dial up. Why didn't I get cable? Because these assholes refused to make it available.
—Ivana Schaeffer, Kempton, PA

The Internet is a conduit for free expression of ideas and information. It must remain open in order to support our democracy and civilization.
—Robert Kaiser, Whitefish, MT

Because information should never be bias and take sides.
—Quinn Rae, Kamloops,

Net neutrality is important to me because money shouldn't get in the way of facts. Don't pass on more difficulty to people who don't have or behalf of those who do.
—Nick, Tonawanda, NY

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me, and to all of those around the world. How else are people's voices going to be heard?
—Ethan Eldridge, Burlington, VT

The Internet should be reclassified as a common carrier, not exploited by telecom giants. Lack of competition between bloated service providers is the source of limited speed. Rewarding them for poor service is unconscionable. Giving big telecoms more power will stifle innovation and ultimately hurt business in the US, just like slow internet speeds do. Allowing tiered service is a mistake, not a solution.
—Melissa Adams-Hunt, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial for small business, the engine of our economy, as well as because the American people want it and they, not the cable companies, are the entity the U.S. government Constitutionally represents.
—Elizabeth Raintree, Beaverton, OR

It would stop small online businesses from growing, and there might be a possibility of internet censorship, and the government blocking certain sites critical of political opponents and opposing political parties. What I pay for is the speed I should get also. I can't take the throttling anymore of certain streaming services like netflix.
—Robert Ritter, Cleveland, OH

Please restore net nuetrailty. Giving big cable companies another way to charge consumers is not a good idea.
—Mark Croft, Pinellas Park, FL

Net newutrality needs to be preserved!
—David Davenport, Waller, TX

The way society advances is through communication and giving someone to power to inhibit it by providing favor to those who agree with it or buy it off only dumps power into the same group who have no reason to change things. They would prefer us in the dark and would cripple a lot of the things that make the internet great if they were to be allowed to change speeds depending on how much they had been paid.
—Ryan Ford, Beckley, WV

Net neutrality is THE way the little guy can have any hope of meritocracy working!
—Travis Harper, Seattle, WA

This is unacceptable. It is so obvious that the 1% is trying to take over.
—Dorothy Staby, Aliquippa, PA

The Internet is one of the only places that the average person can be equal to a big buisness, taking that away and overly regulateing it would be a huge mistake. People need to be freely informed.
—Scott Malloy, glendale, AZ

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!!! it matters. Two-tiered internet does not benefit consumers, and stifles innovation and competition.
—Dave Casto, columbus, OH

If we had any real competition we would have the fastest internet in the world. Call time warner cable customer service and see how little they care about the consumer. That is the first sign of an oligopoly. Now you are contiplating allowing some to pay for access to a limited resource made possible by monopolistic practices. I am embarrassed to be an American. We will fall behind as a competitive economy if our internet does not stay an even playing field. The problem is not that some need to pay for better access, our utilities need more competition to drive globally competitive internet access. I am hoping for google fiber to improve performance and drive down prices with competition. The reason eliminateing net neutrality is even discussed is because the bloated service companies are not investing to meet demand. They want to charge because there is a shortage and they can charge a "premium" Keep net neutrality.
—Press miller, Charlotte, NC

Mr. Wheeler, if you let these big boys destroy internet neutrality, you will be responsible for an outrage that will reverberate throughout this country. We won't stand for it. Eileen
—Eileen Kues, Cincinnati, OH

NO ONE in the U.S. wants a 2-tiered internet, except the cable companies who will be able to charge extra for it. Stop this attack on Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers!
—Don Dieckmann, Alton, IL

So you sayin not only is the freedoms of my country up for grabs the vast freedom I had on the Web is aswell
—Romare Sturdivant, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because I believe the internet belongs to us and without fairness to all only the biggest public companies will have the unfair advantage over everyone else. Of course we probably should expect this from a guy who formerly worked as a lobbyist for the cable TV industry.
—Jim Patterson, INDEPENDENCE, MO

The public does not want or need 2 tiered Internet service. Small Internet businesses are harmed when large businesses can purchase a Internet 'fast lane'. I strong support Net neutrality!
—Eric Kempter, Pleasant Hill, CA

Keep this fair.
—Chad Commute Bramble, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Please stop being a bunch of corporate cocksuckers and stop this nonsense of letting corporations crush the innovation the internet can offer due to greed. Stop letting the money the lobbyists throw at you and your buddies and do your fucking job.
—Melinda Smith, London, KY

Net Neutrality is vitally important to not only small, and mid sized businesses, but the American people. The 99% have been run over enough. It's time that our rights are protected as well.
—C K, Lake Geneva, WI

"The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible." "As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality." "Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it."
—Michael von Sacher-Masoch, Everett, WA

Net Neutrality is not only important is essential. We count on you to preserve it because that is what the people want.
—Janie Vachon Robillard, St-Léonard d'Aston,

Internet needs to be reclassified as a utility. Stop this two tier system. Internet needs to be internet. A single high speed line for everyone, do not split the internet into those who have, and those who have not.
—Donald Munk, Staten Island, NY

Please reclassify the internet as Common Carriers. I use the internet daily & I shouldn't have to pay extra to use websites. The internet should be open and stay open so we can learn and discover new interests, opinions & facts.
—Michael P Rand, Weymouth, MA

I don't want the crap the big providers dish out. Give me EQUAL access to the smaller providers that give me what I am interested in...
—Arthur Torrey, North Billerica, MA

The freedom of humanity is what is at stake. When will American corporations actually do something right and honest for the world? When was the last time the US actually gave something of worth? Instead they usurp societal progress for corporate profits. When will someone put and end to this destruction?
—Jake Schwenke, Melbourne,

The internet is not a luxury, but a necessity. It has actually been forced on us in some ways. Many schools require taking online courses and several things must be registered for online.We must all have equal access and speed in today's world.
—Gina Turner, memphis, TN

Everyone but a small corporate minority is against this. No one is fooled. If this plan goes through, it will be explicit proof of corruption within the FCC and the Obama administration - a betrayal of the trust of the American people.
—Robert Lindauer, Chicago, IL

Internet is a telecommunication service and shouldn't be allowed to be taken over by large corporations for the selfish benefit of the few. Regulation is key and is absolutely required. No large corporation should be allowed to negatively affect small websites on the internet. Small ecommerce stores everywhere will hurt from this while the big ISP's like Comcast will steal from the poor and give to themselves. IT IS WRONG! ETHICALLY & MORALLY WRONG!
—Austin Dame, Plymouth, MN

The internet is the only way citizens who are interested in effecting change can reach each other. The government has been taken over by mega-corporations, and those corporations are doing their level best to see to it that we CAN'T reach each other, because if we can reach each other, there will be change, and they do not want change that they do not control. Please don't listen to the corporations. They have already taken complete control of Congress; now they are coming for the few remaining independent executive departments. They want to own this country and control everything the government does. We remember, by contrast, when this was a democratic republic which answered to the people, not the corporations. Please show that you still answer to the people. We know -- don't think you can fool us -- how overwhelmingly the people have been contacting you in favor of true, strong, and protected Net Neutrality. Do what they are asking of you, and help save the remnants of a democratic republic for the day when, through our internet-based communications and organizational ability, we can bring it back to life.
—Naomi G Rivkis, Seattle, WA

Having an Internet that is open and free from entities dictating what content is provided is crucial. Please reverse the FCC rules that allow for discrimination. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steven Anderson, Chicago, IL

Every single story we, the human species, tell are stories of the greedy, selfish and powerful trying to use and control the disadvantaged to gain their greedy, selfish goals. There is no question that companies would exploit a two-tiered internet simply for profit. For money. For made-up, invented HUMAN money that doesn't exist or hold value ANYwhere else in the universe. Service would indeed be choked for everyone on the lower tier, causing a small number to abandon the system in protest, but causing a few more to submit to the system out of laziness, apathy, or necessity. Ruining the essential quality that makes the internet such a powerful tool would be no problem for a few extra pennies for those who are ALREADY so much more advantaged than the rest of us. This is not up for debate. This is definitely what would happen. You, the proponent of a two-tiered internet, are without question the monster, the villain. It is simple and irrefutable. Two-tiered internet is, without question, wrong. Why cling so despicably to a simple-minded, short-sighted, superficial set of greedy values? Why not instead seek prosperity by fixing the world's problems? Surely a mega-corporation that attempts to heal the world and solve problems would still be profitable and still satiate the 'fat-cats' pathetic, greedy need to hoard wealth and security. Why not save the world, instead of make it a worse place to be? Why not give people what they want, instead of denying their requests outright simply for the rich to gain a petty few more riches?
—Brian, Toronto,

Dear Tom Wheller and the FCC, Please throw our the new proposed rules that would create a two-tiered internet. There is already an effective monopoly when it comes to internet service providers, and your rules would only enhance this. It would be bad for customers and businesses (save for Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, etc.) If our government exists to serve the people and not big businesses that can buy influence, these new rules will be dropped and net neutrality will be protected. Respectfully, Seth Holt
—Seth Holt, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality provides a fair playing field for all internet users. This is important for political as well as economic reasons.
—Jim Braun, Cleveland, OH

It's important the FCC goes away never to be heard from again, ergo, Net Neutrality would never be an issue either. In fact, the entire US Corrupt Gov't needs to go away and start fresh with real American people, not Corporate and Military Terrorists.
—David G, Kailua Kona, HI

Without Net Neutrality, Democracy is a lost cause.
—John P. Heyneman, Webster, NY

Keep my access to information free and fast.
—Dana Meyer, Richmond, CA

We are fending off democracy-gutting assaults on every front in American life. The internet is one of the few environments that currently retains a democratic essence. You will ruin it if you do not preserve net neutrality to prevent a tiered system of internet access. The internet is clearly a public utility, just as electricity, heat and the like are. Do not be the corporate shills in regulatory clothing that go down in history for handing control over to private interests to do with as they wish. It's wrong, but if you don't care about that, you'll be the worst kind of famous, which may matter to you more. History will judge you very harshly.
—Janique O'Shea, waltham, MA

We cannot let big corporations, (ie: money) once again, control our freedom. We must leave the internet as is...no tiers, so that everyone is equal. If the ruling goes through, the winners will be big businesses, the losers, the little guy and the consumer (also little guys). The internet, as it currently is, has allowed unprecedented freedom of expression, freedom to knowledge, freedom of entertainment, freedom to connect with the entire world. THIS FREEDOM CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY. The internet belongs to the people. The USA is a democracy* (supposedly). Let's keep democracy in something that is currently truly democratic. *Democracy is a form of government in which all eligible citizens participate equally. From the Preamble of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law. We demand our rights.
—Patricia Oliver, Pleasant Plain, OH

Net Neutrality is about opportunity and freedom for the common person; not about corporations and their profits.
—Rene Ontivero Jr, Hialeah, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, throw out FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan that would allow discrimination online. Maintain Net Neutrality.
—Catherine Hunt, Piscataway, NJ

Net neutrality, really internet-flow neutrality, is only important if we want to maintain our democracy. Otherwise, let the richest have the most say, just like in the Koch brothers' megaphone in the electoral process.
—Marshall Dinowitz, Belmont, CA

Internet providers are not struggling to make a profit. Relaxing strict net neutrality principles just allows them to extort even greater fees from those who can afford it while ignoring those who can't. The truly open internet is just about the only level playing field left - please don't throw it away for a campaign contribution.
—Charles Abele, Newton, MA

The net is possibly the last place where the media mafia does not have total control and where real democracy is still alive.
—David Stopher, Cambridge,

Net neutrality is not broke, but certain giant conglomerates will surely make it that way if you make any changes at all to the system as it now stands. For once, stand with the majority of the people, not the greedy corporations. Isn't that really the morally correct thing to do? Yes, you know it is.
—Lee Hutchings, Wichita Falls, TX

Dear Mr. Wheeler: I believe that the internet is a very important tool for the young generation to learn and get ahead in the world of feirce competition today. Please do not let the greedy and sleazy internet companies to ruin this wonderful teaching and learning tool for our kids. You do know that,these companies are making too much money already at the price of freedom on the net. We are already paying too much for the internet, much more than what the rest of the world pays. Please do not let COMCAST, ATT, VERISON and TIMEWARNER to run the internet totally to the ground. Sincerely, Abbass Sekhavat, MD
—Abbass Sekhavat, Richardson, TX

It's important that lower income people have equal access to the internet and good, reliable and stable service. Cable and phone companies have monopolized things for far too long to the detriment of the consumer. Competition is supposed to be what made the USA a great place to live... does the absence of competitors reverse the progress made in the old days?
—Katherine Noble, Stillwater, MN

The internet cant be controlled by the biggest, wealthiest companies. ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Ms. Barbara Conover, Montclair, NJ

ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The Internet should be free of discrimination which is really the basis of the proposed tiered system. The FCC was established to protect the interests of every American not those with the biggest bank balance. Step up and protect all Americans by not giving Internet service providers the power to pick and choose who they support and who they screw over.
—Mary Catherine Green, Madison, WI

Don't change internet service I love my netflix and hulu plus. Don't end net neutrality every one deserves one speed.
—Alex Grennor, Aiken, SC

The proposal to create a two-tier network speed system is blatantly unfair. It will create a system where the "haves" will have a limited access interstate and the rest of us will have to live with rutted dirt roads. Once again we are in danger of developing another system that flies in the face of the concept of democracy. We need to keep net neutrality so everyone can have equal access. The US should not become Animal Farm where some "animals are more equal than others." And we need to replace Tom Wheeler, a lobbyist for the cable industry, with a "net neutral" director and the FCC.
—Donald A. Simon, Philadelphia, PA

Why should big telecommunication companies profit from the internet? They make billions already and this would give them even more power to promote their insular message.
—Merrie Thornburg, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because I believe the internet belongs to every person and every business great and small. Without fairness to all only the biggest public companies with deep pockets of investor money will have the advantage over everyone else. Mom and Pop startups will not be able to afford the bribes to the Cable companies and thus will be in the slow lanes and eventually will go out of business. Of course we probably should expect this from a guy who formerly worked as a lobbyist for the cable TV industry.
—Kristopher Herring, Fulton, MO

Yes it's important stop the rich from becoming richer. We have to stop them from trying to do what they want with the internet. You know whats right make the right choice please.
—Zulma Pabon, lancaster, PA

The currently proposed rules put us on a slippery slope that will destroy an open, neutral internet. The time is now to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—George Williams, Scottsboro, AL

We, the humanity everywhere, are not happy with being pushed to the back of the bus with speeds reduced on our Internet service and not being given equal access to all with equal and fair say. We are more important than the corporations....for if we are lost you will not have any corporations ever again. We are the people, not those damn corporations.
—Mario G. Rivera, Albuquerque, NM

Please do not let wealthy corporations control the Internet. It's wrong.
—Robert Canipe, Hickoru, NC

A tiered access to internet content will create many, many problems for real people trying to create businesses, or gather information for school projects, or any of the myriad of other ways people use internet access. The vast majority of people and businesses are for true net neutrality. There are only very limited large corporations who benefit from this change in the rules. If this were truly a democracy, we wouldn't even be having this discussion, as the proposal is so egregious.
—Kathleen Lowney, Issaquah, WA

Do not create a multi speed internet. Keep the internet neutral.
—Cathy Zheutlin, PORTLAND, OR

It is the one remaining thing in my life that has not been ruined by government overreach, corporate greed, and the upper 1%. The internet has been the best economic engine in our lifetimes. DO NOT try to fix what is not broken in favor or even more corporate profits that will only fuel more purchased elections. I voted for Obama partially on his promise to keep the internet neutral. Please do not sell out.
—Mr. Dale Kubler, Birmingham, AL

Corporations have already corrupted our lives, tell them to stay away from our internet - back off !!!
—J Davis, Orlando, FL

No two tier system that favors the rich
—Beverly Jahn, Denver, CO

The internet is the vehicle we all non privileged individuals use to innovate our lives. This day in age our intention is to be more dynamic in how we conduct business and access our data. Making the internet a pay as you go system will not only cripple our dreams, it will discourage anyone looking to make something out of nothing.
—Carlos, Attleboro, MA

Net neutrality means everyone has equal access...period. Embrace the concept of equal and unlimited access to ideas and information. Don't sell humanity out.
—Vicki Roberts, Salem, IL

The Cable companies will raise prices. Most of us do not have enough money now. We also cannot allow the Cable companies to have more power over websites that perform vital functions but the nature of their product does not permit fees to be charged. Limiting access to these public service information sites would leave holes in needed services. Keep the free stuff free for as long as possible. Don't let the Internet go into an inflationary spiral.
—Thomas Daniel Smith, Columbus, IN

I'm tired of getting screwed by big companies.
—Mark McCallon, louisville, KY

Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cindy De Leon, Reno, NV

Chairman Wheeler needs to resign. He is a shill for the cable and telecom companies. Let's get a new Chairman or Chairwoman who will standup for the American people - not just for big business.
—Otis, franklin, TN

I use the internet constantly!! My online activity helps me keep my sanity. I DO NOT want to be forced to the back of the bus because I'm not rich enough to sit in front!
—Joann Koch, Lebanon, CT

Democracy is truly at risk if Net Neutrality is lost.
—Shirley Marsh, Fremantle,

America is based on certain freedoms. Unfortunately these freedoms are being infringed upon with the latest proposal of creating a "fast lane" for internet traffic. Snuffing out new startups companies is not the only consequence of this proposal, the flow of information will also be hindered. And information is tied to freedom. Please don't take away our freedom.
—Mohammed Twam, Brooklyn, NY

Please do not end Net Neutrality.
—Benjamin Oyer, Reading, MA

This is your legacy. Do the right thing. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Nancy Lee Bidigare, Glendale, CO

keep the internet one tiered with equal access.
—Bill Brackett, Huntington Beach, CA, CA

Mr. Wheeler, your email responses assure the general public that are all "for" net neutrality, YET you are siding with BIG BUSINESS and ready to curtail our activities on the internet unless we are forced to pay bigger fees for surfing in the "fast lane" along with the "big boys." You are SUPPOSED to be part of an agency that works on BEHALF of the people rather than being beholden to the corporate paymasters. Make no mistake. WE, THE PEOPLE are no fools. We are not stupid. And we WILL NOT take this laying down and let big corporations walk all over us. Corporations are going to push people over the edge with their greed. When people start showing how they feel with their pocket books and largely abandon the internet, that's the only "speech" the fat cats understand. MONEY.
—Cheryl Liniman, Parma, OH

We need a free press with net neutrality. Tim Wheeler is Comcast, Verizon and AT&T. He is in bed with these 3 and again you are going to screw the people and let the corporations control our lives all for the power and all mighty dollar. How can we be a democratic nation when Corporations run the world and all they care about is money not people. It just sickens me to see this happen over and over and over again.
—Kathy O'Brien, Redway, CA

WE should not allow corporations once again, to control the American People. They have done so with Citizens United and the McClutchen ruling, now they are trying to demise our use of the internet. Where are our freedoms?
—Angela Smith, Deerfield Beach, FL

Net neutrality makes higher education possible. The free and open internet enables teachers and students to do the research required for academic purposes. Net neutrality makes new businesses possible. Net neutrality makes better citizenship possible. We need one, single, equal internet for all.
—William Cline, Strongsville, OH

the internet is as important as roads, power, gas & phone. Companies should not be allowed to monopolize it.
—Steven Lindsay, Atlanta, GA

Our democracy depends upon free speech. Making more speech available to those who have more money does not benefit democracy, it undermines it.
—Marcella Guerriero, Vashon, WA

It's just plain wrong. What more is there to say.
—Ron Deutsch, Austin, TX

I watched Mr. Powell give away the store when he was the head of the FCC under George W. Bush -- and now I have learned you , Mr. Obama, appointed a lobbiest for the cable companies to head the FCC. That's un-American and vile. Keep the internet open to all and free. The public paid for it and the public should reap the benefit. A two-track system diminished competition and discourages beginning businesses. Keep it fair and equal. Thank you, Dolores Welty
—Dolores Welty, Encinitas, CA

Net neutrality should be important to everyone if they truly understood what it meant. This is just another way that we would get shafted by the cable companies. The free internet levels the playing field for everyone, whether you are a small company or a big corporation. The cable companies already have a monopoly on most of our entertainment choices and the internet is not controlled by them and should never be. The FCC should not be for sale to the cable companies and should be looking out for the average person.
—Sharon Brown, Kingsport, TN

Net Neutrality is NOT the best for the public. What would be better would be to have NET SECURITY. People have been scammed, and LOTS of money has been lost due to people hacking on the computer, and lying. There is NO police for the computer. THIS should be the focus, not a Neutrality program that is not needed.
—Janella Spears, Foster, OR

Net Neutrality has allowed American companies to dominate in the form of technology and innovation. Without net neutrality companies like Google and Amazon, two of the largest technology companies in the world, would not exist. The proposed changes will not only inhibit technological innovation, but it will hamper consumer experiences.
—Nicholas Ryhajlo, Bozeman, MT

Not just important to me but to all of us here in the GREAT U.S. of A., we need competition, we need low cost internet, without taxes to use the internet. Net Neutrality will give us this.
—David Claypool, anaheim, CA

"Net neutrality" is nothing more (and nothing LESS) than allowing everyone an equal chance to effectively use this tool to access the world. It was created by government and academia for that purpose NOW to ALTER that purpose would be like destroying a national park.
—David W. Hardy Esq., Lawrence, KS

We can all see what a blatant cash grab and power play this is to suppress innovation from prospective start-ups and allow comast and verizon to shake down internet companies the cost of which will be deflected upon the end user. Tom Wheeler even being appointed as FCC chairman is a sad farce, and the very definition of a conflict of interests. Mess with the population's internet service (which is in reality a public utility) and less reasonable people among them will resort to violence to restore it.
—Christopher Yustin, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is an essential for the common folk. We need to be able to have decent access to the internet without being charged more (by all those big business monopolies that a democracy is NOT supposed to have). This is a HUGE throwback. Why are the average people going to be subjected to the equivalent of DSL (all over again) just because big corporations want the fast lane for themselves - when they already reap huge tax breaks (WAY more than the average citizen) - and so get special treatment. And that leaves us, as the majority, with no voice and no way to oppose constantly increasing rates? I thought the FCC was supposed to protect the people? Not do the bidding of whoever wags the most money in their face?
—Jennifer Toth, Santa Clarita, CA

Net Neutrality IS the level playing field in the realm of 'Free Speech'. I cannot afford the fast lane as proposed by the FCC, as is the case for most citizens and start-ups. Why should a behemoth company with vast profits, be allowed to pay a little more and be able to run monopolistic over me and everyone else?
—DC Leslie-Pringle, Santa Monica, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers - stop the grand sell out to corrupt corporate interests. don't look to your chairman for guidance as he's obviously been co-opted.
—J Froiland, Rohnert Park, CA

This is all about money and control!!! Enough already!!!!!
—B Horne, Boonsboro, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone deserves equal treatment and access to the Internet. If approved, the proposed new FCC rules would allow widespread discrimination online all in the name of profits for major Internet service providers, of which your chairman Tom Wheeler was a Lobbyist multiple years. This is a major conflict of interest. In my opinion chairman Wheeler should remove himself along with his proposed rules. Internet Services Providers should be classified as common carriers.
—Terrie Routh, Sutherlin, OR

Please support Net Neutrality! American Internet is slow enough! We do not need fast lanes and slow lanes!
—Louis, Ham Lake, MN

With media conglomerates controlling broadcasting, the internet is the only open public forum with an even playing field. Comcast's obscene slowdown of citizens' Netflix downloads during its attempt to negotiate new terms with Netflix is a prime example of what happens when you give media oligopolies more power.
—Barbara Hicks, Sarasota, FL

Creating an "Internet Fast lane" will only give the cable companies the go head to protect their monopolies by slowing the traffic of competing video services and will further damage competition and innovation in any space that required fast traffic flow. This has the potential to stifle innovation and damage the world economy as well as the advancement of information sharing as a whole.
—Kelly Birr, Redmond, WA

If the internet becomes 'pay to play', like most everything in this world, a lot of people young and old will miss out on a lot. Myself, I would stop using the net altogether if it comes down to this. Thank you...
—Lori Savolainen, Benton, IL

The Internet should not be divided into the Haves and Have Nots, like so much of this country is. Do not make it a place of division in this country.
—Judi Kaminski, la grange park, IL

Maintain the equality of the people's voice.
—Rhonda J. Greenhaw, Baltimore, MD

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Justine King, New York, NY

I cannot afford two tiers.
—Jack Allgaier, Stevens Point, WI

I need a way to start dangerous revolutions.
—Rob, springdale, AR

Get rid of your rules.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sy Perlis, surprise, AZ

Net neutrality is basic fairness and a source of economic growth.
—Craig Risinger, Montclair, NJ

The internet is too important to democracy to allow it to be controlled by corporations for profit.
—Alicia Kern, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

please protect an open and free internet. I have a small podcast that is informative and educational about art, music and historic legends. my network would be greatly hurt by this. don't kill the art and progress of thousands of people
—Matthew Dwyer, Glendale, CA

At 81 I love being able to look up data I once was able to get from a library when I was able to walk there. I have written to the FCC many times regarding this "Net Neutrality thing". Rank and file Americans have found these past few years - and especially with today's Do Nothing Congress - their rights, their freedoms and their economy being watered down, destroyed, or in some way corrupted.. Please do not allow cable companies and others who provide I-net access to remain out of the designation as common carriers. This allows all, people like me and corporations like Comcast to use the web equally. This means that an ISP that becomes a common carrier cannot establish levels of service with charges commensurate with each level. This means my data might be affordable at my local library's web site, but to use the NYC public library via its web site would cost a huge monthly fee. PLEASE Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shirley Sharan, Fort Wayne, IN

The Internet is to important to hundreds of millions of people around the world to "sell" its use to only the richest people. I make my living writing and editing, and I cannot afford to pay for a fancy package that will provide access to the sources and sites I need. This move will also allow the rich to kill off any sites that offer content (alternative points of view, information about what is happening) that doesn't agree with their politics. It will be the death of journalism, and this a free and democratic society.
—Amy Henry, Northampton, MA

We already have worse service speeds than dozens of lesser countries and WHEELER is going to make it worse for the majority of us. ISP's ARE COMMON CARRIERS !!!! Do not destroy net neutrality !!!!
—Steven Yerow, Jersey City, NJ

Net Neutrality helps to keep a level playing field on the Internet. It helps to keep prices down, as gate-keepers are not allowed to exploit large companies at the expense of small start-ups. I look forward to starting my own company with the same unrestricted access to people as YouTube had when it started.
—David Paul, turlock, CA

The opposite of true Net Neutrality is the equivalent to allowing and putting into law that the landlord of a Store-complex has the right to charge the stores in his building for having inventory and for how much inventory they have in their store. Frankly, I prefer the Mafia proper to run the internet than any of the crooks controlling the pipes at this time.
—Mr. Christoph Ruegg, Studio City, CA

Reclassify ISPs as a common carrier!
—Allison Westbrook, Milwaukee, WI

I don't want corporations dictating what I see and what I don't. Please protect consumer rights and STOP catering to corporate interests. I have received automated emails from Tom Wheeler that he supports an open and free internet, but his proposals plan to do just the opposite!
—Lynna Dhanani, New Haven, CT

Net Neutrality allows me the freedom to NOT be directed to garbage sites with controlled media, where I can stay informed. Once Net Neutrality is gone, I'm ditching the Internet, I'm ditching my Cell phone, and I'm ditching Cable service completely!! Have fun controlling the mindless masses... I'll just have more money to spend on firearms at that point.
—Christian Jedlowski, Goodrich, MI

Because Comcast has enough money.
—Sid Santiano, Seatac, WA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jerry Bloomer, Hot Springs, SD

It is crucial that information remain freely available and accessible, without the influence of corporate decision and promotion. To limit access to information available to the public via the internet is tantamount to the limits placed on information available to the public in countries like China. Please support true neutrality of internet information - there is no room for 'tiers' or levels of access.
—Susan Vine, Solana Beach, CA

We need Net Neutrality as our last option of free speech. Since newspaper and TV news is already owned by corporations. Please save net neutrality.
—Shirley Hope, Bessemer, AL

Because it is and you know it! Stop the money games and give us our level playing field back!
—Lara Dale, Corrales, NM

We all need equal access to the Internet, not an "improved", faster Internet for those with deeper pockets. That just opens the door to big players extorting rigged fees from the rest of us or penalizing those who can't or won't pay the fees for faster Internet connections.
—Janet Blank, Cedarburg, WI

The Internet belongs to ALL OF US and should be regulated as a common carrier, NOT given away to corporations that are already HUGE and WEALTHY with the existing level-playing-field system.
—Pat Carlson, Ithaca, NY

Americans, who developed the internet, already pay more for less than most other industrial nations. Shame on you. I cannot even apply for a job unless I have internet. Do you remember anti-trust laws and what they're for ? I cancelled my Comcast because it keeps charging more for giving less quality while giving more quantity. Tom Wheeler does not have American's need for information at heart. He is only interested in more for himself and his friends.
—Amber Joy, Seattle, WA

I REALLY CAN'T believe that I am having to write comments to a federal entity that is SUPPOSED to be looking out for the public....but ISN'T. Your proposal to steal a free and open Internet from the people just to turn it over to the unbelievably greedy telecom's is PREPOSTEROUS. We ALREADY pay those money sucking telecom's for a so called high speed Internet connection!!! So now we're supposed to PAY THEM TWICE for the SAME THING???!!! The Internet belongs to EVERYONE and 2 people on a commission and 1 Chairman...that's 3 TOTAL , as opposed to MILLIONS of people...should not have the ability to steal something as important as the Internet in order to fill the pockets of the monopolistic telecoms'. What is becoming of America when the people are being deprived of just about everything in favor of profits for the corporations??? This proposed theft of the Internet has got to be the last straw...
—Rita Larkin, Addison, IL

Net neutrality would prevent an ever-growing accumulation of power to the already massive telecom companies, and it would help to ensure that smaller ISP's have a chance to compete. If net neutrality were done away with, smaller providers could easily be squeezed out and we would end up with a dramatically unequal playing field. Net neutrality also helps to ensure that certain types of data aren't selectively slowed down or made more expensive in order to keep their current connection speeds.
—Trevor Tank, Concord, CA

The internet was first built by the US government (military) at taxpayer expense. This valuable asset should be considered a public utility and available to all equally.
—Susan Saxe, Philadelphia, PA

FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sue Krill, Anoka, MN

We can't let the super wealthy control what we see and here.
—Steven Hibshman, Foster City, CA

As Thomas Jefferson said, "Information is the currency of democracy." We cannot have a functioning democratic republic without the free, unrestricted flow of information amongst the populace. By creating a tiered system you are effectively eliminating the flow of ideas because not everyone will be able to afford to pay whatever rates are imposed on them for better download speeds.
—Judith Ward, lawrence, KS

the impact on e-commerce could plunge the economy into a downspin and cause crashes, all internet is also a form of communications an should remain regulated as a communications providers, also to avoid monopolies, and help service which right now is low value for the money already provided.
—Leonard Greene, Bluefield, WV

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Thanks for supporting net neutrality... by redefining it to be net-NOT-neutrality. Very clever! No two tiered internet!! This benefits only the cable companies. Ah, but isn't that who you really work for, Mr Chairman,. lobbyist? Do what is right: reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Peter Reynolds, Durham, NC

FCC, please to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—J Scott Clarke, Ann Arbor, MI

I believe that allowing companies to pay for faster service would likely lead to slower access for all of us. With finite bandwidth, how can you give someone higher speed unless you are giving someone else a slower speed? The only ones who would benefit would be the ISPs. Even the potential clients of this fast lane service are against it.
—Peter Roche, Santa Fe, NM

I've seen how important internet research is to education today--my daughter used it 20 years ago in college. Now my grandson is using it in the 6th grade. The internet is an essential utility and should be treated as such.
—Sandra Smith, Seattle, WA

The problem with net "bias", the opposite of neutrality, is that it is patently and basically unfair to the vast majority of Internet users. The ultimate result, based on hundreds of years of history, is that, given an unfair advantage, the "elites" will take full advantage. Don't let them destroy what has become nearly the only opportunity that we the PEOPLE have to confront our growing inequality between the rich and the disadvantaged.
—Nelson L Johnson, Guerneville, CA

I don't trust Comcast, AT&T or any of the other huge corporations that are trying to make money on internet consumers. It belongs to the people - and it needs to stay that way!
—Stirling Davenport, Poughkeepsie, NY

Why is Net Neutrality important to me? Well, basically because the internet should NEVER be bought out by fucking stupid corporations who want to screw over small startup companies. That right there is the beautiful thing about the internet. Anyone can set up shop and sell whatever the fuck they want. Corporations like Verizon and Comcast should NEVER be allowed to dominate the competition on the internet. Keep the internet free you sons of bitches.
—Ronald Mecrob, East Peoria, IL

Please do not destroy the internet. It is horrifying to have so blazenly re-affirmed how much power corporate lobbyists have. This is in no way in the public interest, and will do massive harm. Please protect net neutrality.
—Jesse Perrell, Seattle, WA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kimberly Denich, Stanton, CA

Dear FCC… Work for the greater good of the people… profits to the few companies will still happen (although not as exorbitant), while our democracy of information with a U.S. of A. "NET NEUTRALITY" will shine! Please…Do the greater Good!!
—John Doyle, Long Beach, CA

I do business with many small businesses at their web sites. Please don't let large telcos slow Internet speed for companies like these and put them at a disadvantage. They can't afford the fees larger companies can pay for faster Internet speeds.
—Mason Deaver, Allen, TX

Protect Net Neutrality! The amount of exploitation and monopolies that could come of this is just mind-boggling. Protect the free and open internet!
—Jared Rhinehart, Eagan, MN

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has an outrageous plan to help Verizon kill net neutrality. I want Chairman Tom Wheeler to put a stop to it and save net neutrality by reclassifying broad internet access as a telecommunications service.
—Guillermina Aguirre, Westminster, CO

Accessibility to the Net shouldn't be based on how much money one has.
—Ronald S Katz, Huntington Woods, MI

FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Corporate America does not have to control the internet. The internet is free in other countries. Why does the corporations have to steal money out of our pockets. Stop them NOW.
—Sue Krill, Anoka, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because people shouldn't be unable to access vital information about the world around them because they can't pay for a specific site or usage type.
—Lauren Goodwillie, Omaha, NE

ISPs don't own the internet and the internet should NEVER go to the highest bidder. Keep Net Neutrality and let the internet continue to develop as it always has - may the most creative and innovative among us win! NOT those with the most money or power.
—Marie Carianna, West Palm Beach, FL

The internet, at its core, is a database of information that should not be controlled or owned by large companies but free and unlimited for all to access. Please do what a good government should do and don't let giant corporations control the web. This one is a no-brainer.
—Brian Crowley-Koch, Philadelphia, PA

I find it utterly ludicrous that this is even a topic of conversation. The Internet is the only level playing field that truly exists on the planet. To take away the opportunities in poor and rural areas or to give more power to large corporations who already have such an advantage over start up or small companies is down right unamerican.
—Dan Zisson, New York, NY

I already pay too much for Internet access, this would make it fairer.
—Michael J Menzie, Belmont, MA

Please don't send me another form reply claiming that you value the open internet while pushing a proposal that in fact destroys it. Enough doublespeak. Reclassify the internet as a utility to protect the most incredible information resource in the history of the world.
—Susan Goldstine, California, MD

Dear FCC, Please protect REAL Net Neutrality. People need and deserve to have equal access to the Internet, especially in this technological era the world is going through. Internet has never been suppossed to be a privilege for those who can pay for it. I hold high hopes that you will do what's best for the people in your country and around the whole world (because unfortunately, decisions taken in the US will always affect other countries, most especially in the telecommunications area). Best regards.
—Daniela Honorato, Santiago,

Because the proposed changes would screw everyone but the cable companies.
—Richard A Steckbauer, Nekoosa, WI

How did the FCC change from having the interest of the people as their top priority to having Comcast as their top priority? Please tell the people how this plan is going to make the internet better for us. How is handing the internet over to the most hated monopoly in America, benefit the American people? And this absurd ruling under a Democratic president. The people don't govern this country any longer. It's a country governed by money. It's money that matters in the USA.
—Scott Carroll, Seattle, WA

I support real net neutrality, please do not allow a two-tiered Internet.
—Constance Moll, Bloomington, IL

Net Neutrality is vital for a democratic internet, for democracy and one of our last bastions of equality. With Citizens United, money has bought free speech, our elections, and most of the media. The internet is the last free range for creatives, people, children, etc. Do your job and stop selling off the internet, the PUBLICLY OWNED AIRWAVES. Or resign.
—Judy Schriebman, San Rafael, CA

The net is the critical infrastructure of the 21st Century. It must remain open for all users and not become a property of a few telecom companies.
—Philip Davis, Marfa, TX

Net Neutrality is possibly the most important political issue of this generation. It is an issue that will shape the future of the Internet. Since I've been alive, the most important innovations have stemmed from the Internet. It is perhaps the only playing field in existence that invites pure competition. If we take away the Internet's net neutrality, we take away this, its most incredible property. I have never heard a rational argument opposing net neutrality. The FCC has said they want net neutrality, but the new plan doesn't show it. I and many others will not settle for anything less than true net neutrality. No fast lanes. Make broadband Internet a common carrier.
—Mark Elders, Seattle, WA

Something in life has to be kept from the greedy clutches of corporate America. Net neutrality is that thing. Please do not turn your backs on the rest of the world and allow companies like Verizon and Comcast (et al) to rule the internet. The internet belongs to equally to everyone and should be protected from special interests.
—Aida J Sheets, St. Petersburg, FL

Stop giving in to the cable companies, we need more choice of ISP providers not a fast and slow lane that lets these ISP's right their own ticket. Your proposal will only make things worse!!! Doing nothing will be better than anything you have proposed so far. This is criminal as far as I'm concerned.
—Donald J. Rhoads, Gilbert, AZ

Here is what is important to me. It is of utmost importance that Agency officials and chairpersons represent the will of THE PEOPLE - Not Giant Media corporations. Tom Wheeler has apparently forgotten whom he works for and is attempting to sell OUR internet to the highest bidder. This comes as no surprise as Wheeler was a Media Lobbyist prior to attaining his chairperson post. Mr Wheeler's position is nothing more than blatant pandering to Big Business. It is a slap in the face and an affront to all Americans. I demand that ISP's be classified as Common Carriers, and remember whom they work for.
—Marc Page, Norwich, CT

to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be treated as any other public utility, i.e., common carrier. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kathleen Bovello, chevy chase, MD

Preserving net neutrality is one of the most important issues in this decade. I will vote against (directly or indirectly if necessary, depending on the official in question) anyone taking action to challenge the neutrality of the internet. In the last couple decades we have enjoyed a historically brief period of free internet. I have always suspected that sooner or later the Corporate State would find a way to steal this away from us. I see no legitimate reason for Tom Wheeler or anyone else to push for this new legislation. It only serves to benefit the Corporate state at the expense of the people. Maybe in Washington that makes it legitimate option to be considered but that's not human decency. Grow up. How much are the lobbyists REALLY paying? How much have you actually made, personally, from this? You guys in D.C. are selling us out for so little that it's pathetic. If you're going to be whores than you could at least do it with a bit more self-respect and charge what you're worth.
—JD Hogg, Covington, GA

What could be more anti-democratic than undermining net neutrality?
—John Sodrel, New Albany, IN

If net neutrality is not preserved, we will never get the next Apple, Amazon, Google, etc.
—Ron Frank, Cambridge, MA

Keep the net free and open. Please don't cave to the cable companies so they can be greedy.
—Kathryn Elizabeth Minor, Arlington, TX

For God's Sake, just once, do what the people of the United States want and not what the corporations buy. New Neutrality.
—Melora Davis, Newark, DE

Is there any government agency left that makes decisions that serve the best interest of the people of the United States instead of the companies with the most money? You can be that agency. You can make history. Rewrite your rules to make sure Americans are protected from these monopolistic companies and reclassify ISP as a common carrier. Make sure everyone has a fair chance at unrestricted internet access.
—Alex Thompson, San Francisco, CA

Why ruin another 'good thing' ?? Please do not allow this to happen.
—Stephanie Ulrich, Ben Lomond, CA

The FCC knows why Net Neutrality is important to everyone. The FCC just wants to make a few lousy corporations more important. This is egregious! The Internet has been "open" since its inception, and that is where it must remain! Both little people and big corporations must have the same rights on and access to the Internet. Anything less is undemocratic and just plain wrong. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers - which, in fact, they are! THAT is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality!
—Patricia Amazalorso, Cortlandt Manor, NY

Net Neutrality is hugely important to free speech and fair competition. Dont let the big corporations run out the little sites. they already dominate on google searches. We need to keep everyone's speed the same. The internet should be part of the commons. Please leave it alone. Net Neutrality is critical to everyone. The head of the FCC should be fired for even considering it. We the people developed the internet. Not comcast. They are just trying to take it over. Its disgusting. There is no real free market competition as it is with access. Time Warner & Comcast should be blocked from merging as well. All these companies already have "carved out" their little territories. Now we have to give up net neutrality as well.. ? I don't think so ... Tell Tom Wheeler that the real silent majority is watching him very closely and we are not happy
—Derik, Smithfield, UT

The internet is one of the most amazing of human inventions. It allows connection, education, and human empowerment. To allow the internet to be carved up into slow and fast lanes for the profit of the greedy would be an unimaginable crime. Please don't allow this. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Jesse Campbell, Wellford, SC

we need Net Neutrality in order to keep a level playing field among all voices, to prevent large providers from cutting deals that benefit certain parties to the detriment of others, and putting a price on speech transmitted over the internet. Once they get this advantage, they will never give it up. And democracy is the worse for it.
—Brian Schill, Spring Branch, TX

We must not let corporate monopolies control public communications systems. That way lies plutocracy.
—Lorna the internet open. This is not Holmes, Hillsdale, MI

This can't happen. It gives very powerful corporations even more power and control over what information gets presented to the public first. The potential - and undeniable temptation - of these companies like Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, etc., to provide first only information favorable to them is frightening real. Independent voices are left to go begging. DON'T DO THIS!
—Joel Applegate, Spanish Fork, UT

Must everything be controlled by corporations? Must we be denied the freedom of an open web? Must everything we see and hear have a corporate mediated message in it? Why must we be denied these freedoms? Profit driven thinking is ruining everything as it is.
—Michael Toth, Fort Pierce, FL

Doing away with net neutrality will result in higher prices and lower service as a result of creating unregulated monopolies.
—Wayne Burmeister, Waunakee, WI

Radio, television and even newspapers have been ruined by putting them at the mercy of commercial interests. Keep the internet neutral and available to all at the same rate.
—David Stump, Jersey City, NJ

Do Not $ell My Airwaves for greedy corrupt Biz to let me access @ 156 kbps !!! Not for the High Speed I'm paying Now !
—Maureen Roche, Petrolia, CA

Anytime you make a fastlane, you relegate all others to the slowlane. Internet speeds are inherently limited. I am an FCC intern and I am appalled at what is happening and the agency I must now speak for.
—Elana Reman, Fairfax, VA

The freedom to use the Internet should be given to the people, NOT government and private businesses. The Internet should be a public item to use.
—Andrew Baron, Detroit, MI

Mostly, I don't use the internet for entertainment, but I rely on it for information, research and communication. In other words, for me it is a tool that I use daily to improve my life in many different ways. I pay to use this tool in this way, with money I have worked for and earned, choosing to go without some things that others spend on, because internet access is that important and essential to me and to my chosen lifestyle. Without the strongest and most unbiased net neutrality, this essential access becomes slow, difficult and frustrating to use, and access to some information might even become inaccessible, crowded out by entertainment and fluff I care nothing about. This is not the fair and equal access internet I want and am paying for, at all. It is the same thing as if basic telephone service had become available only to companies with deep pockets and people with large bank accounts, where access was granted for payment, while small businesses or those of mor modest means had to make do with an overcrowded shared party line. Can you imagine such a world? Phone conversations a luxury only the rich could afford, and forever out of reach and unusable by everyone else? Bandwidth isn't infinite, and paid premium access will pretty much guarantee that some services -- the same services I want and am willing to pay for -- will be crowded out by entertainment and advertising content that I don't want or need to see. And more than likely, NO ISP WILL CARE, because as a customer they know that my interests are eclectic, unique, and not mainstream enough to "matter" to a company where the primary motive is profit. As an individual, my single account and access needs are important, and I need the FCC and government to ensure that fair access remains possible in a world where large corporations are the providers. Thank you for helping to ensure the internet access I want, need, and am currently paying for, remains possible, by setting and enforcing, strong net neutrality rules.
—Caroline Lunsford, Rohnert Park, CA

The internet is the last bastion of freedom and equality, the idea that ones who can afford would have better access and faster speeds then ones who don't is absolutely disgusting. The internet has done so much for the world so why would you all choose to ruin it with lining your selfish pockets with more cash? Why try and fix something that isn't broken? How about for once in your miserable lives think about others who aren't rich instead of yourselves; isn't what that what your elected to do? Oh I forgot, this is Washington.
—Sandon Helm, Woodway, TX

If Net Neutrality loses to a two-tiered solution you will show the world once more that this country is ran by rampant shameless hypocrites and, once more, it will be the rest of us who will pay.
—Capucine, New York, NY

It is one thing to be denied a choice of cable provider because of a lack of competition. It is bad enough pay more for slower intent access than most other countries. But it is unconsciobable to tell ISPs that they can continue to do these things while vastly reducing the likelihood that consumers will be able to access any Web service they choose when they choose. If certain services are throttled to unusability- which it surely they will be if companies chose not to pay the ISP, otherwise why would ISPs care about getting this law passed? - consumers will be getting even less for their money than they are now. As it is, Internet access rates charged by cable companies are astronomical if you want the fastest levels of service available. How is this country supposed to keep pace with the rest of the world if we restrict unfettered access to information and technology only to those consumers who can afford it, and only those companies who can afford to get in front of those high paying customers? I cannot fathom how anyone could possibly think this is a good idea. Cable companies can only line their pockets this way for so long before or economy collapses. It will not be the sole fault of cable companies, but why let them become even bigger problems if we can so easily avoid it? Just say no to the lobbyists. Don't worry, they'll find something else to lobby for fast enough.
—Romy Vreeland, HAWTHORNE, NJ

Keep net neutrality .
—Carol Reinhardt, Gastonia, NC

Internet access is a modern day necessity. Information is power and your proposed legislation would put the "power of information" in the sole-hands of ISPs, which already hold unhinged monopolies over the areas in which they serve. Studies have shown that milliseconds can determine whether or not a visitor will remain on a website, by putting this control in the hands of ISPs, you are granting them the unilateral ability to pick winners & losers in our modern day marketplace. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect the Freedom of Information for the citizens of the United States!
—Matthew Whelan, Middleport, NY

FCC don't ruin our country!
—Jesse Harris, Seattle, WA

FCC, stop it already! You are going to fucking destroy the rules that are in place to protect the rights and privileges of the population regarding the internet. And Tom Wheeler, you gutless fucking piss-stain, go fuck yourself you two-timing cunt! We are not going to let you assholes fuck up our internet, and we are never going to trust a god damn thing you fucking say because we all know better. FUCK YOU FCC, GET YOUR GRIMY, SHIT SMEARED CLAWS AWAY FROM THE INTERNET, YOU WILL NEVER REGULATE IT AND WE WILL NEVER LET YOU!!! OR ARE YOU SO FUCKING INBRED AND RETARDED THAT YOU THINK THE CONCEPT OF "DON'T TOUCH" AND "NO" DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU!!! FUCK YOU!!!
—Austin Ross, Sherwood Park,

The internet belongs to everyone. Allowing a corporate hijacking = screwing the American public. Don't do it. Reclassify. Go nuclear. You're in public service. Serve the public. The issue here is simply corporate greed. Comcast, Verizon, etc. want to profit not just from the infrastructure they control, but by selling us something we already own. It's wrong. It's fucked. Nobody's saying corporations shouldn't make a profit from the infrastructure they've created or the services they provide, but the web wasn't created by them, and there's no reason why they should get to cut it up into little pieces for their own gain. The web works beautifully as it is, and I'm counting on our government to protect our interests as consumers, by preventing corporations from controlling access to one kind of web content over another. Government protection of net neutrality will not prevent anyone from switching ISPs at will, and providers will still operate in a free-market, where better/faster service makes them more money. Bottom line: Whether my email gets through or my website gets visited should be about whether they've got any merit, not about whether I pay my ISP extra on top of my monthly access fee.
—Jean Miele, Brooklyn, NY

It's bad enough that there are a limited number of ISPs. It is bad enough that they are effectively a monopoly unrestrained by law. It is bad enough that it is already tough enough to get your business into the search results. But to give them the power to shift business to the highest bidder or charge extra fees for what we already pay is unjust and suspect. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patti Flowers-Coulson, Baltimore, MD

Chairman Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Support of Net Neutrality is vital so as not to discriminate by making some service faster or slower for others, by deciding which content or applications are preferable, or who pays a higher premium based on these issues. I do not support the rules you have proposed. Keep the Net open and free for all. Edie Hanahan
—Edie Hanahan, Castle Rock, CO

I'd rather not be stuck in in the internet mud-and-horse carriage lane.
—Chris Brace, Acton, MA

Keep Net Neutrality! The Internet is for the people, not to be in the hands of the greedy controllers.
—Jeff Mauney, Lincolnton, NC

I demand my internet privacy and to not be blocked from information.
—Julie Smith, Los Osos, CA

Why is net Neutrality important to me? Here a thought Level playing field. The Corporation do not need there hands that deep into this country and keeping the internet neutral will ensure this for generations to come
—Samuel L. Hall, Memphis, TN

Please keep the internet a fair place for all of us rather than giving free reign the profit making monopolies. The job of the FCC is to protect the public not the big corporations!!!
—Ruth Reffkin, New York, NY

The Internet should be a democratic, open and free entity. New neutrality is the only path to that end.
—Nancy Kosnar Hartman, Louisville, CO

The internet should belong to everyone not just a chosen few.
—Bernadine Turner, Newberry, FL

We need to keep the internet equally accessible. Please do not give internet service providers the ability to determine who gets the fast lane. There is no reason to allow this to happen. Protect equal access to the internet. We the public are counting on you to protect our access.
—Marge Heggison, Lincoln, RI

I would like to see the people be heard -- which I don't feel happens very often. Please listen: we want net neutrality to continue, and reclassify ISP's as common carriers!
—Gayle Coates, Cogan Station, PA

The Internet has become so much a part of the lives of most Americans that it is easy to imagine that it will always remain the free and open medium it is now. We'd like to believe it will remain a place where you can always access any lawful content you want, and where the folks delivering that content can't play favorites because they disagree with the message being delivered or want to charge more money for faster delivery. Profits and corporate disfavor of controversial viewpoints or competing services could change both what I can see on the Internet and the quality of my connection. And the need to monitor what I do online in order to play favorites means even more consumer privacy invasions piled on top of the NSA's prying eyes. Don't let it happen.
—Geoffrey Horn, Ardmore, OK

WerThe Internet must be regulated as a utility since 96% of all people are only served by two internet providers, leaving us without a decent choice and at the mercy of mo monopolistic companies.
—Alex A. Bobrofff, Homer Glen, IL

I strongly urge you to prevent Comcast, Verizon, or any other Internet providers from altering the free and open flow of data on the Internet. Do not allow these companies to create a two-tiered structure with special "fast lanes" for broadcasters who pay higher fees. The telecoms already have far too much power and hold a monopoly on the services they provide. The FCC must preserve an open Internet that allows everyone to compete equally. I do not want the websites I visit to be forced into a slow lane because they're not big enough to pay a stiff premium. I don't want Comcast to decide what I enjoy or to dictate my Internet experience. If it does, the Internet will cater to the lowest common denominator -- just like daytime TV. We will enter a new dark age, where the rich can buy the best experiences while the rest of us are forced to swallow the dregs. Please don't let these companies destroy the best thing that has happened in a long, long time: the free and open forum for exchange of information that is the Internet we have today. To prevent this, the FCC should reclassify the telecoms as common carriers so they would be subject to strict regulations. Please show the American people (and all users of the Internet) that the U.S. is still a democracy, not a plutocracy.
—Lisa A Ridolfi, River Forest, IL

This is just another money grab by the internet providers. Current Internet providers enjoy monopolies or Duopolies in every city and thus enjoy tremendous profit margins. Coax(Tv Cable) and Copper(Telephone Wire) was installed decades ago and the cost to install ISP cable was recovered decades ago. The US ranks 31st in the world in Internet speed while paying the most. It is cheap and getting cheaper every day for providers to increase Internet speeds for everyone. Computers that are used by the ISP's are getting cheaper and faster everyday and it is very easy(Plug and Play) to add more computers to the ISP's servers room. Why open a can of worms by charging for fast lanes on the internet when the FCC does not have the tools or manpower to properly regulate the ISP's. We need to make all ISP's common carriers and regulate them like we did in the early decades of the telephone industry. The Internet is the encyclopedia of innovation and learning today and must be provided free to those that are unable to afford the outrageous prices that the current ISP's charge. I would even propose that that government, local, state or national declare Eminent Domain on all ISP's in the national interest. With public ownership of the entire Internet--when any new innovation occurs that is popular with the public, then the government/public will build the infrastructure to support it. It will be cheaper and more productive. Sincerely, Rick Severns
—Rick Severns, Long Beach, CA

Allowing monopolistic internet service providers does not foster competition. The internet is now one of the most important media for communication, business and other kinds of human activity and interaction. Creating a tiered internet that can be throttled at will by internet providers will kill off any kind of innovation that uses this medium. As it is, we lag behind a very large number of countries of the world when it comes to the quality and speed of our internet services. Killing off net neutrality will simply make it worse.
—Rajan Karunakaran, city, CT

The Internet is like a public utility. Every user deserves the best service, not just wealthy ones.
—Camille Gilbert, Santa Barbara, CA

stop corporate takeover of the internet and allow the public equal access to all of the internet that our constitution allows,freedom of choice!!!
—Cynthia Caceres Curtis, Garland, TX

Net Neutrality keeps the internet democratic!
—Christopher Tuch, new braunfels, TX

Because I dont feel that something which people need on a very basic level for every aspect of their lives (hello, the Internet) should be allowed to be squeezed and used and held hostage for whatever amount of money someone who already has too much money deems appropriate.
—Pamela Thalner, Cincinnati, OH

Net Neutrality is important to all of us, because it is the final struggle that will determine what this country is about. Will we be a nation of people who care about people, or will the current US leadership go down in history as sell-outs to a small group of men who already control and dominate almost every aspect of our lives. Does the FCC not really know this when just about everyone I speak to is beyond outrage at it's currently stated intentions? What kind of world do you want your children to live in?
—Tom Pickens, Danville, CA

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Carlos Alén, Allentown, PA

Net Neutrality enables open communication! Deny communication companies monopoly! FCC director, recuse yourself- a lobbyist becomes the director of FCC? Shame! C'mon, now, don't be unethical! Do good!!
—Andrea Fuhrman, Abilene, KS

Net neutrality made the internet the amazing tool it is now. Why the frick would you want to frick with that? Hands off my net neutrality!!!
—David Korman, New York, NY

Creating a two tier internet is one of the most dangerous policies and is a threat to free speech and liberty. It violates the very thing our country was founded on... fairness. Tell Comcast and TWC to go take a flying leap.
—John Cushman, Wauconda, IL

I do not have cable TV or a car, but I do have a computer and internet. It keeps me in touch with the world and my friends. I enjoy watching You Tube and Netflix.
—Barbara Bailly, Madison, WI

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.
—Kevin Moore, Berkeley, CA

Net neutrality is the last savior of American capitalism. Without strong net neutrality provisions and meaningful regulation of internet providers to ensure a level playing field for all American companies, the innovation and competitive opportunity that has enabled American companies to enrich the country will be lost. Break up the cable companies, and ensure net neutrality.
—Leigh Smith, New York, NY

The importance of net neutrality is that it guarantees equal access to the internet for all. The changes proposed by the FCC will inhibit free speech and limit information everyone needs to make informed decisions regarding life decisions. The changes will give too much control of the information we get about world affairs to the internet companies. Net Neutrality must be preserved.
—Sheila Cook, portland, OR

While listening to “Brunch With Bernie” the Senator asked the question, how do you view the Comcast, Time Warner or AT&T, Direct TV merger, and to vote on this question, which I did. It seems that no matter how many times the American People tell “our” Government that we like and want to keep Net-Neutrality alive and well corporations and some of the folks on the hill manage to resurrect the issue as SOPA or some other doppelganger with the intended purpose of censorship and higher cost. The extant of the instability generated by these coming behemoth bore fruit in that Netflix’s saw a 14% reduction in its service and was extorted into paying for a stable and smooth data stream through Comcast’s’ last mile connection. I can remember stories of the Mafia saying you wouldn’t want your business disrupted, this is called a “Protection Racket” and rose it to the level of law enforcement involvement. It seems that Verzion will get its pound of flesh in the next few weeks, the outcome of Netflixs cave-in will be higher prices and less information available to the consumer. Regarding Net-Neutrality and the position of the FCC (Tom Wheeler), Chairman, and a former lobbyist for the industry he regulates) being run as a captured department for the industries it is supposed to regulate, all one has to do is look at the Communications Act of 1996 and the damage it has done to Democracy, the allowance of consolidation of Radio, TV and Print can be seen in that 5 or 6 companies control about 80% of the communication market and here in So. Florida we haven’t seen any Progressive Radio since 2000 when Clear Channel bought up radio left and turned everything to radio right. I have been streaming since the early 2000’s and using satellite radio for my news and info, since then I am forced to pay for what is no longer available on “Public Air waves”. The Cable Companies and terrestrial Radio mostly lean right and now the only open Communication Media, is the Internet and the developing threat of the right taking over the only means of free and unfettered information sharing available to the people of this Country is not only anti-Democratic, but Oligarchic or in simpler terms the Robber Barons are back and the question that all public servants must answer is who do the Governments’ of this Country serve the people or the corporations.
—Mr. Michael Greenspan, Coral Springs, FL

NO to a two-tiered Internet. Do not approve the proposed Internet rules. Maintain net neutrality, and do not change the current system.
—Denise Foley, San Francisco, CA

You must not create a new version of the 1% by creating an internet flavor.
—Amy Schneider, Newton, MA

Net neutrality is vital to keeping the internet free from the big money backed ideas being pitched by lobbyists from the monopoly cable companies/ISP's. Bottom line: the tax paying American public's best interests are what should be the first and foremost consideration in this issue .
—Mike Kalvelage, Jupiter, FL

Make ISPs common carriers. The Internet is an essential and strategic utility, not a candy jar for the cable industry.
—Michael Kelly, Bath, ME

Let's just face it, without net neutrality you will have monopoly of internet, and impoverished sections of the country will have even poorer access to the internet than they do presently.
—Tim Western, Christiansburg, VA

Please do NOT give corporations the right to dictate how we use the internet. We should NOT trust those corporations with our right to free use of the internet. Do NOT abandon net neutrality. Who do you represent? The people? or Corporations?? NO to two-tier access system!!!
—Tony S. Juge, Fullerton, CA

To allow this rule to go thru does not give equal access to the internet but instead panders to the Internet providers. This is unacceptable and cannot and should not be tolerated, we all know that Tom Wheeler definately has ties to the big internet companies that hardly makes him impartial. Everyone deserves equal access to the internet!!!!!!!!!!
—Cheryl Norris, pensacola, FL

I already pay more than I can afford just to access the internet from my home. Will you really cut me and millions of others off from parts of it because I can't shell out more? Doing this in the midst of recession is the worst timing possible, not only for consumers, but for small business owners who look to the Internet as a way to enhance their business and improve the economy.
—Elizabeth Harper, Tuolumne, CA

The Internet is the last true frontier for free speech. To make it a for-profit institute would basically be handing over all content to be given a corporate spin. When did capitalism become more important than the truth? The path we're on right now is downright evil.
—Timothy Lippert, Athens, GA

Net Neutrality
—Margaret Lorcan, Redcliffe,

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online.. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Robert Blankenship, Fairfield, IA

Net Neutrality is the only way we can trust current internet providers.
—Phillip Randall, Woodland Hills, CA

Keep the Internet open and neutral for all users!
—Bob Edgerly, Cathedral City, CA

It is absolutely unthinkable that the government of the "freeest" country in the world would let this go through. We the people absolutely do not want ANY of this to go through. We are not to be sold to cable companies. Do not let this happen.
—Patrick Charlebois, Boston, MA

Media consolidation has already gone much, much, much too far. The Internet is the last haven of true free speech. Without TRUE net neutrality, I genuinely fear for our democracy. I take this with maximum seriousness.
—Bob Westal, North Hollywood, CA

Net neutrality is important because the cable providers already have local monopolies. The internet is not yours. It is not the government's. It belongs to everyone. This issue and your complete lack of foresight and concern for consumers is absolutely unforgivable. This country has enough shortcomings already and each year we fall behind even more. Your organization is a making a mockery of regulation. There is no positive to this proposal. Nothing is broken! If you want to fix something, fix the complete lack of competition and choices in local markets. Fix the abysmal customer service. You don't have your priorities straight and it's clear that the cable companies have you in their pocket. When you look back at your life? Do you want to be the selfish prick who let the monopolists run this country into the ground? Or do you want to be responsible for finally taking a stand and doing what's right for customers and the country?
—Andrew Ciszczon, NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH

PLEASE throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers for all.
—Jeremy Jorstad, Black Creek, WI

I do not believe a business should be able to limit access in any way to the information available on the Internet. Once any characteristic of that access is for sale, the remaining characteristics would not be far behind.
—Patricia Bell, orlando, FL

Protect the open internet! This BRITISH reporter is more American than the cable companies trying to break net neutrality! (no offense Britons)
—Wesley Milan, Laguna Niguel, CA

Because cable companies are arseholes, and Net Neutrality stops them from being arseholes (to a certain degree).
—Matthew Wasik, Cary, IL

Dear FCC, I urge you to preserve net neutrality by not changing the current rules to give some internet service providers fast lanes, but instead to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do, and will be for the greater good. Thank you, Carol Jackson
—Carol A. Jackson, Honolulu, HI

Ending net neutrality will allow big corporations to pay for faster connection speeds, that smaller companies cannot hope to compete with. This will ruin the current level playing field that makes the internet such a remarkable opportunity for anyone to be heard. It will open the door for strangulation of any content based on the source, which is dangerously close to controlling freedom of speech. Do not let the internet service providers control the speed of transmission, but keep equal access to all legal content.
—Rebecca Schuetz, North Syracuse, NY

We must have a level playing field and not give the mega corporations total control.
—Susan Clark, SHERMAN OAKS, CA

The internet should be the same for everyone! Big companies shouldn't be able to purchase faster lanes.
—J Hynd, LOS ANGELES, CA

Net neutrality is the best way. True freedom and equality .
—Matthew miertschin, Houston, TX

Ending net neutrality? No!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Marguery Lee Zucker, Eugene, OR

Please don't allow a two-tiered Internet with a fast lane -- reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Molly Greer, New York, NY

Please preserve net neutrality. Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Vincent Linberg, Morgantown, WV

Plain and simply, we ALL own the Net. Not you.
—Dr. Wayne Sygman, Levittown, NY

Net Neutrality is absolutely, incredibly important , both for the preservation of Democracy and our freedom.
—Thomaswadams, BROWNS VALLEY, CA

Without the internet being free and neutral I would be even more isolated as a disabled person. I know that mainstream media is corporate controlled and get my information from non-corporate sites on the web as well as current events in as unpolluted form as possible.
—Jack Couch, Sacramento, CA

ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The internet is a communications and collaboration gateway that should be open to all with nobody, especially corporations, having the ability to discriminate about who has access. Additionally, corporate interests that have control over the delivery of content and also produce and sell content will by definition attempt to discriminate against their competitors. A wall must exist separating entities that carry content and entities that produce content.
—William Brown, Narberth, PA

It's important because free speech is important.
—FJ Logan, Lombard, IL

same speed for everyone. No matter what.
—Evan Skallerud, Vero Beach, FL

Th internet concept and technology was paid for by the US taxpayer through research funding. It is criminal to violate such a trust by the American people to big corporate interests and not the peoples interests.
—John Piety, TACOMA, WA

I already pay to have poor internet access. The companies that want to extort additional money from selected content providers should not be allowed to cheat the system. Tom Wheeler and the other two "Democrat" FCC commissioners that agreed to this obscene scheme should be prosecuted for taking bribes. When Tom Wheeler gets a multi million dollar 'salary' from the same cable companies in the future, it is plain that it's a payoff. They call this net-neutrality when it is nothing of the sort.
—Kathy Reimer, Los Angeles, CA

No company should have the power to discriminate against online content and applications and taking away the power to do anything about it.
—Martha Spann, Blowing Rock, NC

Its our freedom !
—Tara Gale, north attleboro, MA

Net neutrality is important because it ensures that cable companies do not have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. While the corporations currently involved in advocating for this bill claim they will leave the internet open and free, there is absolutely no guarantee of this, and there is certainly no oversight in place that would make sure that corporations act in their users' best interests. Throw out these rules and maintain free market competition - if these rules pass, there will be an even greater monopoly within the internet service provider industry. As it is, as a consumer, I only have two options for an ISP - if you allow them to further restrict my choices in internet browsing by creating a tiered system of internet service, we as consumers will be even more powerless than we already are. Please maintain net neutrality, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carmela Chan, San Diego, CA

Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. This should always have been so, but it is even more important to do so as the technological capabilities to identify and shape internet traffic flow improves. As of now, NO ISP, NOT A SINGLE ONE, gives consumers the right to dictate traffic shaping for packets inbound on their last-mile connection to the internet. Yet, these same ISPs intend to charge companies for favorable traffic-shaping policies and then IMPOSE THOSE POLICIES ACROSS THEIR ENTIRE NETWORK, including the last mile to consumers' devices. The consumer now pays the ISP for a license to let the ISP sell the consumer's limited bandwidth to the highest bidder If ISPs are going to engage in traffic shaping, the only truly fair way to do so is to turn traffic-shaping decisions over to the people who pay for the bandwidth. IOW, let customers decide how to shape traffic traversing their last-mile pipes. Once traffic enters the ISP's backbone, traffic-shaping must be customer-neutral and policies used by the ISPs must be made public, so that customers can make an informed decision about whether the ISP's traffic-shaping policies meet their needs. Allowing ISPs to shape traffic without these restrictions is a recipe for transforming the internet into another public relations soapbox for large corporations.
—James J. Moore, city, PA

Net Neutrality is what allowed Netflix and Google to happen. We need to let businesses and people launch like they did.
—Griffin Henderson, Renfrew, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet should never be throttled because of greed. It is the internet service providers greed that is behind this. Do not their greed win over consumer rights to an open internet.
—Charmaine Webb, Aurora, CO

I think the internet is like water at this point-- we can't live without it and it needs to be fairly distributed. Please don't let greed get in the way of a fair playing field for information, goods and services. Let the free market prevail-- monopolies are bad--- etc.... etc.... It will restore my faith in government if net neutrality is saved. I will know that greed is the king of this great nation if it is taken away. We have so much to be disillusioned about. This could be one less thing.
—Dezerae Nash-Spacek, Nashville, TN

We cannot have more places where money buys you faster access to everything.
—Vanessa Gonzalez-Green, Towson, MD

Int ernet Service Providers (ISP's) need to be classed as Common Carriers, the same way that Telephone Service Providers are classified. My telephone company doesn't get to vary my bill each month based on what individual people I talk to, or what we talk about (not that they _should_ have any idea what is said!!). And there is no reason that ISP's should be able to decide how fast Internet content reaches their customers based on which websites those customers choose to use. Or, worse yet, vary their customers' bills based on the content they choose to view. Maintain Net Neutrality!! Keep the Internet Democratic!!
—Matt Loach, Plattsburgh, NY

As a computer scientist the future of my career relies on the competition allowed by the freedom of the internet. If ISPs are allowed to downgrade and eventually censor most of the internet, it will cost the jobs of hundreds of thousands of people like me and significantly damage one of the only American industries that has continued to grow through the recession. America will fall further and further behind the rest of the first world nations until we become the laughingstock of the world.
—Stephen Dawley, Fredericksburg, VA

Seriously - Tom Wheeler as FCC Chair??? That is one sure fire way to let America know that this is NOT going to turn out well for us. The internet is a PUBLIC utility, and should be treated as such. Honor Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Steve Saviano, Spring, TX

As co-founder of a software company, the FCC's proposed new rules, effectively ending Net Neutrality, will adversely affect my company. My company will be negatively impacted by the new rules. Please, continue to allow the internet to be a place for transparent sharing of information.
—Luke, Moorhead,, MN

Net neutrality is so important - what happened to avoiding monopolies?! We can't have a competitive internet economy (which is where half of the economy is competing) without net neutrality. Also, what better way to damage the amount of money Americans are willing to pour back into the economy then taking an additional cut of their spending money just to go to internet costs. These companies who spend MILLIONS of dollars on just LOBBYING each year don't need more money in their pockets - PEOPLE do. Please, please stop the bullying of the cable/internet companies against Americans.
—Megan Johnson, Saint Paul, MN

Good evening monsters As you may know, There have been many bills gearing up against the Internet in the Name of Anti Piracy. PIPA, SOPA, ACTA, CISPA, TPP (intellectual propriety chapter), and so many more that never even made it off the ground. These have all failed and your plans to stick the internet into a slow lane will fail as well. You can reason with it as much as you like; however, when you start treating one companies information over another. What you are doing is attacking the freedom of speech and the innovation that made the internet what it is today. The Internet is not: and I will repeat myself: NOT the Television company, it is not a Television Channel, it is NOT the radio and it is NOT the radio stations. It is the worlds, first, only, and last vestige of open channel where everyone and every connection is treated the same as every other connection. To give special connection speeds to someone else in the name of money, power,greed or Pseudo-innovation and pseudo-customer service is appalling and a flat insult. The Internet must remain open and free to everyone. Start up comanies will never be able to compete with the services of the multibillion dollar industries that WERE treated fairly and succeeded to be where they were BECAUSE of net neutrality. Imagine if I made a website back when Google was first started as a company; however, I paid premium out of pocket for a much faster speed and service to provide for my customers. Google would never had been able to compete with my and would had gone out of business and fall into obscurity (much like yahoo's search engine lol). Google never would had prospered and I would win. THAT is the danger you are putting everyone into. If net neutrality fails. Every possible start up that could ever hope to innovate the world will fail as well and it will be YOUR fault. Do not betray the Netizens of the world. Do not continue with your destruction of Net Neutrality. -Jesse T. Chenoweth.
—Jesse Chenoweth, Medford, OR

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Geoffrey Hach, Chagrin Falls, OH

Allowing corporations to regulate internet access impedes fair competition and citizens' freedom of choice. Internet/cable service providers shouldn't be allowed into a position which enables their bullying of other internet-based businesses. It's contrary to the American way to undermine capitalism in this way. Upward mobility has already become obscenely constricted in our country. A two tiered system is impractical, unfair, and will lead to other issues. Leave well enough alone. The only ones who will benefit from modifying the status quo are the cable/internet companies. They're making enough money dominating area markets and leaving consumers with no say in providers -- another issue entirely that really ought to be remedied.
—Colleen Pea, Indianapolis, IN

The Internet is the world's best open space, everyone is equal to participate. Don't ruin that.
—Jayne Hamilton, Bloomfield, MI

I don't want my government controlled by the cable and telecom companies. And I don't want the internet hijacked because of their incredibly disproportionate lobbying power. Maintain net neutrality.
—Mr. Neal Foard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

--18 million in lobbying by Comcast--the most spent by practically any company or organization? --hiring Tom Wheeler to be the chair of the FCC, who was the guy who used to run the cable industry's lobbying arm good lord, what were you thinking? -these companies are destructive to having open access to the internet which is one of the best attributes of the web--its ability to be used fairly equally by all. I have to ask myself why Amazon and Facebook and google are against this move to allow cable companies to create different levels of service. they KNOW that it is based on pure greed and profit and power hunger, and that you, the government, should do all in your power to oppose the end of net neutrality. Reclasisfy ISP's as common carriers.
—Janice Darling, Silver Spring, MD

Mr. Wheeler, With this plan you have to know that this will create a two - tiered Internet service, with Verizon, At&t and Comcast dictating the winners and losers. I do not want these for profit Monopolies telling me what I will see and what I can access on the interact and please don't say this will not happen. If the Corporations can make one more dollar by limiting the Internet service they will. They have never had the Public interest at heart or they would never had suggested the "Wheeler Plan". Monopolies give control to a few corporations which are not competing to provide high speed Internet services.... Is this a capitalist's monopoly dream (a monopoly is exclusive ownership though legal privilege, command or supply) or an oligarchy dream ???(an oligarchy is government by the few..... a small group exercising control especially for corrupt and selfish purposes.) or both. Marlin W. Deacon
—Marlin Deacon, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to my family in many ways because have so many different interests. Some of them seek information from sites that are public service organizations and will not have the funds to pay fees to access rapid speeds. We do not wish Comcast or any other company deciding what we will access to. Any promises they make are as worthless as the service they now provide. It worsens daily and if I could I would make internet access a public utility with local or state regulations and controls.
—Mayellen Henry, Bellevue, WA

Most of my 70 + years I have gotten by quite well with out Internet use. I still can, How ever, for those caught at the relative youth full time in their lives, due to habitual navigating, will in fact fall hostage as a result of corporate control!.
—Raymond Polson, Auburn, WA

I don't want big corporations with lots of dollars to spend to be able to send content faster than anyone else. Fast lanes are not a good idea; we need to maintain true net neutrality. In order to do that, you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You know it's the right thing to do! Be heroes! Stand up to the big money and champion the people!
—Sami Plotkin, Brooklyn, NY

We live barely outside of Hattiesburg, MS city limits. We already have very bad DSL connection, can't get cable, and can't get a 4G cell connection. In rural areas like ours, doing this will make our ability to connect even worse, no matter what we pay. I thought the Internet was supposed to be the great equalizer. This tier method would further isolate those of us who live in rural or poorer areas of the country, thus making it even more difficult to obtain a quality education and eventually, get a good job. AT&T charges us too much for horrible service as it is. Please don't give them more power!
—Jane Brockway, Hattiesburg, MS

As an IT professional I know for a fact there is plenty of bandwidth available and we do not need a tiered system. We must treat all ip packets equally so everyone on the Internet is treated equally. This will only hurt the economy while the isp's will get more rich and the consumer will end up paying more in the long run.
—Tim Klein, Germantown, MD

First, for Tom Wheeler to be the Chair of the government agency that is meant to regulate his former master.....enough already. Second; do we really have to tell you why this is so important? YOU know already. To make two "lanes" is insanely unfair, undemocratic and benefits ONLY the cable companies paying to have the changes made. It is extremely difficult to not use foul language when trying to articulate just how very wrong this is. Get your heads out of your cable inputs and assure that EVERYONE gets equal treatment and keep net neutrality, NEUTRAL.
—Kathleen McGee, Bowdoinham, ME

Please, please, please, do not permit a multi-level Internet. We don't need another loss to competition in this country. Reinforce net neutrality!
—Paul Paul Schloemer OFM schloemer, Louisville, KY

I believe that the job of government is to balance the power that the advantaged have in society. I believe that the actions which your commission is contemplating will eliminate any sense of fairness on the internet and crush any prospects of innovation and advancement of the internet in North America. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS 'COMMON CARRIERS'!!
—Richard Cleveland, Whitby,

Stop the Cable Companies F%%ry!
—Alex Filatov, Chicago, IL

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is unacceptable. Please throw out the new rules of the FCC and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joseph A Diggs Jr, CUMBERLAND, RI

Do not cave in to these wretched companies. Do not allow them to buy you off and screw the American Public. Do not allow Net Neutrality to end. Do not allow Internet service providers to create a two-tiered internet system. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. This is important! Please listen! Larry L. Wheeler Peru, Indiana 46970
—Larry L. Wheeler, Peru, IN

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nancy Roberts, Trout Creek, NY

Net neutrality, now and forever. Don't let big corporations buy you!
—Steve Dorr, orlando, FL

NO TO BIG BUSINESS. AND YES TO NET NEUTRALITY.
—Reg Hayes, orbost,

Net neutrality has been instrumental in fostering innovation. Fast lanes and slow lanes would be a hindrance to this and hurt the public. The internet is essential to life in the 21st Century. Children need it for learning. All businesses depend on it. The right thing to do is reclassify it as a utility. It is as vital in this day and age as electricity. Do the right thing.
—Paula Cronin, Hooksett, NH

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sarah E Sloane, Ocean Park, WA

Net neutrality is important because it encourages innovation. The Internet has grown and had such a positive effect on our society precisely because all traffic is equal. Everyone pays for their access to the Internet, so the howls about "bandwidth hogs", is a load of manure. The ISPs need to provide Internet access and stay the hell out of what people are doing with that access. If someone's doing something illegal - let law enforcement sort it out. If someone comes up with a way to reduce costs for the rest of us, and that happens to cut into some business that the ISPs got into - that's THEIR PROBLEM, not ours. Just as the music industry tried to control the music, the Internet gave us streaming, MP3 players, storage lockers, and more. Now the same is happening with video and the cable companies are seeing an end to their cable TV gravy trains and they're shitting themselves. To protect their profits, they want to have fast and slow lanes - screw that. Let them be common carriers and provide the service at one cost to all...
—Mr. David Greenberg, Highland Park, IL

Comcast, Verizon, and at&t are very anxious to monopolize the internet service an d create a two-tiered internet. People and businesses that do not have the resources for top line connection will be left in the dust. These large corporations do not need to push smaller competitors out. America should not be an oligarchy controlled by the few. Instead, the field should be level and everyone have the equal access. That should be the American way.
—Karen C. Palmer, Cumberland, RI

The other media is rigged these days. The net is only way to get "legit" news and differing opinions.
—Linda Sullivan, Huntington Beach, CA

Prove you have some courage. Don't be the only institution foolish enough to fall for this nonsense. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality has to be protected.
—Mike Wodkowski, Los Angeles, CA

One main reason for net neutrality for me is that fact that with much hard work I founded a charitable organization working for a special cause. Our website is a major tool for reaching out to support our cause and to raise funds to support it. In the new slow lane proposed our organization could not afford what it takes in communication to win our cause and be effective.
—Jean Atthowe, Stevensville, MT

Net neutrality is the foundation of the Internet. Don't give it to Time Warner and Comcast!! The Internet is for the everyday common person and there's precious little left too. Leave us the Internet without interference!
—Katie V, Creedmoor, NC

FCC you already know what the content of the commentaries are going to be; you are only buying time for yourselves.
—Jose Rosario, Jersey City, NJ

Preservation of net neutrality and improved internet with competition is what the people want, not anti-compeition which is what cable lobbyists receiving support from large ISPs.
—Jude Nguyen, San Francisco, CA

Because no competition leads to mediocre and worse standards and products. It's outrageous that Europe has better internet access than the US which so prides itself on being top dog in everything ...!
—Valerie Lehmans, Seattle, WA

I do not agree that there should be any tiers or alternative "speed" lanes from the content providers I choose to utilize. Keep it level ! I pay my provider for data transfer. That does not give them the right to charge more to my choice providers because they are popular... Or penalize the guys in the garage at home that would be able to displace netflix. I ask for a data packet... I should get a data packet. That's what I already pay them for... To let me get data packets from any point A to my point B... So what if one content provider is supplying most of the worlds Point A starting source.... We pay for our allotted transfer rate, speed, and capacity... Not what we choose to use it for. Stop the lobby money madness and open your eyes to what made the internet insanely powerful to begin with. Perhaps with 6-8 choices for a provider in my home town (instead of the ONE available in my entire county) I would have more faith that competitive capitalism would hold it's own industry to stay honest. But if you can't see that high speed internet isn't the CLEAREST form of a monopoly in the 21st century... You are more corrupt then I thought.
—Joel Colombo, Sanborn, NY

The Internet is not something that can be bought! Throw out the corporate fast lanes and keep the real Net Neutrality laws intact!
—Brent Yamada, Newark, CA

A two tier system is unAmerican.
—Lance A Silkes, Memphis, TN

TV had already been ruined by your lack of oversight. Please do not ruin the internet too! Keep the net neutral.
—Josh White, Arkansas City, KS

The internet needs to stay open to everyone. Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lynnea Forness, Minneapolis, MN

privacy...privacy...privacy. freedom to express myself. finding data and research that's not been ruined by those who would keep one from learning something different. free skype.
—Ms. Sarah Elliott, osage, IA

For the love of God keep the internet neutral !
—Tracy Taylor, Rico, CO

There was a time when only the rich could afford a telephone to communicate, television or newspaper to learn from. Now knowledge is available to almost anyone via the "web". More than ever open publishing and other ways of disseminating important information is available. Critical knowledge that may save a scientist from making the same mistakes, or encouraging a young child to become one. Creating a "pay per" internet will hamper the flow of information that is so vital to the common interest of humanity.
—Dr. Theresa L. Chinnery, Freedom, WI

Keep the internet free and keep the corporations from controlling it!
—Melinda G. Brovelli, ROSEVILLE, CA

The Internet does not exist for the purpose of giving large telecomm companies more ways to make money. We already pay enough for our cell phones and other technology on which we've become wholly dependent. And it's crazy that we actually have to *pay* for text messages on our phones when they cost those same companies virtually nothing to send, and they're not even storing them permanently anywhere! Please make the madness stop. Draw a line in the sand and promise that the Internet will remain neutral with equal access for everyone.
—Mark DuRussel, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality is very important for America's progress. Please keep it Neutral. FCC, please do your job and protect the internet for people not for corporations. Thank you!
—Mr. Fred Talari, Morris Plains, NJ

FCC, please throw out your proposed internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joy Perry, Dallas, TX

I need Internet access to do my job & I already get screwed enough by Verizon & their ilk for you to give them a license to rip me off even more.
—Maria Williams, Albuquerque, NM

This is wrong. These companies have enough money, they shouldn't have the ability to make consumer's pay even more for the ability to use the internet. This is WRONG, This is WRONG, This is WRONG !!!!!!!!!
—Charlene Lauzon, Lynnwood, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because I want an internet that is not biased and does not have an agenda. I want everyone to have equal access. I want this to be true for businesses, individuals, institutions, organizations, and any other group of people.
—Brandy Lawson, Clarksville, TN

znetNet neutrality is essential to keep our basic protections from Monopolies, special interest groups, or those with uneven influence from destroying this lovely free market system we have. This is one place where free enterprise should stay that way: free. We do not need laws to limit people, but laws to protect people from losing freedom to see what's out there. This so smacks of rigid governmental control, very similar to those nations under dictatorship or communist control. Unless this is the endgame, STOP this insane, forced control and let us have our rights to equal opportunity web access. FCC do your job and KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers .
—Marie Turley, Nashville, TN

It is critical that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. The future of democracy, and of a free and open society, depend upon it.
—Anne Perusek, Cleveland Hts., OH

So much of our world is for sale to the highest bidder leaving the majority of people behind, giving the wealthy few more and more power. We need to continue with net neutrality, that has been the beauty of the internet. It has been the great equalizer, putting people around the world in communication. Money should not be allow erred to destroy the internet.
—Joyce Kliman, Victor, NY

Only a corrupt person would be afraid of an open platform for free speech, free enterprise, or the gathering of like minded individuals. While I may not agree with everything that is posted online, I respect everyone's right to their own opinion. I do not see a need to slow down their speech simply because I disagree with it. I do not feel threatened because their business model might be better than mine. I do not care if they wish to gather in a virtual environment and say bad things about me. That is what makes this country beautiful. We are individuals united in freedom. We have the opportunity to better ourselves. The internet is the great equalizer. Youtube would never have succeeded with the new rule proposals. The same is true for netflix. Why kill the next great American venture before it has a chance to live?
—James Molesky, West Palm Beach, FL

I lived through "dial-up", still have one of those old, slow modems and I don't want to go back to it. I know this isn't exactly the same, but it would feel the same to give up truly high speed broadband for who knows how relatively slow, second class service. With a name that starts with 'W' I know what it means to have to always pay extra to get to the front of the line, and I don't think it's fair, equitable or in the best interest of the public to put everyone but the privileged few in that position with the Internet.
—Joseph Wathen, Louisville, KY

The internet is at the heart of American freedom, communication and education. It is a utility that we depend on as much as electricity and as much as roads. Without it, we will no longer merely lag the rest of the world in the quality of our service and in the high prices we pay, but we set our country back into almost certain decline. Infrastructure is the key to all future economic success, and this must be saved from corporate takeover.
—Fred Adler, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Remember, you are supposed to be working for best interests of the people not Comcast, AT&T, or Verizon. Thank you, John J. Flaig, PhD, Fellow of The American Society for Quality
—John Flaig, San Jose, CA

It is the role of government to make decisions that are in the best interests of the people it represents, not the corporations that lobby with tens of millions of dollars. Please, do your job and do what's best for the American citizens, and not what is best for the large, monopolistic media empires.
—Paul Rappaport, Atlanta, GA

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. No monopoly. No mergers. Keep net neutrality!
—Carole Henry, Seabeck, WA

It is important that the internet remains open and un tethered.
—Mark D. Pollack, Deerfield, IL

I already have no choice as to my ISP. There is only one in my area. Now you are going to let them dictate to me which sites I can visit with complete access and which sites they can charge me extra for? ARE YOU KIDDING ME???? I am so tired of government ceding control to corporations at the expense of its citizens. You are supposed to be there for OUR benefit, not to increase the profits of major corporations. Make it a requirement that we have ISP choices in all areas, then there would be competition and we would have a chance. NET NEUTRALITY IS A MUST! STOP CAVING TO BIG BUSINESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—JoAnn Rozwood, Hamburg, NY

In the 21st century, net neutrality is important for democracy, and critical place to exercise our first amendment rights. Too often now, governments are in bed with major corporations; case in point, Obama appointing Thomas Wheeler, former telecom lobbyist, as chairman of the FCC. If the FCC expect We the People to trust them to regulate the ISP providers then they're fucken crazy. Over 90% of what we watch and listen is controlled by a handful of major corporations, and by the looks of it, the FCC will approve two monopolies (violating the Sherman Anti-trust) with the Comcast/Time Warner and AT&T/DirecTv mergers. Not impressed!
—Milton Cruz, Los Angeles, CA

Internet service should be the same as electricity. They use the same lines. The power company can't tell us what we use the power for. The cable companies should treat data the same way.
—Gregory Wilbur, Fitchburg, MA

The giant multinational corporations are crushing us. If you care about America & our democracy, PLEASE stand up for THE PEOPLE.
—Judy Landress, Corpus Christi, TX

The internet is not broken. When you do anything to alter that when it's prefctly obvious that any such alteration results in a few massive corporations being able to regulate content depending on a customer' s ability to pay, we are clearly walking down the path to fascism.
—John R. Bartels, Portland, OR

Please keep the internet open and free, the way it was designed! Big cable is being greedy.
—Blake Tsuhako, Mesa, AZ

Public money, in the form of tax dollars, paid for the development of the internet. Private profiteering is unacceptable for what should be considered a utility. Regulation at the federal level is important to keep the internet open and accessible by all Americans. How can we lead the world when other countries are ahead of us?
—Bill Roseberry, Levittown, PA

The Democratic party that anointed Tom Wheeler as FCC Chairman should expect to pay a price come the following elections, should the two-tiered internet become official. As the former top lobbyist for the cable industry, Mr. Wheeler is a prime example of the kind of revolving-door industry appointment that President Obama has come to specialize in, despite empty promises to stop that corrupt practice. Broadband carriers must not be permitted to charge extra to grant higher speed connections from content providers. To sell favored services actually encourages negligent service to remaining providers. The changes will tacitly licenses intentional degradation of service to providers who do not pay more, and it will inflate the overall cost of doing business on the internet -- toothless assertions by the Commission not withstanding. That Mr. Wheeler should have proposed the recommendations for this sort of tiered system going forward is outrageous, though hardly unexpected. Let us hope that other Commission members have the integrity to halt to his dangerous proposal.
—Robert Guido, Austin, TX

There is no good reason to prioritize internet flow for anyone over anyone else and I don't want that at all either.
—Joe Vita, Plainville, CT

Please stand on the side of the people and not the corporations. Please classify the internet as a utility.
—Tom Robinson, Lake Elsinore, CA

Keep neutrality
—George Parris, Johnson City, TN

The internet provides everyone with a fast, reliable source of information, news and entertainment. We must not compromise this resource for a few to make more money.
—Jon a Arnold, raleigh, NC

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL NOT POWER CONTRL AND GREED FOR A FEW. I'M OVER YOU THIEVING MONGRELS. YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONES IN THE WORLD. WHERE ARE YOUR MORALS? OH THATS RIGHT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY. HANDS OFF NOW AND ALWAYS
—Anna Lorcan, Margate,

The internet is the public library of today. It isn't meant to line the pockets of corporations by restricting access by the poor.
—Paul Turner, Kingsport, TN

The internet has become a tool on which we all depend every day. It has entered every aspect of our lives. Further, many of the best and most important tools we use on the internet could only be created in a level playing field. As soon as the existing oligopoly of providers can bully companies into paying unevenly for internet access and provide users with a biased internet experience, we will no longer have the innovative internet we have come to expect. Rather than providing the oligopoly with the tools to bully other companies, we should seriously be considering breaking up the largest internet providers under the Sherman Antitrust Act. While it may be true that many people at least have a choice of two internet providers, generally Verizon and a Cable company, many of us do not even have two but are forced into a single provider. Even the current situation is unacceptably bad. The internet providers know this, hence their huge bribes to politicians, second only to the military industrial complex. Such providers must be broken up. Further, they must not be allowed to enter into the non-compete agreements that they have today, whether explicit or implicit. I know of no one who has access to a choice between two cable providers. That simply does not exist. You get Time Warner or Comcast or Cablevision. That's it. There are no others. And, you never get a choice between two of them. Please oppose all efforts to allow for two tiered internet access. Please instead file suits against the internet providers to break up the oligopoly and provide us with real choices in internet access. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Scott Sobel, Hoboken, NJ

I am against broadband providers abusing their market power to affect access to competing applications or content. We have the most expensive and some of the poor connectivity options in the world. I have founded multiple start-ups and we could not have competed in a market where we had to pay for access to consumers.
—James Ray, Oakland, CA

TO THE FCC: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Lets not go down a road that we ALL will regret. This is a slippery slope to the tryanny of information. First the ISP's create a digital world "sold" initially as being FREE. (just like drug dealers, get them hooked on it). Meanwhile, shut down the printing presses and newspapers that deliver unvarnished political perspectives. Then start charging for that digital information, and then a little more, and higher in higher the internet fees go. Don't forget to pay your politicians for turning their head (Verizon/Comcast), because they are getting their cut during election time with generous donations. Now the ISP's propose that they can charge MORE for transmission speeds. Why do you think no one uses dial up anymore? Because they are hooked on the FASTER transmission speeds! and who will suffer? the poor! but heck they don't need the information anyway right? Let's just keep everybody so busy trying a make a small buck, while the big corp's (ISP's) suck our life and liberty from us effortlessly.
—Angela Haynes, snellville, GA

Level the playing field. And keep it level. We pay more for our Internet service and get less than other countries. Monopolies and the big cable companies need competition, and we need democracy now!
—Susan Haywood, Portland, OR

The failure of the FCC to take a firm stance in support of Net Neutrality, and to give this proposal of allowing a two-tiered system of paying for priority access, is absolutely abhorrent and the complete antithesis of everything that's made the internet the incredible system of communication and equal access that it is. The very idea that this will not create massive corruption and discrimination over access on the internet is grossly naive, at best, and disgustingly dishonest at worst. This system absolutely cannot be allowed to go into place, and anything less than absolute support of Net Neutrality is completely unacceptable. Broadband is a common carrier service, exactly like telephony, and the members of the FCC that have supported this proposal should be ashamed at this attempt to open to doors to the inevitable corrupt and discriminatory practices that this will allow internet service providers to roll out. Kill this proposal!
—Hussain Karimi, Cambridge, MA

FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrea Stetz, Palatine, IL

The internet should not be controlled by corporations such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon, who only see it in terms of revenue and not community, communication, and education. Net Neutrality, true Net Neutrality is very, very important -- the internet is more than just a way to make money and share funny cat videos. It allows us to learn and grow at a GLOBAL level, and corporations with their revenue-based 'two-tier' internet idea will kill that dead. Please, drop this place and its rampant discrimination and take up full and true net neutrality!
—Ann M, San Jose, CA

Without net neutrality, there is no level playing field!
—Jahnavi Stenflo, Boulder, CO

I am a content creator with a very small bandwidth requirement, all text and very occasionally a small, lo-resolution picture. But the two-tiered system would hobble even my small web site. Return ISPs to Common Carrier status.
—John Clary, Garland, TX

Throw out your plan to allow discrimination online and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Pat Brooks, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality in its current form is essential to a vibrant information economy and internet use for Americans. The cable companies currently give abyssmal service for their television industry, with the internet being the main way to avoid the current monopoly the FCC and US government has forced upon us. The current "fast lane" plan will destroy internet access as an alternative means to avoid competition crushing monopolies. American competiveness and freedom of expression is will suffer immeasurably.
—Kurt Runge, Cleveland, OH

I am enraged that yet one more thing allowing us common citizens to defend our democracy without picking up guns is now threatened to be taken from us. "Net Neutrality" is critical to the free flow of information in this country. The history of evil these people - who want to control the Internet speeds - do, when you give them this kind of power, is clear. the Internet should be a public utility - not a commercial enterprise. Please watch this - John Oliver says it much better than I can: http://act.freepress.net/lette r/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t=1&akid=4797.9926201.yC9wF3 Thank you...
—Michael Tucker, Oceanside, CA

I like the internet and accessing the internet the way it is currentlly done and I cannot support any legislation or regulation that would alter this for me or anyone else.
—Brian Westermann, Trenton, MI

Net neutrality powers both the freedom and the innovation that America needs in order to maintain our interests. We should NEVER create tiers in web access, any more than we should create tiers in public education or in access to roads or newspapers. It should become, and remain, a fundamental US policy to ensure that all citizens, regardless of financial status, have the ability to learn, contribute, connect, and create through the Internet.
—Kathleen Holly, Brookfield, IL

No corporations like AT&T, Comcast, Verizon or any other future Internet service provider should have the power to discriminate. Any government agency or head of the government agency that gives unfettered power to corporations lacks common sense and defies logic when so much evidence shows that many corporations aren't moral or ethical when it comes to the common good of the people or the environment. Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tracy Gordon, LONG BEACH, CA

Free speech must prevail for a prosperous society.
—Mr. Glenn Howard, Miami, FL

Net neutrality, as previously recognized, has always provided a means for growth and entrepreneurship. Closing the internet, as proposed, will allow few companies to monopolize the internet as the ability to reach the end user. This is bad for everyone, except the Telecom companies. Please leave the internet open for all.
—Chris Woeppe, Chicago, IL

I do not want my internet slowed down to dial-up speed like I had to deal with until 2007. The last thing I want to do is pay more for better internet speed in this tough economy.
—Chris Green, Mooresboro, NC

I live in a country of equal opportunity. I want my access to have equal opportunity, not be a slave to business charges.
—Betty Winholtz, morro bay, CA

I am concerned with access to a free internet that isn’t controlled by service providers. I am referring to the need for action supporting Net Neutrality, as well as reducing cost and increasing speed and access to the internet. The US lags in this area to the detriment of business, innovation, personal growth and achievement. AT&T just announced they would prioritize access to certain content providers. Time Warner is price gouging, as well as AT&T. These companies are polarizing the issue. The FCC has found that there is not a bandwidth limitation and carriers aggressive tiered data plans are purely profit motivated. The competition is gone and the need for regulation is clear. These companies should be classified as utilities and regulated in a number of areas including fair price, equal access (net neutrality) and keeping up with providing modern speeds.
—Michael Siminitus, Sebastopol, CA

The fact that this idea is even being introduced in Congress is ridiculous. I cannot even comprehend how unjust and asinine this idea is. The internet is a free, public forum for everyone to express themselves and entertain themselves with. Creating a tiered system ruins everything the internet was created to do. If Congress ends net neutrality it would basically lead to an internet service monopoly. This is something the public doesn't want, at all, and would only benefit wealthy service providers. Honestly, this notion is so outrageously stupid.
—Sam, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is what makes the internet great. Freedom of information has lead to incredible developments in all fields. This leveling power has brought great upheaval and momentous improvement in many industries and services, while providing a platform for individual expression all over the world. Don't let powerful lobbyists take these freedoms from us.
—George Brassey, Brooklyn, NY

Why do you hate democracy? Greed means more to you than freedom? Can't find any logic in this. Can you be so stupid. The world isn't dangerous enough for you? You think it will be more fun to be filthy rich in a dictatorship than in a democracy? ILLOGIC. ILLOGIC. ILLOGIC. Can't imagine any sane, reasonable person doing what you are seeking to do. Would love to send you to so many other countries. Maybe then you would be happy, but I doubt it. You will never be rich enough or feel powerful enough no matter what you do, EVEN DESTROYING OUR WONDERFUL DEMOCRACY. DISGUSTING.
—Ms. Roslyn E. Walker, Marina del Rey,, CA

Net Neutrality is freaking mandatory. A "two-tiered" Internet is just a way to further separate the 1% and the 99%.
—Sarah Kate Orbach, Montclair, NJ

I believe Net Neutrality is vital to safegard the principles of freedom and democracy in our society now and in the future. I vow to protect this principle with my words, my actions, and my money.
—Andrés Vidal-Gadea, Austin, TX

We all need and deserve open access to the internet.
—C Born, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is the one of the most important rights we have as Americans, changing this would be equal to charging for free speech.
—Jordon Packard, Littleton, CO

FCC, Please do not go forward with Tom Wheeler's terrible, disingenuous plan to end net neutrality. We Americans need to preserve the open structure of the internet, for the sake of innovation and consumer choice.
—Mr. Daniel Grattan, San Jose, CA

FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible! The plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. PLEASE JUST LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. Throw out these rules. Cheers!
—Rock Tyler, LaGrange, TX

stop classism
—John Anderson, LaPorte, CO

It is just wrong to turn the power of the internet over to the hands of a few corporations would would get to control winners and losers based on who can pay their price. That used to be call extortion.
—Beth Carr, Stafford, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Otherwise, the internet will be a playground only for the wealthy and not all the people. The FCC has a mandate to serve all of the public, not just some of the public - especially that increasingly small part of the public who can afford to pay. Interesting how media corporations are increasingly profitable and yet are paying far less in tax dollars as a percentage of their profits and as the percentage of the sectors supporting the commons. The internet and equal access should be considered part of the commons. Rich corporations and individuals ought not to be given more access rights by the FCC than anyone else!
—Michael Anderson, Madison, WI

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Do not kowtow to the cable companies. Protect the citizenry from egregious profiteering and keep the Internet open and egalitarian. It means everything to the non-profit work in education that I have done for the last fifteen years. Thank you.
—Ms. Jeri Ross, Wimberley, TX

In this era of PACs and the Citizens United and McCutcheon court decisions, Net Neutrality is nothing less than our last best hope to keep equality in our freedom of political speech. The internet is an essential utility and should be reclassified as such and Net Neutrality is permanently protected.
—Loretta Dodd, Mount Airy, GA

Tom Wheeler = Fox FCC = Henhouse Internet Nuetrality = Dead Chicken.
—Larry Phifer, Hot Springs, AR

Maintain Net Neutrality. Now and forever.
—Cullen Kappel, Lake Orion, MI

Please google and read "Fourteen Defining Characteristics of Fascism" by Lawrence Britt. 2 pages. Number 6 is corporate control of the media. We are very close to being 14 of 14.
—Steve V Eklund, Sallinas, CA

So many other countries have awful internet because of plans like the one proposed by the FCC. The internet is not just for the rich or for those who live in the big cities. Everyone in the U.S. should be able to have the same high quality internet without paying an outrageous premium.
—Elizabeth Bay, Long Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is a democratic equalizer, allowing Every Person an opportunity to access information, to investigate, to communicate, to create. There already exists a "digital divide" hampering the disadvantaged who seek to use the internet. Don't make it even harder.
—Albamar Albamar Sánchez, Juana Díaz, PR

I don't want faster service on Amazon (for example); I want the fastest service on low budget organizations like Free Speech TV! It really chaps my chops that Wheeler pretends to be pro-net neutrality, then tries to fob off a tiered internet on us. What a hypocrite and tool of the .001%!
—Tina Snyder, Tonopah, NV

I believe the FCC should fully support net neutrality. It should not adopt any rules which would allow service providers to charge for different qualities of access. Further, the FCC should aggressively investigate and punish actions by internet providers that throttle or give preference to traffic from one source or another. The FCC needs to protect the American people's access to a free and open internet, not cater to the clear business interest of internet service providers.
—Dan Parke, Jamaica Plain, MA

Prevent Comcast from extorting money from content providers essentially getting paid twice. Eventually, it will only be passed on to the consumer. Reclassify them under Title II as a common carrier.
—Walter Hillman, GIG HARBOR, WA

I cannot afford, nor can our nation afford, for the fallout of your thinking to happen. Why am I suspicious of Tom Wheeler and his motives???
—Michael Babitch, Kimberton, PA

DO NOT APPROVE ANYTHING THAT CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER IS PROPOSING OR ANYTHING THAT REMOVES REAL NET NEUTRALITY. NET NEUTRALITY IS A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT AND TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE LIKE CENSORING WHAT PEOPLE COULD TALK ABOUT ON THE TELEPHONE.
—Robert Silvestri, mill valley, CA

An open and universally accessible Internet is a crucially important and indispensable element of our modern democracy. PLEASE protect Internet access for everyone...not just for the profit of corporations.
—Adam Goldman, Santa Monica, CA

Comcast & Verizon & their proposed internetnet changes (mergers, extra super-dooper fast lane, whatever they want to call it) represent the WORST kind of monopoly. We need Net Neutrality. We have a right to a free & open internet. And get Tom Wheeler OUT of there!!
—Bitsa Burger, Novato, CA

Reclassify the internet as a common carrier to acknowledge it as the essential utility that it is and protect net neutrality permanently. In this era of PACs and Citizens United and McCutcheon court decisions, without net neutrality our right of freedom of speech, in is very much in peril.
—LW Dodd, Mount Airy, GA

I support Net Neutrality for the level playing field it offers start ups. I prefer to be a customer of smaller businesses as I feel that I get better service from them. I feel that the internet is basic infrastructure, such as roads and bridges that enable commerce. One or two large companies should not be allowed to control this infrastructure.
—Bob Ferrell, Philadelphia, PA

Hotmail would not even let me forward this to my family and friends. That's why we have to take back our government from Wall Street interests. Without Net Neutrality, the 1% will be able to control the flow of Information even more than they already do since the deregulation of the Media. Obama appointed a fox to watch over the chicken house. They will both not be happy with their legacy once control is restored to the people and the Constitution returned to the law of the land.
—John Gallagher, Minnetonka, MN

The internet is for ALL Americans and should always be equal for all, not run or controlled by some billion dollar companies, who only have their bottom line in mind, not the PEOPLE of the USA.
—H Nick Hardy, Clearwater, FL

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND OPEN. PROTECT REAL NET NEUTRALITY.
—Genifer Goodman, boise, ID

Do not approve these new internet rules. The internet levels the playing field for those that seek information and these proposed rules would create a two-tiered system, and be susceptible to favoritism, and to discrimination against those who some may feel shouldn't have a voice. Also, those that can pay more would have a blatantly unfair advantage. I think the Gov't should be the ones protecting people's rights and access to such a valuable tool.
—Ken Fogel, Stone Mtn., GA

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN OPEN INTERNET TO COMBAT BIG MONEY THAT ARE GRADUALLY TAKING OVER THE NEWS MEDIA WITH THEIR PROPAGANDA AND IT IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THOSE OF US THAT DON'T HAVE BILLIONS TO SPEND TO GET THE TRUTH OUT AND HOPEFULLY TAKE BACK CONTROL OF OUR GOVERNMENT FROM THE CLUTCHES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND GREEDY PEOPLE THAT ARE MORE INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR WEALTH THAN THEY ARE IN PRESERVING THE STABILITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND IT'S CITIZENS.
—Erv Amdahl, Sierra Vista, AZ

Keep the internet free. The cable companies should not be determining which web sites run faster than others.
—A. Zamudio, St. John, IN

If it REALLY is your goal to support DEMOCRACY throughout the world, then the low cost and free flowing use of the internet is absolutely necessary. Please protect net neutrality with no caveats or add-ons that will weaken it. Please protect democracy for ALL!
—Brenda Barbour, APO AE, NY

The free exchange of ideas and information should not be abridged in the service of profiteering. Please preserve net neutrality. That's what most Americans want from their FCC. Don't let us down.
—Tim Cummings, Harrisonburg, VA

The internet must remain free to everyone...we must not allow big business to take over.
—Karin Soderstrom, Gainesville, FL

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY. A TWO TIER INTERNET IS UNJUSTIFIABLE AND DISCRIMINATORY. THE FCC MUST KEEP THE INTERNET AS IS. THE PROPOSED INTERNET RULES MUST BE THROWN OUT AND INSTEAD RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Marivel Long, NAPERVILLE, IL

Our daily life depends on communication. The internet is essential to communication. Please support Net Neutrality.
—Kathy Shimata, Honolulu, HI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Throw out the FCC's disastrous Wheeler proposal for our economy and freedom. Wheeler's Plan is corrupt, dangerous, ignorant and contemptible. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so America can prosper and be free.
—Dawn Walko, cedar rapids, IA

preserve net neutrality
—Michael Ripperger, Santa Fe, NM

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Stop playing games with Americans right to information. It's our Internet! The internet is already ridiculously slow for most of Americans. Now we are expected to pay more for this sloppy slow lane. It will always be the slow lane for average American if the ISP's get their way.
—Mr. John Rogers, Redford, MI

To the FCC, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I want Net Neutrality!
—Deborah Ley, San Diego, CA

I don't want to be an online loser. I reject a two-tiered internet, and I support Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Ruth Sabiers, Santa Fe, NM

Net neutrality must be preserved!
—Colleen Horner, Austin, TX

Dear FCC: The Internet is just fine the way it is. It doesn't need more corporate involvement and it doesn't need new rules that will benefit the coffers of big corporations. The Internet is for the people, and should remain a sanctuary of democracy. The FCC works for the people of America, not corporations, and thus should look out for our welfare. No one I know wants the FCC's new proposed Internet rules instated. Instead of imposing new FCC rules, reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you. L.Soares
—Lauran Soares, Quincy, MA

The Internet is one of the last bastions of equality and free speech. ISP's should not be allowed to turn it into a divisive tool to grant access to those with more money and power. There is already way too much of that favoritism going on in this country, as well as globally. The Internet should remain neutral and equally accessible to all users. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers and allow the Internet to remain "Net Neutral".
—Randall Outland, Waynesville, NC

Since the introduction of broadband, the ability for competition and for a start-up company to have a chance to survive has been drastically altered. Now with the potential for the two worst cable companies performing in customer service, speed, and options of service to their customers wanting to merge, this covers a large percentage of the households in the United States. These are not even competing providers. Comcast is in Philadelphia and Time Warner is in LA. They also want to begin traffic shaping and charge extra fees for content providers with a two-tier Internet. FCC Chairman Wheeler, an appointee by President Obama, coming from the lobbying industry for broadband and wireless knows full well that he is creating an unfair and discriminatory system for all Internet users by allowing such mergers to pick winners and losers of online content and applications. As the Internet has now become more of an essential service where it is supposed to reach all persons to the last mile, this should now reclassify Internet Service Providers to become Common Carriers. The FCC has tried to hide behind keeping the Net Neutrality rules "grounded inside the rules of Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996." Let us face the reality that this act is approaching being 20 years old and is an out-of-date overview of the way the Internet worked and the amount of competing companies for a persons service. When service was challenged as one could go to another service provider if they were not happy. FCC Chairman Wheeler should be exempted from being able to cast a vote in this decision as his prior job before his appointment is in direct conflict with the idea behind Net Neutrality. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISP's must now be considered Common Carriers. Keep the Internet a level field for the majority of the user base, the end-user; and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers.
—Kent Stutzman, Newton, KS

To stop net neutrality will stop the United States to continue to be a world leader. Imagination and freedom is how we progress as a nation. The act will stunt the growth of America.
—Keri Valentic Moore, LAS VEGAS, NV

The people want real Net Neutrality. The FCC work for the people. It really is that simple.
—Scott Peterson, Bothell, WA

Net Neutrality is crucial to protecting freedoms of speech and the press! Protect us from monopoly!
—Luke Metzger, Wichita, KS

Let's be honest, practical, and pragmatic. ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such.
—Fred Watstein, Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality is a required as there is no competition in the marketplace for providers. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Zachman, Fort Collins, CO

Net neutrality is essential. A two-tier or more speed system is exactly what is not needed. Let them work on developing Internet speed so we're not on an equivalent with Estonia in terms of our download speed. I'm sure that's exactly where the vast majority of people will remain if you allow a two-tier system, and allow a financial windfall for Verizon and Comcast. The fact that the former Head of the lobbying group for the Cable industry is now advocating a multi-tiered system of Internet access is not really a surprise. The surprise is that this president nominated him for the position. Shame on you Obama!
—Gerard J Coyle, Buzzards Bay, MA

How different would the internet be today if it was controlled by corporations? What would it look like? Where would be the free exchange of ideas, sharing creativity if you had to pay for every post, every tweet, every share of a picture?
—Barb Huber, Zeeland, MI

The Net is now as necessary as electric power and should be regulated as an utility. It is now a 1st amendment right.
—Ed Lizewski, EUGENE, OR

Net neutrality is a bastion for innovation and new jobs. In a slow economic recovery and a rigged market, we need net neutrality to balance the scales to give the start ups and other businesses a chance, to create competition in order for the truly superior product to prevail, not cater to monopolies. Please save the internet, please protect capitalism, please protect the people you are supposed to represent. Keep net neutrality.
—Zach, Monterey Park, CA

An neutral internet is crucial to continue to foster innovation on the web, and retain the collaborative/communicative abilities of it. Giving providers the ability to control traffic prioritization on this level can lead to less competition and an abuse of power on their end (as seen by Comcast towards Netflix until they paid a premium). Please keep the internet free. Please make it a utility like electricity and water.
—Raul Perez, Orlando, FL

I believe in freedom of choice instead of freedom FROM choice. I remember something about "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."
—Ed Parks, Oklahoma City, OK

Dear FCC, I am astonished that you would even consider changes to net neutrality. It goes against everything we stand for as a country and it makes you look like you are being bought and paid for. Protect your children and generations to come and keep access open to all without restrictions. Protect our use of bandwidth.
—Richard Ferreira, Vacaville, CA

Throw out current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't have a TV and hence no cable service; I use the internet for virtually all my sources of information, entertainment, and social interaction. I am retired living on Social Security as my only source of income.
—Gordon H Sabaduquia, Concord, CA

why would anyone allow this? because they just don't have quite enough money? Net neutrality is why we have the internet. This is simply wrong. This should not be allowed to happen and the FCC Chairman by even allowing this discussion, is showing how he is in the back pocket of the companies he is supposed to be policing. Shame on all of you.
—Mike Leith, Denver, CO

Big media is too powerful as it is, and further leverage will be disastrous to consumers.
—Steven G. Horneffer P.A., Parker, CO

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I'm not going to pay extra not to become a second class net citizen.
—Kenneth Toole, Cocoa, FL

Net Neutrality is important for the sake of innovation and speech freedom, because by definition it is the foundation of internet itself. The internet is one of the greatest tools for science, education, and art; because of its neutrality, which is free from outside interests who doesn't have any respect for the values that make his country. That is why we need net neutrality for the sake of this country. Because its freedom for the people.
—Alexis Niebla, Calexico, CA

Why destroy the road that enables your economy to continue! Remember if you pass this, you can look back and see the day any remnant of the American dream died. That and factor in the max exodus of talent and potential that will ensue. A free net neutral internet is an opportunity to enable people to learn, to educate, to build lasting bridges for those behind them. Why put a handicap on yourself so a dozen executives can avoid taxes in off shore accounts and build nothing of value? Everyone should create value and contribute to society, but supporting these companies who's value ranks at the bottom of customer satisfaction further traction reduces your ability to compete globally.
—Brian Mac, San Francisco, CA

Stop caving into to corporate interests and protect the public, not a couple of communications giants. Keep the internet neutral.
—Jill Nelson, Vancouver, WA

The internet was devised as a freedom information highway, was deployed as such and has worked quite well as such without resorting to extortion by ISP that already charge too much for too little and have no incentive as it is to provide the best service for lowest price point as it is and now the FCC is all too happy to give them a blank check and kill most or all future up and coming technologies that cannot match the big bucks being extorted from the big players who are having a hard enough time absorbing the extra cost without raising prices so much that a great many customers will no longer be able to afford those increases. Please try to remember you are supposed to protect the interests of the general public, not just those who put big wads of money into your bank accounts.
—Michael Leeling, Souderton, PA

Net neutrality maintains equal access to the internet. It helps to preserve the democratic nature of the internet.
—Julia soyer, Somerville, MA

For all of us 98%ers, affordable, fully accessible internet is necessary. Charging for access based on paid priority is exclusionary and discriminatory.
—Opal Hilty, Arvada, CO

It's simple and basic. It does not fit your agenda. Too bad. It's called equality. Internet equal access is not up to you or any agency of the US or any other government. The internet is currently the only "mostly" free platform allowing mostly free expression. There is absolutely no legal basis for the FCC or any other government agency to assume restrictions on internet use by anyone in the United States. Restricting communication on a fee basis is bullshit. For all of our sakes, stop caving in to corporate demands. Get some balls and pay attention. This is you kids lives you're selling.
—John Eckhart, Wailuku, HI

Net Neutrality is democratic. Without it we have the tyranny of money. Having a lobbyist become head of FCC is a challenge/ You have to stand up and be fair! NOT just continue representing the industry! You're supposed to be regulating that industry! Now do the right thing so you can look in the mirror without shame!
—Vic and Barby Ulmer, Saratoga, CA

The free press is our most important freedom.
—Ann B. Clarkson PhD, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is essential to the success and progress of the internet. The act currently on the table jeopardizes our infrastructure, our economy, and free expression. We invented the internet, and yet we're letting other countries take greater advantage of it than us while we stagnate.
—Nathaniel James Jordan, Burlington, VT

The fact that Tom Wheeler was part of the cable provider lobbying group and is now chairman of the FCC is the most corrupt and egregious fact that I have heard in many years. Letting net neutrality fade away will cause the FCC to lose the trust of nearly all American citizens. If you really think that this corruption will be accepted without a fight, I invite you to put this issue up to a vote of the American people. The choice is simple: do the right thing or risk the consequences of the angry American public.
—Andrew Igl, Bellingham, WA

With the prices I already pay for my internet service, they don't dare slow me down any further least they no longer wish my business at all. Enough of this shameless greed already, because we can cut you off altogether!
—Ms margie mcclure, Portland, OR

Reduce the chasm between the haves and the have nots. We vote.
—Linda Porter, Seattle, WA

It is outrageous that the FCC chair is a former lobbyist for the companies he now is ready to unleash, to the detriment of the internet and the public's wallets.
—Cass Martinez, Portland, OR

Tom Wheeler's proposed rules plan for the Internet would allow rampant discrimination online. Big service providers would be able to create 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. Which is what MediaCom is already doing to me. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Marilyn Johnston, Mobile, AL

The internet works great when everyone has the same level of access. It enables everyone, not just a wealthy few, to participate in innovation. This is a huge benefit to everybody. The internet will be severely crippled if a few wealthy corporations are able to buy unfair levels of access at the expense of everyone else. No fast-land/slow-lane schemes should ever become US/FCC policy. These schemes will hurt innovation and slow advancement in Internet technologies. The best policy would be the creation of one fast lane for everyone period. When wealthy users are required to experience the same limitations as everyone else then they will have an incentive to invest their wealth in IT advances that benefit all, not just a few. Let's not have a two-class system for the internet ever. Support net-neutrality. Save it. Don't kill it.
—Chris Ellis, Highland, MD

Internet service providers do not control the servers we access for data, they are just a means to the source. Allowing them to control data access is inherently tyrannical, especially since ISPs block the laying of public cables to compete with them and their access controls.
—Prabh Sidhu, Modesto, CA

The internet is the 21st century's town square. It should not be controlled and commercially exploited by private entities only. Healthy cultures and economies are built on free and open exchanges of ideas and information between free and diverse entities.
—Claudia Parola, Los Angeles, CA

The huge corporations involved in distribution of Internet are already rich & powerful enough. Please do NOT let them have any more power over our citizens than they already possess. Isn't it enough that they have broken the country up into areas where each one has a monopoly on TV distribution? By assigning a former CEO of one of these corporations to the FCC post, it would seem to the average voter that this is a conflict of interest... The average citizen already feels totally ignored when a consensus opinion like gun control is denied because the NRA is so powerful, & corporations already control our political system. We are all getting quite frustrated with the greed that is apparently undermining our country, so please pay attention to the outcry of average Americans for Net Nuetrality.
—Danette Zirkle, Port Republic, VA

You know damn well why net neutrality is important to the average citizen, and you know damn well who's pulling your strings to destroy it. Now you know damn well that we're watching...
—Richard Fullerton, Winston-Salem, NC

how much is enough.
—Dr. Sharon Lacy, sebastopol, CA

The net is a national resource and should have equal access for all.
—Mark Edgren, Berkeley, CA

I am tired of being at the mercy of the Internet Service Providers and their increasing greed and mediocre service. To give them the opportunity to create a two tier Internet service is very discriminatory. My grandkids could not afford the extra fees their school work could suffer with lack of access. We already have income inequality.
—Diana Madoshi, Rocklin, CA

Well, to me, Net Neutrality is all about being fair, and these proposed new rules are just not fair.
—Kevin Davis, Cleveland, OH

All data needs to be equally treated, freely accessible to all, no matter who creates it. The incredible wealth of information available is invaluable for private use, in schools, and businesses. Charging companies for internet service will immediately give big corporations a virtual monopoly on the web pages and information available to the public. Cable companies have monopolies in their areas, there's no competition. We would be forced to accept fees with no alternatives. This once more divides the wealthy portion of our country from the rest of us. I rely upon the internet daily in our schools. Scraping together budgets is hard enough with all the cuts, adding more resources needed to support the extra fees for the companies would further restrict our access. The poorest schools suffer the most, with less access available both at home and at school. When will our government return to supporting “for the people”? Right now we’re supporting “for the wealthy”.
—Karen Genest, Vancouver, WA

Net information & access should be FREE to the public and not to only those who can afford it called the 1%. Information access is crucial to everyone who wants to educate themselves. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Victoria Olson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Democracy needs a free internet to counter corporate power.
—John Oda, San francisco, CA

Most of the American people are now realizing that our entire government has been bought and paid for by the corporations. If The FCC allows these greedy cable and phone companies to control the internet, then I hope this will be the stick that broke the camel back, and the American people finally start a revolt. Our government is totally unresponsive to the wishes of we the people. The time for revolution is very near. There is no excuse for this to pass other than to allow the cable and phone companies to make more money. America has become a country where it's citizens pay more and get less. Be warned, the American people have had enough.
—Michael Hansen, Coral Gables, FL

The two tiered internet with large corporations in charge is absolutely unfair for all. We do not need more discrimination in this country of any kind. PLEASE SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL!!! Thank you
—Sara roderer, Richmond, VA

We need Net Neutrality!!!! Stand with the USA not corporate profits!
—Ken Maass, Beaumont, TX

Live the Net alone and don't kowtow to Verizon and Comcast, who will stick it to the big, normal, majority of us.
—Will Gorenfeld, Novato, CA

Any regulations or prioritization of data will lead to mismanagement of the Internet and its traffic.
—Randall Farnes, Reno, NV

The head of the FCC is in clear conflict of interest and should be FIRED immediately. If he is not fired immediately ... Then President Obama should be Impeached ... and I am a Democrat.
—Dave Marsh, Lexington, KY

The Internet is an engine of pluralism. With all providers acting as common carriers, all bits are created equal. As the Internet has grown, we've seen explosive growth in new businesses, new communities, and new sources of information. Don't turn it into yet another system where wealthy corporations call the shots and smaller players get shut out. Classify ISPs as common carriers. Preserve a Net where all bits are equal.
—David Ham, Downers Grove, IL

If you really care about innovation and American entrepreneurs, you need to support net neutrality. It's the tool that allows the individual inventor to compete with the big corporations and become the "big corporations" of the future. Without net neutrality, you stifle the free market that capitalists claim to be so in love with.
—James Mundy, Inglewood, CA

Go ahead, turn the internet over to a few big companies. What could possibly go wrong? We will go back to the glorious 1950's, as far as communications are concerned. Bad service at high prices. We will continue to have fewer choices, slower speeds and nickle and dime charges for everything we value online, buy online, share online, play online. Innovation will dry-up as AT&T et.al. tighten the noose around competitors. Why allow content from others over the pipe they own? Control the speed, control the content, control the politicians, control the Government, control the citizenry. Sounds Great!
—James Lewis, Winfield, KS

Everyone should have equal access to the internet. It was developed with US taxpayer dollars and no corporation should be allowed preferential use of it!!!!!!!!!
—Cathy Deptula, Brandon, FL

The Internet IS a common carrier and MUST be reclassified as such! It was paid for by tax dollars!
—Mercedes R Lackey, CLAREMORE, OK

Chairman Wheeler, Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Scott Dikkers Dikkers, brooklyn, NY

Save our open neutral internet
—D Cooper, Warners, NY

If you truly believe in freedom, you will keep Net Neutrality. Don't be bought by a few huge corporations!
—Rob Johnson, El Cajon, CA

My ending Net Neutrality, you will be destroying one of the few bright growing spots on our economy. Not to mention the fact that having Cable company monopolies' or near monopolies to un-American. You might as well go piss on a Bald Eagle while you are at it. So make the right decision before you piss off all of America. Because America is like a sleeping giant, slow to get start, but woe to the one who wakes her up.
—Robert Wayne Ritchey, Torrance, CA

Just as all men are created equal, priority for data on the Internet needs to be equal. It is unconscionable and unjust to allow ISPs to charge higher rates to give certain "fast lane" content priority over other content. US internet access is already laughably slow and overpriced when compared to the global marketplace of other first-world nations. Don't make it even worse by giving ISPs more tools to damage the internet. It's supposed to be an information superhighway for everyone, not just some.
—Sarah Lauser, Troy, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because a free net is the key to disarming censorship. Censorship is the enemy and the downfall of democracy.
—Cecilia, Freeport, NY

Internet. - Is the last stand of equality!
—Thorsteinn Arnarson, Ålgård,

True Net Neutrality can only be achieved by not giving in to the few corporate heads that will argue that they will be fair if you let them "take care of things". Having a multi tier internet speed controlled by the cable companies is like the fox guarding the hen house. Please do not institute some rules that will simply hand the net over to a few when it really belongs to everyone. Please reclassify ISP's as a common carrier for us common folk!
—Jonathan Stone, Braintree, MA

Net-neutrality is the key to freedom of speech in our cyberspatial age. . . .
—Daniel Samek, Albuquerque, NM

Democracy depends upon an informed citizenry. An informed citizenry depends upon free information. Free information now depends upon a free internet. Is it really so hard to understand why net neutrality is so important?
—Peter O. Childs, Miranda, CA

Don't cave in to the big corporate attempts to take over the internet. Monopolies will destroy our democracy by usurping the internet.
—Carmine Coscia, St. Louis, MO

Why don't anti-trust laws apply to cable monopolies?
—Paul Herman, Beverly Hills, CA

If the FCC has any vested interest in the general public, they will stop this re-structuring of the internet immediately. Net neutrality is what keeps American innovation strong and our basic freedoms alive and well in the digital age. Catering to the demands of corporate giants like Comcast and Time Warner simply channels our country into a deeper monopoly of power, much as ExxonMobil, Shell, and BP have done with the oil/energy industry.
—Dup Crosson, Harpswell, ME

The Internet is the vanguard of free speech in our society. It has revolutionized communication and ought not be subject to hindrance from corporations, which are not people and do not have a right to profit or free speech.
—Michael Dotson, Carterville, IL

The internet is too important a resource to entrust to two of the worst companies in America. Giving Comcast even more control than they have now is a recipe for disaster. The internet must remain an equal playing field or the bad will squeeze out the good until what we know as the internet will be gone forever. Hollywood movies are appalling, network TV is worse, cable news is even worse than that, radio is worst of all, and we all suffer because big money has been allowed to take near-exclusive control of those means of broadcasting. The internet is the last refuge, where small media, including even individuals, can compete on a level playing field with big money. To give that up is not just an historic error- it is wicked.
—David Gowdey, San Rafael, CA

Net Neutrality would effectively dismantle the foundation on which the internet was built. It would destroy the exchange of free ideas, take power away from the masses, and give it to the hands of a few. Such power would cripple the flow of free ideas on the Internet that has both enlightened and entertained our society. I would not be surprised if most people in this nation will resist such an act. Vote for such a bill, and I assure you, you will not be re-elected.
—Bret Cypel, Eugene, OR

A free and open internet has done amazing things for our country and world over the last 20 years. We need to preserve all internet start-ups' ability to receive internet users--and internet users' ability to access any site they wish--without any discrimination or obstruction. Variable load times, especially in an age of megacorporations that provide both connectivity and content, would be devastating for what the internet has come to stand for. Please preserve net neutrality and nix Chairman Wheeler's plan to codify internet discrimination. Instead, you should reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Aaron Sinner, St. Paul, MN

I want history to record you did the right thing and for once didn't sell the American public to the highest bidder. Classify the internet as a commons - a common utility like telephone service.
—Morgan Henry, Alexandria, VA

Fairness and Democracy. Cut the crap. You know better!
—Roger Batchelder, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is internet equality.
—Brent Bray, Pflugerville, TX

TRUE Net Neutrality is when you don't allow providers to alter service levels for people who pay more.
—Charles Clark, Platteville, WI

The internet is where many people go to find unbiased information, to exchange ideas with people similar to themselves, and feel free to express themselves and find media and services not available in other places. Abandoning net neutrality would be abandoning the rights of every person who does not fit the expectations of mainstream media, and any group or individual with a new idea or inconvenient opinion to share with the world.
—Di Gillham, St. Thomas,

Not in agreement w new proposal for net neutrality. Please let something remain free in this country!!!!! This is ridiculous.
—Laura Norton, Upland, CA

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Freedom? Democracy? International goodwill? Capitalism?
—Glenn Rice, Portland, OR

I get it.. net neutrality is dangerous. Having a population with a level playing field just ain't American! In business, the customer is always dumb/wrong/unenlightened, and otherwise food for the business. Just how much do you really believe the above? Given current developments in legislation surrounding the internet and the rights of the ISP's (and their shareholders), behavior and results indicate the probable prevalence in the corporate/legislative policies such as those absurd sentiments in the first paragraph, above. Don't get me wrong, I know the ISP's and related business will keep on pushing for the upper hand; that is NO reason to give it to them. Please take strong stands where you can and reclassify ISP's as common carriers with legal teeth to keep it that way. If the former law was flawed, please help craft one that sticks.
—Wayne Upchurch, Wendell, NC

Net neutrality is important to me as the constitution is to me in upholding my rights as a citizen - it ensures freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of thought.
—Chris Burrell, New York, NY

Having the freedom to say anything I want about anything I want is a basis for a free, open and fair society. If that's taken away tyrant will win. We can't let that happen. We cannot be told what to say, what to think and how to believe.
—Daniel Miller, Webster Springs, WV

Removing net neutrality is similar to installing toll roads on all American highways. Do you want to pay a toll on every single road?
—Allison Hildebrand, Colorado Springs, CO

A level playing field is why my career of building websites is possible. Please don't let the corporate lobbyists destroy my small business, take away my livelihood, and make my Mom sad.
—Brian Scherr, Manhasset, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet has become critical for business and private communications of all types. Therefore, ISPs today fill the role of common carriers and the classification would be completely appropriate. In contrast, the proposed rules allowing two-tiered internet service would enable monopolies such as Comcast and Time Warner to extort money from consumers. These rules must be thrown out.
—Amit Shoham, Oakland, CA

I am a senior on Social Security and Medicare. The Internet is my social connection with the world. It's where I satisfy curiosity and find recipes. It keeps me connected to old friends and new. It keeps me mentally alive. Don't take all that away from me. I can barely afford the Internet connection I have.
—Pepper Hume, Bartlesville, OK

I live on a fixed income and am attending college online. Now I pay a healthy but doable rate for high speed access. Adding as super high speed available for extra charges leaves me and millions of others w/o usable internet service. In the US our internet service is worse than that available in 3rd world countries for a nominal charge- improve service to all and keep net neutral. Comcast doesn't need to own everything.
—Elizabeth Hall, santa fe, NM

It is important to me because it allows me to view the information and parts of the internet that I want to see. Not just the mainstream.
—Ben Bargman, Beverly Hills, MI

Net neutrality is important because it actually lets we the people not be regulated even more by the corporate lobby takeover government we live in.
—Jonathan Pritchett, Dallas, TX

We over pay for it already. Separation of church and state.
—John Kolesar, Westminster, CO

We are sick of the cable/internet monopoly. We pay too much for bad service, and the FCC is allowing this to happen. End the monopoly and save net neutrality.
—Shanno Douglas, Portland, OR

protect Net Neutrality.
—Alexander K. Svendsen, sandefjord,

Don't allow the end to net neutrality. For once let yourself support the actual consumer a/k/a, the people, as opposed to the cable companies who want to charge more for a fast lane. I know the FCC chair has spent most of his life feeding at the corporate trough but I pray that for once his conscience may win out over pure greed and contempt for the middle class and consumers.
—Elyette Weinstein, Olympia, WA

The internet is an amazing thing, it fosters creativity, communication, entrepreneurship, and has helped create a place for freedom of speech again. The people who are trying to subvert it are clearly doing it for self-gain, and the FCC now has a chairman who has come directly from the people who want to destroy the internet as we know it. It will be truly appalling if the FCC abrogate their responsibility. I can't believe that Obama has done this.
—Rosemary Pavlov, Pullman, WA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. 1. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. 2. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. 3. A free and open internet promotes innovation. 4. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. 5. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. 6. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services.
—Raeann Scott, Sumas, WA

If John Oliver understands why this is so important, why don't you?
—Sue Miller, Tucson, AZ

It belongs to everyone now, please do not let the rich steal this.
—Judith Crim, Sun City West, AZ

Please reconsider our future. Please don't give all the power to a couple of companies. This could be your chance to save the small business.
—Jesse Light, Chandler, AZ

Keep the playing field truly level. Reclassify the internet ISPs as common carriers.
—Irene Willey, Snohomish, WA

No slow lane for the internet!!
—Terrie Thom, North Tonawanda, NY

throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eeckhout, Brugge,

Preserve net neutrality for citizens. Don't sell out to the greedy and corrupt corporations who already wallow in obscene profits at our expense. Thank you.
—Linda Snyder, Salem, OR

I am dead against giving the cable companies any control of the flow of content on the internet. Net Neutrality must remain.
—Mick F. Cantarella, New York, NY

I'M MORE THAN A COG IN YOUR WHEEL. I AM MORE THAN A CONSUMER. I AM A CITIZEN OF THE FORMER UNITED STATES. WE ARE LEGION. WE ARE ANGRY. AND WE WILL OVERWHELM YOU. HOW MUCH MORE SHIT DO YOU IMAGINE IT WILL TAKE BEFORE YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR? REMEMBER... WE DON'T NEED YOU. YOU NEED US. WE CAN END YOU.
—Michael Mitchell, New York, NY

Our species faces more challenges to survive than ever before. We need the fast reliable information exchange made possible with net neutrality to solve these problems and leave a liveable world for the generations to come.
—Katherine Shields, Portland, OR

We're a democracy and we need net neutrality to help level the playing field. Don't end it!!
—Ellen Middleditch, Los Alamos, NM

Net Neutrality access should be a human right.
—Chris Dale, Windsor,

The web shouldn't be sold to the highest bidder. It's for all of us.
—Nadia Kanhai, Aurora, IL

The unfettered use and access to the internet constitutes one of the last bastions of free expression. It's not regulated, by content, by popularity, or even by perceived relevance. The information is just out there for anyone to find and to do what they wish with it. Ending Net Neutrality would be equivalent to letting Rupert Murdoch by every news outlet, print, cable and network. Internet users will no longer have any choice in what they want to read, hear or watch on the web. The only group of people who want to end Net Neutrality are those who can benefit from its end, the cable providers who already have what amounts to a monopoly.
—Justin Picken, Vail, CO

I support a free and open Internet. Do not allow cable companies to monopolize the Internet for the sake of more profits and control. This is a direct attack on American freedoms.
—Steve Peterson, San Diego, CA

Why is net neutrality important? You have the balls to ask that after Obama appoints the shyster-lobbyist for the cable industry as Chairman of the FCC & then suddenly the FCC decides it needs to 'fix' the internet...which will also happen to give cable companies more ways to suck us all dry?!!!!! WTF??!!!! How much more do you think cable companies should be able to fucking extract from American citizens? Do we need to start including a couple pints of blood with our bloated payments for their ALREADY OVERPRICED & WOEFULLY INADEQUATE CABLE SERVICE that doesn't even try to approach the level of internet service enjoyed by EVERY OTHER CIVILIZED NATION ON EARTH?!! HELL NO we don't want cable companies to 'offer' 2 speeds of transmission ...or I should say HELL NO cable companies should NOT be allowed by the FCC to extort more $$$ from us to provide an even slower speed than the pathetically slow speeds we have now & already pay too much for!!!!! FUCK NO!!! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!! And STOP HELPING INTERNET PROVIDERS FIND NEW WAYS TO FUCK THEIR CUSTOMERS!!!
—MD Mullane, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality enables innovation. Net neutrality is democratic. Net neutrality embodies our national ethos.
—Michelle Burke, San Francisco, CA

John Oliver sums it up w/ minimal exaggeration. There is no competition. The internet must be regulated by non-former telecom lobbyists.
—Harald Conradi, Los Angeles, CA

Again, again yours DEMOmocrat FCC ChairmanS repeat the story. We know it So, do ou created plans, new regulations that finally, become immense benefits to same monopolistyic companies which we pay high costs, mediocre professionals bad services. Mr. Weeler why do you going more over over there looking our "slavery"? it's means, against invented rules, to justified end of NET NEUTRALITY. Take care and would do doing for American PEOPLE BETTER? NORMAL PATRIOTIC Issues AS a CHAIRMAN? why do you promoted discrimination on line> May be is it , -for yourself and your closed group? Do you has been created previous interests, liasions, affairs? CONSCIENCE man, courage!Character Stop it Please Mr. Tom must . As DEMO FCC chairman has to work loyalty, just for American National Community who pay all your status, salary....TRUST from who nomined you. Please...Not more used abused from PEOPLE at tiny level against . Thanks , sincerely I love America who missed leaders...become you ONE, loyal, better, really DEMO., Mr Wheeler so, History will applaud, you thankful. We too.
—Alicia Margarita, Hollywood, FL

the net is for everyone and it should be free.
—Wendy Wilke, Fresno, CA

We need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please throw out your rules and protect NET NEUTRALITY. Giving AT&t, Verizon, and Comcast the ability to create a two tiered Internet would lock out public access and limit it to the ones who can pay the fees, again giving money the greater voice in our country. If you do this, there will be unimaginable problems for everyone and freedom of speech will be silenced like it has never been in two hundred years. Think long and hard. This would be discrimination of the highest form and the people would not stand for it.
—Ms. Lisa D Henderson, Sacramento, CA

The internet should not be exploited to make more profits for big corporations. It is clear that the consumer and small business would not benefit from a two tiered Internet. Do what is right and keep the internet Neutral. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Hataya Tubtim, downey, CA

I am a little person that can't afford to pay a high price to use the internet. Why is it always the little people who have to suffer for a few people to get what they want. I am sick of selfish people that are out to get what they want no matter how it affects so many others.
—Corrine Molling, Onalaska, WI

The plan to give premiums in internet speed to companies who can pay for them when the internet is a place of communication is wrong morally, and legally. It's a monopoly, and it must be prevented.
—Nicholas Thompson, BELLEVUE, WA

For FCC Docket 14-28. Please leave the internet providers as common carriers so that all users may continue to have access. It should not go into a tiered basis just to make more money for the providers. Everyone deserves the access to all information for free.
—Scott Buck, Port Angeles, WA

Don't neuter our democracy. No Fast Lanes for cable monopolies. Net neutrality is essential. And use your regulatory power to break up the monopolies. Break up Comcast. Break up Time Warner Break up Cox. Break up AT&T Do the right thing.
—Dr. James McFadden, Berkeley, CA

The internet does not need a multi tiered system. In the past 20 years, the internet and the innovations that have come from an open network system have truly made a huge and positive influence in the way we live today. Technology has flourished because of net neutrality. Why did something that isn't broken? Why regulate something that doesn't need it?
—Hoa Vuong, Lorton, VA

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Please don not allow a "two tiered" system to regulate the internet. Net neutrality is what has allowed the devcelopment of internet, where new start-up companies can compete on a level playing field with older established businesses. Without net neutrality, we might all still be using AOL for our email! Please consider reclassifing ISP's as common carriers.
—Peter Hoyt, Medford, OR

If you want Soviet communism running the world cloaked as business cable provider's such as Comcast, then let's charge the internet users. heil Comcast!
—Bob Marley, Hell, MN

Don't sugar coat the net neutrality. It must be kept as is. Free and Democratic!
—Holly Rundberg, Altadena, CA

There should be no difference in having internet access than there is in having access to other public utilities. Period.
—Brenda Stone, Lansing, MI

It's simply: F R E E D O M
—David Ettl, Bad Salzdetfurth,

The free and equal internet is almost the last bit of the "commons" the 99% have left and to take that away after all the Supreme Court has done to us is just to much. Dewey R Morgan
—Dewey r Morgan, Oklahoma City, OK

Because it helps keep internet costs low and website speeds equal. Having an even playing field will keep companies from screwing the common people, who already being nickled and dimed to death. Cable companies already have way to much power in what they charge, with little or no competition. How fair is it for someone with extra cash to be able to drive in the fast lane and others who make minimum wage or live check to check, being forced to drive in the slow lane when both drivers pay for the road. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Gussert, Madison, WI

No toll gates or special lanes on the net!!!
—Douglas Estes, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is a a must for freedom of expression in a modern democracy.
—Madeleine Ras, SF, CA

Considering the internet service in the USA is slower than that in all other developed (and some 3rd world) countries; considering that internet service in the USA costs more than that in other developed (and some 3rd world) countries; and considering that the major internet service providers already enjoy near-monopoly status in their service areas, it is unconscionable that the FCC would consider permitting a 2-tier system. The only beneficiaries would be the predatory ISPs, who stand to profit from it, and relegate the average citizen to 2nd-class status in terms of service.
—Doug Kinnaird, Beaverton, OR

Unequal access widens the already huge gap in opportunity. A culture loses long-term health and viability when it restricts the ability of all citizens to communicate. Communication leads to creativity and innovation. To continue to evolve and have vitality as a nation,we must foster net neutrality.
—O'Neill D. Louchard, Port Townsend, WA

Like the rest of our democracy, it belongs to the people, not to special interest groups.
—Kathryn Wood, Tacoma, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I love connecting with people all over the world.
—Sharon Teresa Louisell, El Cerrito, CA

Reject any proposals creating a two-tiered Internet. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Scheihagen, Dallas, TX

do not ruin my internet by ending net neutrality. these cable company's will screw us as consumers and it will be all your fault.
—Kenneth Hyche, cullman, AL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I already live in a poorly served area. Our Internet access is controlled by a third rate private phone company that charges a significant amount for a mediocre, unreliable DSL connection. The options for satellite or wireless access are just as unreliable since our terrain is mountainous and tree-covered. The Internet is using public airwaves to conduct business. The Public should be able to have the advantage of speedy, unhindered access to their airwaves/frequencies. The Public should not have to pay a premium price for mediocre service. The Public should not have to pay a premium price to support a monopoly or monopolistic business practices. I am against enabling Verizon & Comcast to make exorbitant profits selling a service which should be in the public domain. I do not want my web experience governed by 2 or 3 corporate entities supporting themselves and their friends. I want an open, uncensored Internet experience that empowers the Public to be informed on all viewpoints, not just those views that can pay huge sums of money to get my traffic. The Internet should encourage fair and equal competition, allowing businesses to succeed on their merits, not their pocketbooks; this is an American principle. Never mind the line about fast & faster - it just boils down to slow & fast. Don't sell out the American Public.
—Karen Carney, Spencertown, NY

The Internet is a way to communicate and gain knowledge and skills. locking it down will only hinder everything it is used for.
—Hunter Thomas Swale, woodend,

The internet is the most commonly used communication device today. It is important to people and corporations to continue to have a level playing field regardless of their wealth.
—Erin Gibbemeyer, Lima, OH

My small business is dependent on Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is essential to the movement to recover our democracy.
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One country indivisible...
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—Jered Cargman, Banning, CA

I’m not sure where to begin on why Net Neutrality is important to all. It seems so painfully obvious that I’m stuck at why I need to explain the need at all. While the internet is not part of Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, it is becoming a necessary tool in meeting the most basic needs for all humanity and soon with undoubtedly be required in this tech-driven world. Not only does the internet entertain and educate (through free and paid sources), but it connects the poorest people to the communities and resources they need to get help; makes distant online families of people who suffer from or know someone who suffers from a mental/physical disorder or affliction; and is the first source we go to when an emergency strikes. It also is where we meet friends and future mates, learn new hobbies and creative pursuits, and become the people we really want to be. While being an open system means that we all can access the good, the bad, and the ugly of humanity, that is KEY. That WE make that decision on an individual basis that is best for our lives, not that of a corporation who can afford to steamroll new ventures or a communications company who punishes those that cannot afford to pay additional fees to share their information with whomever out there might want it. This may mean that many of us have to find systems to prevent our children from coming across unacceptable things, but that is to be expected and I’d rather have the world online be a reflection (on a crazy global scale) of the world we live in. We don’t live in a bubble and never will. How is it even slightly OK for a very small handful to take control over the access of the masses? Even if everything is still accessible (with some at painfully slow speeds), that doesn’t put it all on even footing and let us decide for ourselves what is best for ourselves and our families. And going way back to those poorest or any small non-profit (or business really) scraping by, how will they help those that need help if they cannot afford the fees required? How is it right for an internet service provider to wield this kind of power? I’m still flummoxed how this has gotten so far. All I see is irrational decisions based on dollar signs. Please PLEASE put this to rest and stop questioning Net Neutrality. Defend it. Protect it.
—Ms. Cameron Mace, Portland, OR

Corporate media is controlled by the advertisers, the big income corporations that want to control our thinking and buying processes. If we are to have a democracy at all, the people must have a free and open source of information. The news media no longer serves that role. Walter Cronkite is long gone! We need the internet as the lifeblood that can keep our democracy and great nation alive. They've been going down the tubes for too long in too many ways. Remember the inspiration we felt in history and civics classes about our great nation? Let's keep it that way with basic freedom of expression and access to information.
—Susan Miller, Lake Oswego, OR

Net Neutrality would be a Commerce Killer. Would be a Communication Killer.
—Jody Ripper, Corona Del Mar,, CA

the internet needs to remain even it is the fair and right thing to do. preserve net neutrality so the world is not controlled by a few toll trolls
—Ms. Barbara Stachoviak, Wausau, WI

The internet is probably the last hope of humanity to find equality in the world--for a truly democratic space that excludes no one based on the inability to pay more. The internet needs to be governed as a utility, a common shared space, a public property--we've lost everything else to monied, private interests --please protect the publics access to free-flowing information.
—Linda Lillow, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is not just important to me. It is essential to me. Net neutrality has helped to usher in a brand new era of unparalleled creativity, innovation, progress and prosperity - in entrepreneurship, in the arts, in the professions, in academia, in public affairs, and in endeavors of every type and stripe. Furthermore, Net neutrality has brought with it some of the most profound social and economic changes to occur to the civilized world, arguably since the introduction of the printing press - the vast majority of which is profoundly positive, or could be made to be so, with just a modest, reasonable amount of public oversight and direction. Net neutrality is essential to me, because I believe in all of these things. Passionately. And a huge portion of it could go away, potentially forever, if the crucial principle of Net neutrality is ever "successfully" dealt away to the giant ISPs and telecom corporations who so desperately yearn to own it and control it for themselves - just as giant corporations attempt to do in virtually every other field of endeavor and sector of the economy. And if they succeed (God forbid)? Goodbye creativity. Goodbye innovation. Goodbye level playing field. Hello constriction of content. Hello functional monopoly. Hello windfall profits - at public expense. And hello corporate cultural and economic hegemony - all over again. Are any of those reasons sufficient to persuade you, commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission, that it's finally time to undo the profound damage done by the previous FCC when it classified broadband Internet as an "information service" - thereby preventing itself from being able to regulate the Internet in the public interest? Is it not clear enough to you already that it's time - once and for all - to reclassify broadband Internet as a "telecommunications service", so that the FCC may regulate it just like a common carrier - in the public, NOT corporate, interest?
—Michael V. Kniat, New York, NY

It is imperative that internet users have the freedom to access the content of their choice without either preferential or discriminatory treatment by internet service and/or telecommunications providers. They are the carriers, we are the decision makers. I insist that you enact consumer-friendly Net Neutrality rules.
—Mitch Voehl, Eagan, MN

Net neutrality is the only fair way to run things. Just think how this attempt by the big guys prevents new business start-ups because they new businesses would not have the money and pay to get their product, or service on line. Lloyd Downs
—Lloyd Downs, Magalia, CA

Because if you do this you will be willingly and willfully denying Americans and the world the right to choose their own future - you will be choosing the death of freedom. Shameful. Shame on you for even considering it.
—Pam Raphael, Seattle, WA

A neutral internet is vital to the growth of commerce and the continued existence of the Internet as a vehicle for the promotion of free ideas and democracy world-wide.
—Adrian Tallent, Starr, SC

The United States became the force it is in large part because government and industry understood the value of infrastructure that serves the public good. Interstates, airports, and well-regulated utilities are examples. The internet IS our communications backbone. It's importance goes WAY beyond Verizon's bottom line. If we're forced to live with monopolies like Comcast and Verizon, then the FCC had better enforce neutrality or risk watching the people of other nations kick our collective a** innovating while we sit and try to build mobile apps that can deal with dial-up speeds. Do not make the egregious mistake Verizon is spending millions lobbying you to make.
—Joseph Wiesner, Milwaukee, WI

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=fpbOEoRrHyU learn something from people who appreciated freedom of internet. FIRE Tom Wheeler !!! he can work for comcast as soon as he is fired.
—Nando A., des moines, WA

This is a no-brainer that individual corporations and individuals should not be allowed to control the Internet for their personal benefit. It was started for, and really by, the people, and should be considered a national resource.
—Allen Holloway, Phoenix, AZ

As an MBA and business person I believe Net Neutrality is vital to protecting the Internet from the corrupting influence of the giant media companies. It is important that the spirit and nature of the Internet be maintained to allow America to continue to innovate and create.
—J Alvey, New Brighton, MN

I do not have much in the way of money.Without net neutrality the costs will go up.Some of the sites I go to will not be available in a timely manner.That is Unamerican and a way to stifle information that people will need to make intelligent decisions.I'm sure there are more than a few people high up in telecommunications that would want net neutrality gone so they can have more power.
—Richard Camp, Riverside, CA

We should receive the service that we pay for. The internet should not change for the consumers.
—Monica sanz, LA mesa, CA

Please do not kill net neutrality. The playing field is level, for all Americans to start internet companies, and any other kind of company which does business on the internet, which is about every company. Please do not kill net neutrality.
—John R Sheflin, Fort Collins, CO

A two tiered internet is not Net Neutrality. Keep the Internet open and equal for all users, wire-line and wireless.
—Glenn Schein, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality allows for there to be an even playing field, regardless of how much money you have. If you allow ISPs to charge companies money so that the ISPs won't slow down traffic, you'll be gutting the internet as we know it. Getting rid of Net Neutrality only helps ISPs earn more money, it does not make the internet faster, and it does not give the end consumer any benefit.
—Jon Borgetti, Dyer, IN

cable and phone companies have way too much power. Net neutrality is important for we the people
—Kathleen Nelson, Denver, CO

The internet has become an essential part of modern life akin to telephone companies 50 years ago. ISPs are now common carriers! There is no denying that fact! The FCC should be moving to improve and equalize access to the internet for all, not threatening to give ISPs more power to give more and more unequal service.
—Glenn Smith, Nevada City, CA

Net neutrality is the ONLY thing protecting citizens civil rights on the Internet and it is an atrocity that it is because of monopolies that the peoples rights are being jeopardized! Net neutrality is the ONLY thing that leaves the market fair and "neutral." Do we really want a bunch of business people ruling what "We the People" have access to on the Internet? We don't. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Patriz Rivera, Las Vegas, NV

Only a bought and sold lobbyist for the internet service providers would deny that those companies should be classified as common carriers. If you don't like that insult, give me a pleasant surprise.
—David Grant MD, San Antonio, TX

Access to the Internet should not be dependent on how much money a U.S. citizen has. This Un-Democratic, it is unfair and creates 2nd-class citizenship.
—Robert Edwards, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Utility. Monopoly. Please let the people keep what little power we have.
—Jeremy Dyson, Indianapolis, IN

Dear FCC, I can't believe this is still an issue! Do not mess with net neutrality!
—George Price, Eugene, OR

I want quick access to the information I am interested in, not twisted routes. I am already fed up with the mass of ads and the moment I see that an ad is coming up on facebook or elsewhere, I scroll away as quickly as I can. So please, respect my time and don't twist the routes to information.
—Karoly Nemeth, Darien, IL

You know an idea is just plain bad when both corporations, and the people are against it.
—Joel F Neumier, Virden,

Don't let big corporations set up a monopoly.
—Brian Feeney, Reno, NV

I believe that the Internet ought to treat all information equally and fairly regardless of its source. Let's keep the Internet open and free of informational bias.
—Philip, Herndon, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because of its disruptive nature. I can understand why the telecommunication companies want to make money, but the consequences to American economica development would be hugely detrimental. The new rules are 180 degrees away from what Net Neutrality should be. All data should be treated equally, and without discrimination, or preference to the highest bidder. Please don't turn our country's internet access into a laughingstock.
—Matthew Braun, Champaign, IL

How many cans of worms would you like to eat? How much will you enjoy having the whole populace of America clamoring for your throat? Don't underestimate people power. Our whole economy thrives because of net neutrality. I guess my mother was right - "Greed is at the bottom of it all." What corporations don't seem to understand is that when the people are thriving and happy, so are the corporations.
—Tresham Gregg, Haines, AK

Expecting a former lobbiest to do an honest job as head of the office he formerly lobbied against is pointless. But I still hope that he will do the right thing, after all L.B. Johnson turned on the oil companys that supported him all his political career, & bit them. Do the right thing, not the corporations bid, Wheeler.
—Jerry K F Chilson, Enumclaw, WA

NO.... NO..... NO..... DON'T YOU DARE FCC!!!!!!
—Debra L. Bradshaw, Windsor, VT

Net neutrslity is important because this commidity of a service is the vehicle by new startup businesses can get online and actually compete. These startup businesses can deliver unique services and products that would not otherwise be available. Net neutrality also allows unique political opinions and activist organnizations a chance to reach more people. Right this damn minute Cox Communications is hamstringing the video on this page: "http://act.freepress.net/lett er/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t =2&akid=4797.9487444.PEmSRE". Cox Communications is doing this as I am watching a video about ISP's wanting to charge more or providing less.
—Mark Bales, Norman, OK

As a veteran of 2 wars and a person who has lived outside the United States due to my numerous deployments, it is fare to say that I have seen the quality of internet throughout the world. To allow companies to charge extra for something most people receive standard in third world countries is ludicrous and to allow companies like Comcast to further exploit the American consumer is anti-American. How can President Obama betray us like this and allow this to happen?
—Hans Pinto, PALMETTO BAY, FL

FCC, If anyone on your committee thinks for a second that the American public believes that you have our best interests in mind, has been buried in special interest money for far to long. You know,as well as everyone else does,that none of you will ever reside in the real world again. You are like any other government entity, so corrupted by corporate money that for safety reasons should not be allowed to drive a car or operate heavy machinery much less be writing policy for the citizens of the U.S.
—Jason M Whitaker, Independence, MO

Don't be silly people- you know why this is important. Quit the double talk and doublespeak. Vote against any changes that impair the internet. Period.
—Eric John Fry, Dallas, TX

The FCC proposed internet rules seem totally unfair, and are not in the best interest of the public. It seems like the job of the FCC is to prevent horrible situations that detract from the public good. If you approve this then you are obviously not doing what is best for the public interest.
—Edward Marx, Oxnard, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is not qualified to be making this decision. He should recuse himself on the basis of self interest. Net neutrality is simply that. No fast lanes, no slow lanes, no two tiers of service. No definition of neutrality by the five companies which have already been permitted to form a monopoly. The current plan is not right.
—John M. Gerty Jr., Skokie, IL

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai, and O'Reilly: We write to express our 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 long-standing 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, discrim- ination, 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.
—Tracy Casem, Mountain House, CA

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Equality is what makes America great, in the few places left we have it. Don't take away yet another.
—Winn Wilson, willimantic, CT

I urge you to do everything in your power to safeguard net neutrality to maintain this treasure that puts the brilliant but poor start ups, the non profits and the rest of us on faily equal footing. Please don't allow big corporations to buy their way into preferential treatment on the net. There is a lot at stake here. The free for all that is the net is the greatest creative thought and activity incubator we have every had. Please don't kill it.
—Patricia Smith, Watsonville, CA

I am a activist
—Alice McGough, Mashpee, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because a monopoly, of either physical or mental or spiritual powers is unhealthy and unfair. As the old saying goes, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely."
—Dave Batcheller, Sacramento, CA

We already pay such a high price to have access to the Internet in our home and on our phones, and it would be grossly unfair for the ISP's to be able to slow down the content that we choose to view because the companies that run our favorite sites are not large and rich enough to be able to pay what will most likely be some extreme prices determined by the ISP's. I hear representatives of the ISP's saying they won't slow down the bandwidth speeds, but I don't believe that for one second! Why would the largest Internet providers be pushing so hard to end net neutrality if they didn't have some major benefits to gain (earning more money by slowing down services for those who can't or won't be strong-armed into paying extra). It has gotten to a point where the Internet, which used to be available from many companies, is now only offered by few at ridiculous tiered levels. When will it get to the point where the large phone, Internet, and cable companies (with very little competition) stop being allowed to charge such high amounts for every erroneous charge they can dream up? Isn't it part of the American Dream for everyone to be treated equal and given equal opportunities? What would happen to the small businesses, who are the foundation of our country, who rely on the Internet to sell their products and services if the large companies are able to charge them even more? Hasn't there been enough inflation at this point? When will inflation level off enough to a point where our citizens and small businesses are making enough to pay their bills and enjoy their hard earned money on the same level playing field as the large businesses who are jacking up inflation in the first place? When will it stop? When will our politicians and government agencies take the wants and needs of the American people more seriously than those of the greedy American corporations (who use lobbyists to sway the decisions of the people voted into office by the people and for the people)? If net neutrality ends, I will fear even more for my child's future in our country. There is no affordability any more! My husband and I are very financially responsible with excellent credit ratings, yet we also struggle at times to pay for the luxuries (cable, Internet, phone) that used to be much more affordable. My husband works in IT, and while it could be argued that we could do without some of the luxuries we've chosen, he needs internet and phone services so that he may respond to the needs of the company he works for even when he is at home. My husband hopes to one day have his own small business for IT consulting, which would rely heavily on an Internet presence. How can his start up company possibly survive and thrive when having to pay extra for his online presence? The FCC has a responsibility to protect the interests of the American people in regards to the way communications are handled in our country. In no way, shape or form, would it be responsible to the people of our country to have net neutrality end. The only people it would serve is the large Internet providers, and it would only prove that politicians and agencies can be bought by those with vast amounts of money. Please FCC, I beg you to help us Americans not be taken advantage of any further by the greedy American Internet service providers. There are reasons why the FCC exists, and my belief is that it is exactly for purposes of protecting Americans from the consequences that can arise from communication issues such as the extinction of net neutrality. Thank you for taking the time to read, and hopefully consider, my point of view!
—Lori Woods, Telford, PA

Protect net neutrality! Don't let them monopolize!
—Emily Leith, Denver, CO

There is enough inequality in life. Internet accessibility should not become another divide!
—John Seto, Sacramento, CA

As feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Chairman Wheeler, nothing but a corporate shill, needs to resign yesterday or be fired.
—Robert Beverly, Orange, TX

The net belongs to all of us not the big corporations that want to stick it to us and charge big money to fill their greedy pockets!
—S Smith, Sound Beach, NY

Net neutrality is the last bastion of an open market. Don't destroy the internet by allowing monopolies on faster loading which would thereby prevent the average person access to more choices not being inundated with what large corporations decide my choices shoukd be. They have already done thst as my provider. Don't allow them to decide my internet choices The destruction of net neutrality really would just show that the fcc is more concerned with the interests of corporations over the general population.
—Cristina wood, scottsdale, AZ

Net Neutrality has been a powerful engine fueling economic growth, technology and innovation absent of greedy corporate control. The removal of net neutrality will stifle economic growth, start ups and small businesses. The internet belongs to the people NOT comcast, ATT and Time Warner. Do your job and protect net neutrality you are employed by the citizens of the USA NOT comcast, ATT and Time Warner.
—William Hall, Berkeley, CA

Maintain a level playing field. Allowing the large ISPs to profit at the expense of the small business owner or the common US citizen is wrong. It is wrong!
—Eugene Zenzen, Livonia, MI

Mr. Wheeler, Please, I implore you, keep Net Neutrality in tact. Hear what We the People want, not what the oligopoly phone and cable companies want. Sincerely, Richard Pressman
—Rich Pressman, Gwynn Oak, MD

The internet is a utility and is vital to our countries infrastructure. It should not be sold to the highest bidder!
—Jennifer Gonzalez, Larkspur, CA

Net neutrality is important to me and we the american people. It has already been agreed upon that one business or company should not have a monopoly on the net. Do not let Comcast or Time Warner take control of a whole valuable entitiy that is the internet.
—Jonathan Caycho, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet from home to keep in touch with my family and friends and what's happening around the world. I cannot afford a premium price as I am a low income erner. Please keep the internet available to all on an equal basis.
—Ewen Kloas, Melbourne,

I'm appalled that the FCC is even considering a 2-tiered approach. The one tier has been working -- increasing competition, allowing startups access to markets, creating an even playing field. All the 2-tier does is allow BIG BUSINESSES to charge premiums and thus uneven the playing field and drive out competitors to some other BIG BUSINESSES. Get ex-telecom lobbyist Wheeler out of there and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Michael Gnat, Brooklyn, NY

KEEP IT OPEN AND FAIR! VERY IMPORTANT!
—P M, CHICAGO, IL

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barry Mason, Los Angeles, CA

Comcast and time warner are attempting to corrupt the internet purely for financial gain. Stop them now. Preserve the true essence of net neutrality!
—Brian Sloan, Phoenix, AZ

Seriously? No idea? You need me to comment? I doubt it. You know the difference between right and wrong. No, really, I know you do. Do the right thing. Keep the internet neutral. It's not all about money. Just do what is right. Remember King Arthur? Might for right. Not might is right.
—Wilmalyn Puryear, Timonium, MD

Letting these companies merge creates Big Problem. Please, appeal to the better angels in your nature & don't let this merger take place. Thank you.
—John Travena, Renton, WA

We need real Net Neutrality. The internet is too important to be left in the hands of a few companies. The FCC must classify ISPs as Title 2.
—Darsh R, Jupiter, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it allows individuals to determine the truth for themselves. Everyone interprets information differently and this is a major influence on those making important decisions. Do not take away an important tool that people need in order to stay in touch with the world.
—Martin Baclija, Indio, CA

Dear Chairman Tom Wheeler and other FCC Personnel, It is with great concern that I write regarding the proposed changes in the "Internet Rules." They are very disturbing. I would urge you to consider the needs of all people and not just those who have money and power. The internet, news, TV and Radio should be equally accessible for all people at the same rate of speed. To discriminate in the area of access and speed of access within the internet to benefit a few is in direct opposition to fair trade, fair access and fair communication. Many people conduct work on the internet as well as use it for communication. It is a form of Free Speech and to hinder this freedom in any way is to violate our constitutional rights as Citizens. There are already problems with monopolies in the Telephone services, Electric services and Cable companies. It is absolutely deplorable that it has continues this long without dealing with it. Now you are actually poposing to do the same thing with the internet and it is deplorable. It is a dangerous area you are treading on when proposing these 'new rules' to build a two speed system of access to the internet. I expect you to STOP NOW! Your interference with this area is not needed nor wanted. These proposals are wrong and a form of censorship of free speech for the citizens of the United States. Equal access and free speech are important in a free country. When you have been given such a great position of trust and responsibility in the area of the FCC, it is imparitive that you do not make laws, rules stipulations or any other prejudicial decision that favor any group. Althought the lure of money offered in bribes, special favors, etc. is tempting, you must resist it and do what is right. Sincerely, Katherine Taft RN
—Katherine Taft, Three Rivers, CA

Monopolies are actually corporate communists and the FCC should not allow them to rule the internet. It is just unbelievable that the FCC would even consider fast lanes for those that could afford it and slow lanes for all the rest. There is no competition for internet service. At best only 2 providers exist in some markets. Capitalism requires many providers and if there are not many providers, then the FCC must protect the consumer. The internet is a utility and should be designated as such. Also corporate lackies should not be appointed to government positions in the United States. What have we become?
—Terry Laug, Hermosa Beach, CA

As we all know big corporations always have the $ to stomp out the little guy, so this is the one place where all voices can be heard. Let's keep free speech alive!
—Carole Denola, San Francisco, CA

Allowing ISPs to offer 2 speeds opens the door to "corporate fascism" which will effectively kill the Internet as the masses will be priced out!
—D J Boykin, Bedford, TX

No two-tiered system! The proposed rules completely change the underlying principles of the equality of the internet. These rules would inhibit innovation, reduce competition, and would not benefit consumers. We need more competition for the large internet providers, not less. DO NOT APPROVE THESE NEW RULES!
—Barbara Menne, Tacoma, WA

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. And it's important to my every day communication with those far and near.
—Inga Dahl, LONDON,

Without Net Neutrality, the Internet will cease to be a platform that offers equal access to everyone. The proposal to allow large internet service providers, like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, to erect paid tollways is a step toward limiting the free flow of information across the Web. An open internet is fundamental to the economic, social, and political innovation that we have seen to date. Regulation of the internet as a common carrier will ensure the FCC has sound legal authority to maintain real net neutrality rules.
—Sheryl Wright, Philadelphia, PA

I could not do my job with a out a level playing field on the Internet. My company could never have started in a fast-lane / slow-lane situation, as we would never have been able to pay what the established incumbents could. My wife could not work from home if some classes of traffic were deemed to be More Equal than others by virtue of payments from one corporation to another. Without a Fair and Equal Internet, our lifestyle as an American family would literally be impossible.
—David H. Barr, Claremore, OK

Please do not give more power to large corporations. Uphold net neutrality.
—K Olson, Bodega Bay, CA

A decision like this is best made by more than one easily influenced person. Net neutrality is really now an INalienable RIGHT for everyone. The ISPs are paid very well for their products and services already, which provides communication and sharing between people, period. This is so worldwide a service that they really are now a utility- like telephones became!-and don't need the ability to regulate the speed or access of any person or group- they provide a service and a product NOT their opinions or control of access or allowed to give crappy service/speed to ANY group of people. Let the people share-equally-feely and swiftly! RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers, our children and generations after us will be glad we voted about this with our hearts and our freedom, thank you for making them common carriers.
—Linda Decker, danville, CA

Net Neutrality is important and should remain untouched by giant ISPs because they already sell different tiers of internet speed to consumers. It doesn't make sense to have companies pay more to have their content delivered faster because that contradicts the point of having consumers pay extra to receive data faster.
—Fredson Laguna, Sun City, CA

Please protect net Neutrality. IT WORKS. Please reverse the path you are on. It's obvious to everyone that the rules are being changed only because big money is forcing the issue. Information highways should never be for sale. So just stop it already and do what what the FCC should be doing, protecting communications for all of us. Are you listening to America? Or just Time/Warner and Comcast.
—Celine Pankratius, Sacramento, CA

Don't screw the consumer for profit, please.
—Brian C. Williams, Westland, MI

A two-tiered system of internet access would rqdically change the diversity and freedom for all sorts of viewpoints which have made the interrnet such an effective communication tool. It would concentrate power and access in the hands of a few -- totally the reverse from the level playing field which brought us to the point we've reached. It is a discriminatory barrier to freedom and diversity.
—Julie Spickler, Menlo Park, CA

Protect us from BIG $$$ corporate discrimination!!! The internet is a PUBLIC UTILITY!!! NOT A MONOPOLY!!
—Karen Laakaniemi RNC MSN CNM, Pensacola, FL

Just do the right thing, for Pete's sake. Is it all that difficult to understand the impact of screwing with net neutrality. Really.
—Sharon McGraham, Watsonville, CA

I believe a very strong case can be made for how net neutrality can increase human progress, well-being, and quality of life. Things like negligible senescence (biological immortality) - http://mediabootcamp.org/wp-co ntent/uploads/2013/09/360_cove r_0930.jpg. Instead of being scientific breakthroughs in centuries could come about in perhaps 20 years because of the continued free exchange of information that allows humans to learn from another and find the best solutions the world has to offer as fast a possible. For all our sakes (and perhaps the difference between living forever and not), I sincerely hope the net remains neutral.
—Bradley W English, Irvine, CA

sorry, but i cant even really believe this is an issue. how do we even consider the possibilty to allow the people with the most money to have free reign over what is literally a free and open accsess to all the information in the world? are we gonna have to pay for certain websites like we did with cable? how is that right or fair? especially in a world where the internet is largly depended upon in our daily lives. who has the right to take that away from the people?
—Anthony Molesky, amsterdam, OH

Net Neutrality should absolutely NOT be open for discussion!! PREVENTING CABLE COMPANY F**Kery is imperative!
—Melanie Dupre, Providence, RI

It is the most efficient way, to have Net Neutrality for all
—Marcia Clarke, Bothell, WA

too many citizens use this for it to not be neutral
—D Goldsmith, Portland, OR

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The Internet is like the telephone...we communicate with our loved ones and we conduct the business of daily life...it's a necessity...and it should be left alone. Protect our right to freedom of equal access!
—Janet Ostrowski, Waukegan, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me. Please THROW OUT the proposed rules of the two tiered internet with fast and slow applications and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for listening, Joanie Murphy
—Joanie Murphy, San Jose, CA

How are these not common carriers? Please protect consumers against the protection racket shakedowns allowed in the proposed two-tier service class nonsense.
—Gary Leisky, Redmond, WA

Net Neutrality is important solely because there are not enough providers of Internet to effectively compete. It's a monopoly. We need regulation.
—Bradley Ray Crain, fairifield, OH

I didn't fight in 2 wars to see my freedoms be eliminated--and that includes a neutral, single speed Internet! Please re-classify AT&T, TWC, and Comcast as UTILITIES.
—R T Boykin Jr, Bedford, TX

Stand with us for equality on the Internet, reclassify ISPs as common carriers as what they are.
—Natalie Borovikoff, Indianapolis, IN

Stop trying to help cable monopolies ruin the Internet.
—J Duncan, San Francisco, CA

We already have one of the most expensive and slowest internet services in the world due to lack of competition and government oversight. These companies are pocketing huge profits while doing nothing about improving service. Now they intend to further damage us by setting up a two-tier system with most of us relegated to the slow lane. Why president Obama assigned a lobbyist for those industries to head the FCC is evidence of corruption that runs rampant in our government. We demand a single tiered system, lower cost and a speed more in line with the rest of the developed world. Anything else would be a travesty.
—Amelia Caruso, Dundee, OR

No freedom 'till we're equal - damn right i support it.
—Rosy Satanek, Melbourne,

I don't want my ISP filtering or slowing my political content -- and neither should you.
—Laura Baugh, Indianapolis, IN

In our technological age, the internet is a service as vital as the telephone. Using it is a integral part of everyday life for families, students, small businesses, the self-employed - who all rely on the immediate and ready access it provides, without restrictions. It's time it was regulated as a utility, like the telephone.
—Michelle Benes, Sylmar, CA

The end of net neutrality truly embodies what is wrong with our society. It is your responsibility to protect people's rights above corporate dollars. Please do the right thing.
—Megan Sadd, Los Angeles, CA

I just plain hate all discrimination, especially against the most vulnerable. This is obviously yet another attempt to take even more freedom of speech away from the 99%. We are so on to you, you craven sociopathic Neanderthals.
—Guy H Swansbro, Madison, WI

The US is already far behind most of the world in the speed and cost of our internet service, mostly due to competition or government management in other countries. Comcast and Time Warner have publicly announced that they do not compete with each other and should be prosecuted not rewarded with a method of price gouging their customers. Protect Net Neutrality and make the internet a public utility.
—Susan L Pelakh, Cocoa Beach, FL

I would like to say defend net neutrality the internet is such an amazing human accomplishment. Please please please! Don't let the communication monopolies ruin it.
—Kauy, St Michaels, AZ

Net neutrality is fundamental is in progressing infrastructure, development and abolishing poverty in Third World countries. Adding a price tag to the internet will absolutely stifle any chance South Africa has at moving forward through the power of the internet.
—Rudi Venter, Bloemfontein,

Democracy requires the UNPOPULAR websites.
—Carter Andrew McLaughlin, los gatos, CA

The internet is an infinite source of education, information and entertainment. It enables people to take classes, thus enabling them to educate themselves without leaving their homes and families. Folks in rural areas can handle their banking, government, and voting online. People can keep in touch with relatives, friends and meet new people. For all of these reasons and many many more, net neutrality is vitally important to the world.
—J A Bowman, South Beach, OR

Please do not allow big companies to get special prices and make decisions about content. Maintain net nuetrality. Thank you.
—Sheila O'Keefe, Honolulu, HI

The internet is where I can communicate for free. If it becomes necessary to pay not just for acces but per content in order to reach out to regular users, I'll be voiceless again like I am on the radio and television, like all the other nonwealthy people. No more community, no more coalition, no more organizing for those of us who aren't privileged to have tons of money.
—Michele Buzbee, Baltimore, MD

The U.S. needs net neutrality to remain a 1st world nation and maintain its status as an innovator among nations. Please do not injure the many for the benefits of a few. Throw out the new FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks.
—Ildiko Fekete, Los Angeles, CA

Because big telecom companies shouldn't own my Internet usage. Fuck 'em. KEEP THE INTERNET FAIR AND NEUTRAL!
—Marya Afzal, Ithaca, NY

I am sure you know the reasons why already buy to reiterate , life is fairer if played on a level pitch.
—Pete Whimster, Aberdeen,

Please protect internet neutrality
—Trevor Thompson, Scottsdale, AZ

I'm grateful for the Internet the way it is. I really appreciate the opportunity and ability to access information in an open and free manner. I believe in a truly free and open market.The end of net neutrality would be a disaster for the sharing of news, ideas, inspirations, so many things which assist or enhance our freedom and growth as people. I'm asking you to really think this over and to open your heart to allow yourself to fully feel what the right action is. Thank you.. .. ..
—Paul Kelly, Hoogeveen,

We have more than enough pay to play. As it is the internet for people like me is extremely slow and this ruling will only make it worse. We know it and you know it please stop this corruption!
—Susan Boyce, Myrtle Creek, OR

Access to the internet cannot be controlled by financial interests. It is the greatest technological and cultural achievement, and defining structure of this, the Information Age. Equal access is the right of all people.
—Michael MacLafferty, Oakland, CA

The Constitution is the Supreme Law of the land. Freedom of press, association, speech....
—William Sawyer, Framingham, MA

Net neutrality is like free speech. Advertising came into being, and advertising is a way to reach people. Speaking your feelings and your needs is another way to get noticed. Both of these elements are part of new neutrality. Whether you are speaking in a blog, or showing your artwork on a website, you are participating in net neutrality If you are selling a car, or socks and mittens, you are benefitting from net neutrality. I am reaching across the continent to friends and family, and we are discussing health, well being, child raising, and climate, this is net neutrality.
—Suzanne Cerny`, El Cerrito, CA

It is not in the public interest to undermine net neutrality by establishing a two tier system on the Internet.
—Ray Waters, Hermosa Beach, CA

Keep the internet EQUAL and OPEN for EVERYONE!!! Do NOT let BIG corporations dictate who gets faster speed and who gets on. Make the internet a utility.
—Juan E Gallegos, Las Vegas, NV

I like being able to communicate with people I've never met in an open, unbiased and uncensored forum that isn't bogged down by not being a participant in some underhanded scheme to force unnecessary fees and subscriptions. I don't like having to swim through tons of ads as is; I definitely don't want even more. I love having information at my fingertips. It's my right to have access to it. I shouldn't get locked out of it for not being subscribed to a package. The current prices for cable vs. the quality of service is absolutely disgusting. People are still using DSL and Dial-Up at ridiculous prices. This is a crime. Jacking up the prices and adding extra fees is a horrible idea. I don't care if it only "might" happen or "it's not guaranteed to". If the floor is open to this kind of shit; then it's definitely gonna happen at some point. I know your type.
—Kawika Rossiter, Grand Rapids, MI

Net Neutrality boil down to the antithesis of III: that's the 3 I's for short ....internet income inequality. If you got the dough, then no need to go slow!!! That's it in a nutshell.
—Al B Chazin, kew gardens hills, NY

There is already enough discrimination in the world, we do not want this kind added to the list.
—Stephanie Brachmann, Portland, OR

get rid of Wheeler and change the status of cable providers to common carriers.
—Peter D. McLoughlin, Stratford, CT

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan that would allow a two-tiered internet should be banned. The plan would allow ISPs to implement pay for performance from websites. This is contrary to an open internet, something that has been part of it's design from inception. In fact Tom Wheeler should never have become Chairman of the FCC. He was a top lobbyist from the cable industry and does NOT represent the interests of the people of the United States.
—Mr. Klarence OuYang, San Jose, CA

it.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Kast, Panorama City, CA

Currently, Netflix has a lot of Internet traffic but they solved the problem by co-locating their servers at Comcast. Problem solved. The difficulty with the net neutrality debate is that there are powerful interests that can fund full-time lobbyists and make political donations where sole proprietors and other ambitious folks need a level playing field. Much of modern life lately shows evidence of merging and monopoly. We need opportunity. Net neutrality provides that. Here is hoping your better angels are advising you. All the best in your efforts to provide that opportunity for those with an idea rather than massive cash reserves.
—Paul Corr, Denistone,

Equal rights for all !
—Dany Lindenbacher, Ridgefield, CT

Stop messing with the net for your seflish profit and control . The Internet is NOT yours to mess with. You do not own it. You are supposed to be PROTECTING it and leaving it a free open system, fully and equally accessible to all.
—Eric Wallen, forestvillle, CA

Don't AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and the rest of them already make enough money? When does the consumer get a vote?
—Mr David Sherman, Santa Rosa, CA

The internet was invented—by Americans— to be a free and open digital environment. As such, because of the steady growth of internet use in all sectors of human communicative interaction, it has exceeded the dreams of many of its creators. It did so because of Net Neutrality, that is to say, because everyone had equal and open access to everyone and everything in the digital realm. Fourteen other first world countries have recognized this and taken firm and purposeful steps to make the internet a part of the commons, as it should be. Its importance is recognized to be universal throughout the culture, for both personal and business use, and thus mandated to be available to all (that is, rich and poor alike) at high quality, high speed, and reasonable cost. Mr. Wheeler, you represent all of the American people now. It’s your job to make it so here, for all of us. Thank you.
—Simon McCain, Nashville, TN

Net neutrality is what has made the internet so revolutionary. Low entry barriers are the key to success.
—Martin Esser, East Brunswick, NJ

I don't use the internet solely for the commercial gain of others. I use the internet to serve my needs. I pay to be connected. And I expect to move freely. Allowing telcos to govern the speed gives them the control to direct traffic to sites that profit them and away from others that don't pay the toll. DOES IT ACTUALLY HAVE TO BE SAID. THE FCC HAS THE MANDATE TO PROTECT THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. CLEARLY THE FCC IS LOSING SIGHT OF IT'S DUTY TO THE CITIZENS OF THE USA!
—Brian Weltman, Pasadena, CA

I'm a college teacher and I use variety to different media to teach--books, PDFs of articles I've posted on the class website, links to articles online, YouTube videos etc.--and it is vital for my job that both I and my students--many of whom are quite poor--not be given the additional burden that the death of net neutrality could cause. The ending of net neutrality could easily make many of the resources I use both in class and place online for my students practically inaccessible unless I or my students paid for a so-called fast lane and this could be a real problem for many of my students. For my students' education net neutrality must be preserved. In fact for my students' future in general net neutrality must be preserved. I want my students to have the same opportunity to innovate and start new companies that my generation has had. Without net neutrality, creativity WILL be crushed by corporations and greatly impede young American's entreneurial spirits.
—John Conrad Robinson, Columbus, OH

We can't move in the direction of monopolies of media... and that's what your action is doing...
—Laurence Dworet, Santa Barbara, CA

Ideas and information are part of the commons, our means of communicating with each other and accessing information via media is protected by the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 19. "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." In the US, we have the First Amendment which the courts have ruled gives us not only the right to free speech, but the right to be heard, and our founders like Ben Franklin started the first lending library and others placed the US Post into the Constitution to safeguard the ability of the citizenry to be informed. The Internet of today is the Pony Express and Library of yesteryear. Respect our rights, repeat the commons. Keep the Net Neutral, fast, and free.
—Mickey Huff, Petaluma, CA

One internet for ALL !!!!!!!!!! FCC protect Net Neutrality !!
—Linda Stein, Oakland, CA

A biased internet will be one of the major factors contributing to a major collapse, first in the stock market and then across the entire economy. When certain parties can submit orders to the stock market faster than the citizenry at large, the resulting market manipulation will have a devastating effect on investor confidence. Pl;ease do not wreck our markets and our economy by backing a tiered internet.
—Patrick Sennello, Zephyr Cove, NV

Net neutrality makes possible the paradigm shift in entrepreneurial ventures that have been the saving grace of the American economy for the past two and a half decades.
—Mitch Shenassa, Longmont, CO

Selling access to content makes for a very unlevel playing field.
—Ron Goldman, Los Altos, CA

We're sick and tired of the Same Damn Dream™!
—Mark Alexander, Fayetteville, AR

Unrestricted access to the internet is critical to my professional life. I am a professor and have colleagues all over the world. The ability to see and talk with my colleagues in realtime, as well as share documents interactively is a very significant improvement in my ability to do science. No company should be able to play the role of gate keeper for our communications.
—Len Hearne, Columbia, MO

The monopolies held by the cable companies must STOP. They should not be given precedence over the rest of us who use the internet.
—HM Sustaita, Eugene, OR

Creating a fast lane online for big corporations will result inflation and the destruction of small competing business leading to a select few online moguls controlling their entire platform of business. ISP's need to reclassified as common carriers so that this can't ever happen.
—Logan Pay, Ellicott City, MD

Open communication is a human right. Don't lightly tamper with a freedom.
—Phil Johns, Plymouth,

Net neutrality is important to me.... ....because the Internet was not created to serve the interests of so called "Corporate persons". It was created for real persons, all over the world, to express themselves and to acquire the information they need in order to be informed citizens. If net neutrality gets done away with, these things will no longer be possible.
—Randall G., Berkeley, CA

End the monopoly.
—Tatiana Rodriguez, Jackson, WY

I want to be able to afford the best high speed internet as an individual and my husband depends on the high speed internet for his job because he does telecommute with his bosses. Having 2 tier internet access will make the high speed internet unaffordable for my husband to continue his job. If you pass the new changes that means you are only interested in repaying your old boss, Comcast corp. This new changes will destroy many people's jobs and small businesses. Which is sad because America was built on small businesses and independent self-employed.
—Trish McKenzie, oceanside, CA

Net neutrality is crucial for democracy. Please don't let the broadband monopolies extort every website owner in the world. They're already screwing over their customers with their exorbitant prices and unreliably service *cough*monopoly*cough*. We use the internet to communicate. We need the internet to communicate it large groups. Comcast and friends are common carriers. This is really important.
—Jason Woofenden, Northampton, MA

I'm a single-mother with a home-based business. Net Neutrality is important to my ability to earn money for my family, to access a wide range of information and viewpoints, and to continue on the path as a lifelong learner.
—Rachel Cullar, Oakley, CA

I am sick and tired off the greed off the cable companies and the whores in Washington, DC they will get on thier knees for any reason as long as they get the money. Wheeler is just the latest. The United States would be well served turning Washington, DC back into a swamp. Please include all of the politicians and lobby folks. Thanks
—Edward Tharp, Capistrano Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a free and equal system. It is also a system that is not broken, nor in need of an overhaul or major changes. As a taxpayer, citizen and voter, I want the groups that represent me (FCC, Congress, etc) to hear my voice because our government exists not only to govern but to hear the voice of the common man.
—Eric Petersen, Millville, CA

Simply put, there is no reason to end Net Neutrality. Right now, the internet works exactly the way it should, open and freely for everybody, bringing opportunity to the world. To end Net Neutrality would be to usurp the very reason the internet was created. The only basis for ending Net Neutrality is greed, corruption, monopolies, and killing open markets by bully corporations; which stifles opportunity and kills economic growth & prosperity. Ending Net Neutrality could damage our future by eliminating new technologies and innovation that may never make to it market. The very companies that propose ending Net Neutrality, would have opposed it in their growth years, had it been presented by larger competitors. That makes the entire proposal misguided, hypocritical, and self serving, for those that stand to benefit from ending it. More than anything, ending Net Neutrality isn't how the internet is designed. The internet was designed as a wonderful tool to serve the world equally. It leveled the playing field. More wealth and success has come from Net Neutrality than anything in the last 20 years. Now big corporations want to kill that too. It's a scenario that is getting tiresome. Ending Net Neutrality only serves the bank accounts that will benefit from it. That's not what the internet designed for. If you need a more simple way of putting it...if it's not broke, don't fix it. If you need a more litigious way to putting it...this is grounds for antitrust law, which I will be filing if Net Neutrality is ended. Leave Net Neutrality intact, and tell the greedy companies who are trying to control it, NO! Please 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.
—Jeff Williams, San Marcos, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality! Keep the playing field level and do not create a two-tiered system with speed going to the highest bidder.
—Marty Cutler, Closter, NJ

I want the net to remain Neutral
—Michael, Tornto,

Two-tiered system where companies that are able to pay for faster service will inhibit innovation and growth of new businesses, business models and new inventions. I'm against a two-tiered system. Leave the internet the way it is.
—neil M shargel, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important because it will keep the Internet as a place where ideas can be exchanged in a fair and open manner. If we allow Net Neutrality to be repealed, the Internet will be a place where only big companies would own the monopoly on what we see and hear about. This would abolish the first amendment of the constitution as well as allowing the world to grow and move more into the future that we envisioned in sci-fi movies. Please don't remove Net Neutrality.
—Merlin Hold, Bozeman, MT

I have autism, and I mainly use the internet as a way to connect with people that I would otherwise have trouble connecting with on a personal level, including writers and artists. Many of us are students in either high school or college, or are starving artists, and these new rules would mean we'd have to either cut down our internet use or just live with the fact that our instant messages would take an hour or so for the other person to receive. I can't live like that. I may not be a social butterfly, but I can't be a hermit crab either. That's why Net Neutrality is so important to me, and many others like me.
—Shannon Rooney, Tyler, TX

Keep the Net Neutral. It's critical to keep it in the hands of the people, and not corporate and monied interests.
—Katherine Cleland, Seattle, WA

Establishing varying speeds on the internet will contribute to further economic and intellectual inequality. This should not happen.
—Linda Quinet, Windham Center, CT

Because I'd rather not be subject to the thuggery of Big Telecomm.
—Benjamin Warfield, League City, TX

I own an internet marketing agency. We have clients of all sizes from small single owner businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Regardless of the size of the client, without a level playing field, only the big corporations will be able to afford the "fast lane", leaving the businesses that drive the economy at a loss. What the cable companies are doing is evil, and will likely never be undone. THIS CANNOT HAPPEN.
—Kelcey Parker, los angeles, CA

WE the people need to keep Net Neutrality. We need some form of a level playing field where people can share information and also compete without having being relegated to a slow lane because we don't have the big bucks of a big corporation.
—Sheila A Burns, Santa Fe, NM

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would allow rampant discrimination online. It would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ellen Wasfi, Dover, DE

You are either selling out ongoing unfettered access to all of the internet by all on behalf of corporate greed or standing up for Main Street America. I am worried sick that you have already sold out to corporate profiteering...
—Michael Michael Montgomery, Santa Rosa, CA

Do not allow Net Neutrality. It smacks of a monopoly headed for corruption, if it's not already steeped in corruption. It counters the American capitalistic momentum of healthy competition. NO Net Neutrality!
—Ann Maire Drabbin, Fremont, CA

Net Neutrality is important - the online content should be equally available, no matter who serves it. Please reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Mikalai Panasiuk, Bellevue, WA

Two tiers is undemocratic and unfair. Also un-American and discriminatory. What will be taken from us next?
—Gladys Carbo Flower, WEEHAWKEN, NJ

You need to throw out the rules, especially what is being proposed, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone must have equal access at equal speeds to the Internet, which technically we contributed to the development of. We are all shareholders here, not just a few cable providers and those who would seek unfair advantage. We may be all thinking about bad cable service getting worse, but let's think about what a fractional speed increase can mean in terms of manipulating the economy. These proposed rules are dangerous on so many levels, not the least of which is that the FCC quite clearly, in even proposing these rules, does not represent the citizenry of this country, but instead is choosing instead to propose giving away the primary means of information delivery (our free speech) to a few monopolizing multi-national corporations whose interests do not parallel the rest of us. Respectfully, reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is and must continue to be part of the commons.
—Kj King, Albuqueruqe, NM

No do any corporation from taking the open and free internet away from people. I will not be ripped off by these companies. I will not pay more for my internet so you better off letting it the way it is or you're going to have one hell of a fight on your hands, we the people will not give up are open and free internet.
—Molly Noone, Chandler, AZ

I cannot understand why we need to explain this to you. You know it is a very bad idea to end Net Neutrality. Do the right thing.
—Charlie K, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, We have a saying here in America: "If it ain't broken, don't fix it!" Do not touch our internet. It is perfect just the way it is. And do not think that we Americans are so clueless that we don't that your chairman, an ex-telecommunications lobbyist is not already in the pockets of Time Warner and Comcast! We all know that they own him. This is dirty corporate politics at it's best! Be warned: if this goes through, you will have a full fledged country wide revolution on your hands and I will be right there marching on to the White House to make sure that you dirty sons a bitches are stopped dead right in those dirty shoes you walk your crooked line in! Warmest regards, Susan Lloyd-Piralli
—Susan Lloyd-Piralli, Oxford, ME

Protecting Net Neutrality is another form of protecting free speech. It also protects everyone that is not willing and-or able to pay the providers additional money to stay out of the "slow lane." Seriously, the Supreme Court calls political donations free speech and does not even see Net Neutrality as free speech. If Net Neutrality is not protected, what is to stop those service providers from using mob-shakedown tactics from giving unfair advantages to companies and politicians that they support? There are a lot of really cruddy things that service providers can do by abusing a two-tier system... and corporations always abuse power. It's enough that we endure the mind control of censorship... anti-free speech on that issue but I digress. Let's draw the line at killing Net Neutrality.
—William Harold Hinkson II, Youngstown, OH

How can anyone not see that the internet is a public utility? We all need equal access at the same speeds.... I am on a limited pension (and lucky to have that) and even the price I pay now is a hardship, with somewhat irregular speeds. It's a sad fact that in this area we are behind a lot of the rest of the world.
—Carolyn Broadwell, Napa, CA

We have heard enough of the voices that could afford a "fast lane" on the internet. The greatness of the internet and our country is based on the founding principle that "All men are created equal". That means regardless of their wealth. These are the principles of not only a just society but also that is what creates a productive and innovative society. These proposals do nothing to benefit our society instead they do much to harm it. Do not approve the proposed internet "fast lane". Instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve net neutrality.
—David Wheeler, San Jose, NM

NetNet Neutrality is vitally important for ensuring everyone has equal access to websites, streaming services, and other miscellaneous uses. Without net neutrality, small businesses and startups will not be able to attract customers, ensuring the death of the next youtube, snapchat, or any other new website/app. Without net neutrality, schools may not be able to use the internet as resource and teaching tool.
—Kenneth Suckstorff, Vancouver, WA

Blatant DISCRIMINATION! It is the 'haves' and the 'have nots' all over again.
—Paul Niekerk, Johannesburg,

America used to be a society that worked for the people, not the "profit margin". This is just another example of our rapidly increasing decline.
—R Peterson, Floral City, FL

1st ammendment
—Pamela palencia, kihei, HI

What ever happened to serving the people? American government agencies have seem to have forgotten their purpose and now serve the special interests of corporations instead.
—Jessica Griffing, Land O Lakes, FL

As an independent therapist and business woman, I must compete daily on an uneven playing field where large groups have an unfair advantage merely because of their size, which is not synonymous with quality of service----- such is the exact case here. PROTECT NET NEUTALITY.
—Rosemary Deborah Caolo, Scranton, PA

please be sensible and listen to the voices of the ultimate users - consumers. we deserve this
—Dick Stokes, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is very important to maintain one person one vote ratio, and not one dolor one vote situation.
—Ted Lada:, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is functionally a public utility, and it must be strictly governed by the principle of net neutrality. No access-provider company has the right to enclose portions of the internet, and give preferential treatment based either on willingness to pay or ideological alignment with the access provider. This principle is far too important to be subject to negotiated agreements by Verizon, Google, or anyone else. The internet is a public commons, and cannot be carved up into fiefdoms governed by access provides for their own financial or ideological goals. FCC must use its full statutory authority, including the accurate reclassification of internet service providers as telecommunications providers, to ensure that net neutrality is enshrined formally in law. The existence of net neutrality in practice is already beginning to erode under the commercial machinations of ISP's, and will collapse entirely soon without FCC action.
—Jim Steitz, Gatlinburg, TN

For the love of God, PLEASE stop the insanity! Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon are nothing but colossal bullies squeezing the Internet dry until it's dead! Please Reclassify Broadband as the telecommunications service that it 'ACTUALLY IS' and keep it safe from them! Also, Tom Wheeler is the wrong man for the job of FCC Chairman. Get him out of there!
—Ethan Fick, Centralia, WA

There have always been people like you who have tried to steal away the freedom of others. Luckily there will always be people like us to stand against you.
—Kaspar Nybo Andersen, Struer,

Net Neutrality is important for America's creativity, communications, and future of democracy. FCC do your job protecting the American people and protect net neutrality. NO TWO-TIERED INTERNET - RECLASSIFY ISP's AS COMMON CARRIERS,
—Celine McKeon, Lufkin, TX

I want to do whatever I want on the internet without anyone changing the way it is now.
—Phil Hainsworth, Woonona,

Net Neutrality is vitally important for the free flow of information. But almost as important is curbing the power of the cable companies in any way it can be done!
—P Horter, Portland, OR

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shivashankar Othy, Irvine, CA

Net neutrality is important cause it allow the freedom of speech for individual intent users tha could be censored or discriminated against by the big corp catters.Pleas reinforce net neutrality.When nobody own the internet and big business can put it's self on the net if it wants to ,but a small business would have equal chance too,Under business control internet both alleged liberal speech ,as well as conservative speech would be censored.It would give some republicans that power to censors the demos and it would also give power to the demo to censors the re pubs,There be practically no free speech on the internet ,By not voting for prop populace net ,you will be inducing voter apathy .this will give republicans more power ,they will be able to out law p.c.s bad destroy social security
—Michael McGee, Montgomery, AL

You fucking shitheads. All of you at Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and the FCC which is in your pockets. What you're doing right now--this isn't freedom, it's not even like a mob shakedown--it's more like a gangrape. That's what you are. All of you. Take a good look at yourselves, you dickheads because you've taken freedom and fucked it up the ass. Don't you see you are destroying everything that makes the Internet great? Everything that an entire generation takes for granted. You are destroying the Internet and you are destroying this country--I bet your damned proud of yourselves. How do you sleep at night, you fuckwads? Hey, don't you see that everyone hates you? You're pissing everyone off and you know that's never a good idea even if you do hold all the money. Just ask the French. "Les aristocrats à la lanterne!" Once people wake up to what you've done, and they will, there will be a reckoning. There is only so much shit the American people will take. The FCC MUST throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dee, Albany, OR

The Internet is ours. We cannot allow corporations to steal it from us and least of all for profit. Let corporations create their own system, they are welcome to do it as long as it does not interfere we our system.
—Graciela Huth, LOS ANGELES, CA

The Open Internet is the best thing this nation has going for it, especially in a time of economic recession. Please don't screw this up!
—Paul Layton, Los Angeles, CA

Internet is a utility. Classify broadband and ISPs as a utility. Now. Please. Thank you!
—Molly Noland, Penrose, CO

Perhaps you should try thinking about other people before money, or how much you can make. Everyone loves the internet, and so most people (even those who can't pay for a lot of things) make an effort to have it in their homes. It's becoming more and more a necessity to everyday living and the higher the price goes up and the harder you make it for people to get it the more it looks like a little word called extortion. My internet connection is crappy enough most of the time with how much I have to pay. Companies should not be having any hand in government. The internet needs to be free from any of this tiered bull-pies. It's a system that would be abused like crazy and you know it.
—Celia Cleaveland, Sevierville, TN

More than ever I feel like saying this: "Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it." –Mark Twain Please don't let Mr Twain be right, for once!
—Frank Fusaro, Somerville, MA

I am sick and tired of being sold out for more money.Every thing with the govt sucks and this is another attempt at getting that last little bit of money out of us.I supprt net neutrality because i want to live like a free man.Sell out and lets start this country over.We are almost there now so just push it a hair more.Do the right thing.Keep your soul.
—Bruce Digre, Belen, NM

Net neutrality for Internet service is imperative because access to this service has obviously evolved into the status of a public utility. Regulating is the FCC's job, but favoring corporate greed over the public good is not a option for the FCC. The FCC exists at the behest and expense of the citizens and taxpayers of the US. You are there to protect the interests of ordinary people. Please do your job.
—Annie McCombs, Kalamazoo, MI

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and avoid passing laws that would allow companies like Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and slow connection speeds for the average consumer. This not only compromises Net Neutrality, but puts the United States further behind other nations where access to fast Internet speeds is accessible and affordable for everyone.
—Chanda Farley, Canton, NC

Once the corporations have the control over speeds of service, they will also slow or remove sites that do not serve their corporate interests (political and socially progressive sites).
—Lauren Rivka Goldman, San Francisco, CA

WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT IS TOLD BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT MONEY IS SPEECH, CORPORATIONS ARE PEOPLE AND WE DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT WEAPONS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY CHALLENGED. NOW WE ARE BEING ASKED TO COMENT ON WHY CORPORATIONS SHOULD HAVE FASTER SPEEDS TO SEND US THINGS WE DO NOT WANT IN THE FIRST PLACE, LIKE ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER SPAM MESSAGES. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, I WAS TOLD THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THAT EVERY CITIZEN IS INTITLED TO THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RE-DEFINED AND MONEY CAN SPEAK. WE THE PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER. WE DESERVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THE INTERNET THAT OUR TAX DOLLARS PAID FOR INITIALLY FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. I SAY, NO SUPER SPEED FOR CORPORATIONS, AND SLOWER SPEED INTERNET FOR HUMAN BEINGS. HUMAN BEINGS ARE NOT SECOND CLASS TO CORPORATIONS!!!
—Robert Parker Stellato, REDWOOD CITY, CA

Stop trying to fix what isn't broken. Creating laws that blatantly threaten the open Internet and by extension, those that use it, is disgusting.
—Alexander McElroy, Exeter, NH

As an independent developer and entrepreneur, the death of Net Neutrality would be the death of my software company, and many more like it. With the ISPs already enjoying a virtual monopoly, there is less than no reason to give them more money and power. Don't sound the death knell of the Internet!
—Gage Hutchins, Bethlehem, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Meranda Hutchins, Cresson, TX

Internet is boon of this era. An open source of communication and information and precisely knowledge via awareness, just as sun, air and water. if we tend to divide ourselves with instant gains (greed), we would surely lose our relativity with our structure i.e, society and as species. its time that we evolve ourselves and wake up from this sedation called exploitation.
—Sandeep, Kolar,

It aid already very difficult for small start up businesses to become successful. The absence of net neutrality will seal the fate of millions. We (humanity) need to live in a world of possibility. Please ensure that the most important tool of our time is equally accessible to all.
—Kathleen Collins, Ashland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to keep to prevent the Monopoly -already in place of the cable Companies like Comcast- to take advantage of it costumers. I already pay for internet 20mb/s and only get 2.00-3.00 (with Comcast), pay for Netflix, Amazon Prime and other services. Why should I pay more?! To satisfied some bureaucrat, rich, want it all.
—Christina Fontanillas, Sandy, UT

It matters because free speech and democracy matter.
—Ruth Perry, Cambridge, MA

Do not allow the internet to become like the current state of this country -- grossly unequal, with opportunity only for those who can buy it. Keep the internet free and open!
—Jeff Klotz, Houston, TX

I don't want to pay higher prices to access certain sites that internet companies have chosen.
—Carol J Lapetino, Downers Grove, IL

The ideal of internet is the free and unrestricted dissemination of information. It is an indispensable tool for inspiration and innovation, something that has helped to guide and shape my research in cancer therapy. It also allows me to experience the world from different perspectives, yielding a wider perception of reality and everything around me, instead of being another human being told to follow something.
—Thomas Hopkins, Ann Arbor, MI

I do not support "fast lanes" on the net. This will create an uneven field for smaller content providers.
—James Bochenek, Delmar, NY

We need to keep the internet neutral. The internet is incredible because it allows everyone a voice. It allows for information and all knowledge to be easily exchanged. There is already so little competition that our anti-monopoly laws are an absolute joke. We already have to deal with these companies trying to screw us over, and allowing this to pass is an absolute disgrace and would give them power, authority, and money that they do not deserve to have.
—Karen M Madura, Santa Cruz, CA

Having net neutrality is important to many users of the internet and to denigrate users of this important medium by wilfully denying full and speedy access to information and important issues that are not readily available on main stream media outlets. It is becoming so evident what is taking place here (control) of information and limited access to free information.
—Ian speed, Wirral,

living below poverty line, i am very active with my community,both local and international. access to my studies is also a critical element of my internet experience.
—Lynn Gallagher, santa cruz, CA

The internet should be equal to all like electicity and gas. Same rates and equal.
—Genevieve dibartolo, brentwood, CA

The freedom of the internet is so important. For big corporations to run it will create situations of censorship, discrimination of online content that is deemed acceptable by the corporations, and a two tiered internet. It's time to stop supporting what corporations want and listen to WE the PEOPLE.
—Judy Dragon, Santa Rosa, CA

Don't let "The Big Providers" line their pockets milking who gets access to what for an extra fee. They already have such a monopoly that even thought I have 2 cable companies in my city of Trenton,N.J. I can not chose between one or the other to get a better price. I mean,literally,that my neighbors across the street have one company and we another,just because of a different zip code. Now that's a monopoly! And nothing is been done about it? And you people want to make it worst now? Really? KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!
—Jose A. Arce, Hamilton, NJ

I am already paying top dollar to even connect to the Internet, which is my lifeline to the rest of the world since I'm disabled and on a fixed income. Without true Net Neutrality I will be even more at the mercy of my ISP. And let's just say they have already proved they place profit above people.
—Chris Peck, Long Beach, NY

It is hard to believe that Tom Wheeler is still pushing his extremely unpopular plan to give a resource, the entire Internet, which the FCC was charged to hold in trust, for We, the people, is still bald faced going through with this blatantly Fascist plan. FASCISM!!!! Bunch of blatant FASCISTS! Shameless!!! Shameless and Criminal! These folks need to be thrown into jail! Then shot for treason!
—Bill Dugan, Salem, OR

The internet is too important to sell to the highest bidder. The FCC needs to "man up" and represent the people, the real tax paying citizens and not the few corporate telecoms so they can make even more money. Perhaps if there were more real players in the telecommunications business in the USA, they would be truly competing with one another to offer better service and upgrade their infrastructure rather than scheming as to how they are going to squeeze even more money out of the public. I find it disgusting that a government agency would even consider such a blatant sell out of the consumer and the ideals of freedom and equality for all which our country allegedly stands for. Its no wonder people are fed up and cynical with our "Pay to Play" government when government agencies just act as lackeys and shills for huge monopolistic corporations. What the FCC really nneds to do is get rid of the proposed new rules that will destroy the internet as we know it and reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers and maybe set some minimum standards. The internet is too important to sell off to the highest bidder.
—Jeffrey Shulak, Huntington Woods, MI

I am a software engineer from Silicon valley, and so much of my livelihood depends on an open internet that provides a level playing field. Our nation's economy and competitive advantage depends on safeguarding the principals of net neutrality, and forcing cable companies to compete on innovation, not established monopolies.
—Rahul Agarwal, San Francisco, CA

Mr Wheeler you are pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. Get real please. Surprise us all by realizing what you are planning to do to us. Step away from corporate monopoly and help create a world that works for ALL. Thank you.
—Rosemary Forester, Lake Oswego, OR

Please don't make decisions based on the interests of the internet providers. Support competition, support net neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No one is going to benefit from these proposals except for the ISPs, and it is going to destroy the internet as an even playing field for all. Isn't that what the American dream was founded on? Please listen to the people, this is supposed to be a democracy.
—Sean Povill, San Francisco, CA

So when I try to see a video of my grandchildren I will have to wait while the corporations give their detailed instructions to the worthless whore politicians that they bought with my tax dollars! I will cancel the Internet service if we don't keep net neutrality. Why don't you focus on getting Internet service to people instead of slowing it up some more. My 'up to 10 Mbps' never hits 4 and goes out frequently thanks to the skill of Centurylink who also REQUIRE a land line phone for a combined cost of $95 a month. Cable is not here and Satelite throttles your speed if you actually use the Internet for more than a token number of bits. UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T AFFORD TO BRIBE THE SCUM THAT OCCUPY GOVERNMENT OFFICES!
—Greg Koshak, Larsen, WI

Without net neutrality the world will become an even more dangerous place as the rich and powerful tread on more and more people. Give the poorer and more vulnerable people a chance. This world is for all, not a just a greedy few.
—Leslie Walker, Norwich,

Dear FCC, Internet access is a basic telecommunication method in a modern society. Therefore it should be protected and available on fair and equal terms to everyone. Allowing network and cable operators to sell "premium" access to some corporations would lead everybody other to be second class communicators. That would strengthen a few monopolies, and stifle future innovation. In the end, United States would start to lag behind the rest of word in developing new services.
—Teuvo Telaranta, Houston, TX

Please be on the GOOD side and dont give Internet to the claws of any corporation. Next we can lose the right to use free air. Thank you
—Jiri Sejkora, Prague,

Please, keep the internet a free trade of social exchange of thoughts, views, art, and humor, as it should be. It should be like any other utility.. kept from localized or any kind of monopoly. This is a place of true freedom, and I can not believe that any government based in such, would take that from its citizens and do so justly.The internet should remain a place of free speech, media, sexuality, etc. This is the peoples future and freedoms.. and to limit it to corporations need for income is not only wrong, but disgusting. please keep the internet to the people who use and love it.
—Jared, Joplin, MO

There are enough monopolies already, which are trying to rip off their clients, for example the cable companies, oh the irony. We need no more. Internet has to be level playing field. Do. Not. Mess. Up. The. Internet.
—Hello there, Tartu,

What a bone headed scheme!
—Ryan Snyder, Blairstown, NJ

I live in California, this is now the third poorest state in America. As #47 out of 50 states, poverty is rampant, and net neutrality is the only tool with a means to level the playing field for residents of this currently impoverished state. Educationally, and financially, we need net neutrality perhaps more than Detroit who has hit rock bottom because a large number of our population is first gen English speakers who still believe in the American dream. I think to do otherwise would be an affront to citizens. We understand that the country is up for sale since Citizens United, but American Citizens will not go quietly into the new and improved slavery defined by big business dealings who are rarely held accountable for the harm they create.
—Rosemary Jones, Salinas, CA

It should be obvious by now ...
—James Huddleston, Noosa,

It seems to me that the internet is working well as it is. The government to so anxious to regulate areas in which they are not needed and yet will take no action in the many areas where government action is needed.
—Carol Gwinn, Hambleton, WV

As a small business owner I rely on equal access to the internet to reach my customers. And as a citizen I want to be assured that I can communicate with fellow citizens! Please do the right thing here!
—Leslie Keenan, Novato, CA

Too many of us are second class citizens in more ways than one. This would add absolutely everybody to the list of second class citizens. I avoid long lines if I possibly can. Now I'll be a second class citizen and have to wait no matter what. It would be like waiting in the hall to say goodbye to my dying mother at the hospital because the florist is allowed to give her a spiel first. Or that maybe I can have the tomatoes out back because Comcast gets the nice ones inside the grocery store. We expect the Net to be the most democratic event in the world. What a marvel! Let's keep marveling.
—Patricia C. Bode, Santa Rosa, CA

All five FCC commissioners—especially chairman Wheeler—should listen to the public's demand that net neutrality be saved. Broadband providers should be reclassified as common carriers and regulated in the public interest. The Internet should remain open and free and not discriminate with extra fees and fast-lanes and slow-lanes. The American people want the Internet protected for the common user. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! The Internet does not belong to greedy corporations.
—Carol Claus, Marietta, GA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Antonio Buensuceso, Encinitas, CA

Because I can watch old 90's cartoons in peace and not get judged for it
—Anna Kolacz, Oshawa,

Are you F*ing kidding me. Is anyone so stupid as to need explaining why allowing cable companies to hold the internet for ransom is a bad thing?
—Keir FItz-Gibbon, London, CA

As an academic, I can assure you without "net neutrality" the American culture is going to fall apart...
—Jon Singleton, New York, NY

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=fpbOEoRrHyU I understand that this video is an over-simplification, but even when taken in the context of a very complicated world, do you really think what you're doing has anything resembling morality in its motivation? It's long past time for you to have a conscience and realize how horribly wrong the decision to negate net neutrality was. Fix this shit.
—Michael McMahon, San Jose, CA

because i want an internet that works the same for everyone no matter what
—Jason Husby, minneapolis, MN

Losing net neutrality will result in a monopoly for the established companies with no room for new start ups. The internet will be more expensive for general users. Frankly, unless you are a shareholder in one of the major American ISPs, this is an awful decision.
—John Stainton, Edinburgh,

Because you need to uphold what our country stands for!! To do anything but is trampling us as a people!!
—Caroline Scullin, West Chester, PA

Do not let the new internet rules go through! The average American can barely afford Internet service as it is and this will only strengthen the cable companies monopoly stranglehold and drive prices through the roof as well as filtering content based on who has the most capital. This proposed plan is unamerican and needs to be stopped! We need more competition among providers. To quote George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life": "Ive said too much. You're the Board here. You do what you want with this thing. Just one more thing, though. This town needs this measly one-horse institution if only to have some place where people can come without crawling to Potter." Comcast and Time Warner are Potter!
—Brandon pierce, Rockford, IL

Essentially everything said here is 100% accurate: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=xrpGV_Lwmw4&list=UUVtEytgcL5 fZcSiKx-BjimQ
—Michael Schoenfeld, Fakecity,

Don't allow the creation of a two-tier Internet.
—Mike Wheeler, Derby,

The internet belongs to the people and not for the corporations to control. Net neutrality is essential to a free and open internet of the people.
—Aaron Quinn, Brighton,

Dear FCC, Are you nuts? Fast and Hyper-fast internet speeds? How is this different from slow and slower? How is this good for anyone other than a handful of giant media corporations? Shouldn't your goal be to help The People? PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!! Sincerely, Ashley Schmidt
—Ashley Schmidt, Atwood, KS

Giving the cable companies the power to control which companies and people will be able to get their content quickly to the public is a violation of the basic principles that the internet is founded on. It allows for the american dream of being able to come from nothing and become something to be that much more possible. The only reason to end net neutrality is to give big corporations even more power than they already do. The government is supposed to serve the people and the people do not want net neutrality to end or be changed so that companies would be able to favor what content gets priority. Net neutrality is important to me and its important to the American people, don't change it.
—Jiselle Crawford, Portland, OR

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kevin J Dail, Rockaway, NJ

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it... and that is absolutely contrary to free enterprise and an open internet.
—Shea Tanner Harvey, Napa, CA

Classify broadband internet as a title 2 telecommunications service & save net neutrality.
—MNegussie Negusle, Aurora, CO

Net neutrality is essential as without it effectively big companies will be able to control what ordinary people and small companies can and cannot communicate. It is anti democratic. It is an infringement of civil liberties and human rights. It is equivalent to censorship of the worst kind; and it is all down to money. It runs counter to the principle of free speech, which is one of the founding principles of the United States; it will result in USA companies dictating policy to the rest of the world and controlling communication, which should be a crime against humanity.
—Nicholas Dove, Wendens Ambo, NY

It is ludicrous to allow even the thought of changing net neutrality. I rely on the internet, though not as much as my daughter. We cannot afford to pay more to get better service. Why are you even considering changing the rules? Who will end up paying more in the long run? It works now. Don't change what we have now. You will be effecting the people who can least afford to paay more for internet service.
—Linda Marble, Webberville, MI

It's only right, kid.
—Steven Campbell, Presque Isle, ME

Because it levels the playing field, and allows a start-up company to get their feet on the ground, or a high school student to get interested in web design. Comcast's basic Internet package is slow enough. By not classifying ISPs as a "common carrier", they'll be allowing dial-up speeds for those who can't afford the higher end packages.
—Christopher Marx, MAYS LANDING, NJ

Because the World Wide Web is for everyone, equally. The idea of allowing discrimination against the little guy and the poor guy is a bad idea. This is not necessary. Netflix is doing just fine as the Internet is. All Internet users deserve to be treated equally, in terms of their access to the Internet and their convenience in using it. This would just be a foot in the door by the wealthy people who own and run the corporations. They would destroy the openness and accessiblity of the Internet in the name of their narrow, selfish interests -- that have nothing to do with the common good or the welfare of Americans or the world's citizens. The Internet is already overrun with stupid, obnoxious ads, as it is. Please do not allow the corporate players to take over another huge slice of the World Wide Web and close more doors to a free and easily accessible Internet. The Internet should be treated as a public utility, as it is needed and used by almost everyone nowadays, and because it has the characteristics of a natural monopoly. It would be less costly to have one super well built and well maintained and regulated infrastructure for our Internet here in the US. Let's not hand our World Wide Web over to the wealthy, influence-buying corporate players like we did the television stations, the radio stations, and the airwaves. It's going in the wrong direction, and it would severly fetter the vast potential of the Internet.
—Angela Bellacosa, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important. It prevents means & influence based discrimination. I should decide what content is important to me; not you; not some other deep pockets.
—Tim Reasoner, Phoenix, AZ

If the FCC goes forward with this proposed abomination it only shows that you have absolutely ZERO interest in performing your regulatory duties. I suggest that justice department or congressional investigation may be in order to discover whether or not there has been collusion to interfere with proper governmental oversight.
—Roger Hoover, Divide, CO

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Stewart, Redway, CA

Now television, which used to be free, is controlled by media giants and is far from free. I'm being forced to give up the cable channels and go back to an antenna and only networks. I pay $50 a month just to hook up to the internet, which is so important in our lives today. Please don't let the giants take over this aspect of our lives also. I still have a wonderful small provider. At least there is some competition now.
—Lora Jean Lockwood, Everton, MO

The Internet is a public utility, regardless of what the courts say, and as such is subject to regulations of fairness. It is a democratic medium for communication, and I PS should be able to value some traffic over others no more than a vote should be worth more than another.
—Thomas Gustafson, San Diego, CA

for a better world
—Uwe Thomas, berlin,

The internet, to a large extent, was developed by DARPA. DARPA was taxpayer funded. Let the taxpayers reap the benefit of it. If you allow tiered pricing the eventually cede the power of the internet to those who can pay more. This is more than just a powerful egalitarian issue though. A two-tiered internet will also thwart innovation and make it more difficult for start-ups to succeed.
—David A Sanchez, Albuquerque, NM

Preserve the one place we all can stand on equal ground and freely put forth our opinions and views and have them weighted equally. Leave our ability to express our best qualities unimpeded. Let us be able to reach out to help one another without extracting burdensome costs. Let us all benefit from shared information with no commercial bias as a prerequisite. Leave the door open to all who wish to partake in a culture of free sharing that enhances the values found in the U.S. Constitution,not in ominous futuristic predictions like "1984" or "Brave New World."
—William A. Pievincenzi, Andes, NY

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is essential for a sane and open internet - without which it will devolve into a corporate nightmare and people will be forced into using meshnets and other alternatives to the internet. Please don't destroy the internet!
—John Ringland, Cairns,

As a software developer I deeply understand the necessity of having a free and open internet, an internet where are data / content is treated equally. The proposed rule changes would violate those principles and give the providers an unprecedented amount of control. These providers, who have monopolistic power, would under these rule changes become virtual Government Sanctioned Entities (GSE). Until the cable industry has true competition the FCC can not grant these providers such a status. To maintain a free and open internet please reclassify these providers as common carriers.
—Steve Stephen Murphy, Poway, CA

Hey FCC, the Internet is perfect the way it is, a truly democratic place where all people are equal. Don't tamper with it. Throw away your harmful rules that would undo years of social progress and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Viktor Denisov, Newark, DE

Dear members of the FCC, Thank you for your efforts in regulating our communications. Your work helps to ensure that the content of our communications conforms to the laws and standards of society, and that the mediums for those communications can be enjoyed by as many people as possible. If it were not for your regulations, those radio stations with the biggest budgets and the most powerful radios would be able to edge smaller operators off the airwaves. Non-profit programming like NPR and private broadcasts such as CB and Ham Radio would be hard-pressed to find an environment in which they could operate free from interference from their commercial counterparts. It therefore troubles me that you have recently decided to take the opposite stance in allowing Internet Service Providers to charge premium rates to popular services. It's easy to forget the internet's humble beginnings. Just a couple short decades ago, there was no Google, there was no eBay, and there was no Netflix. The internet consisted of private operators volunteering their own equipment and their own internet connections to express themselves and bring the world wide web to life. How profound has the impact on our world been that they found America a fair place where new sites and services were allowed to thrive, paying the same rate for their bandwidth as the biggest companies do. Much of that changed recently when the FCC Chairman decided to allow ISP's to charge premium rates to their consumers if they request services from non-preferred providers. As it stands now, ISP's are now free to work out special rates with their own business partners and seek to edge competing services out of the market place. This kind of backroom dealing and nepotistic preferential treatment can serve only one end: to reduce the quality of service to the American people in order to inflate the bottom line of communications companies. You must throw out these changes to your rules and reclassify the ISP's as common carriers, just as many other communication mediums have been. If we allow the ISP's to pick and choose which preferred services to allocate bandwidth, the neutral environment of the internet will forever be changed for the worse. I hope that you find wisdom in my words, as well as those of my fellow internet citizens, and ensure the future neutrality of our communication networks. Thank you, Timothy Sapio Security Analyst and Amateur Radio Operator United States of America
—Timothy Sapio, Chandler, AZ

Please defend and preserve Net Neutrality. Do not allow Comcast, TimeWarner, and other companies with deep pockets to dominate and control the internet. I will be watching your decision with great attention. Thank you.
—David Halperin, Ann Arbor, MI

THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS IS THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN TRUE DEMOCRACY AND TOTALITARIANISM.
—Ron Wilson, BIRMINGHAM,

It is not fair to the average consumer to have to pay for tiered service. Most of us live paycheck to paycheck and really can't afford another expense (such as an increase in our cable bills) to have access to the so-called "fast lane". Please keep Net Neutrality in place so all consumers have the same sort of internet access that we all enjoy today. Chairman Wheeler, Please don't push ahead with your plans to bring Net Neutrality to an end. Please reclassify ISPs as a common carrier. This is the only way to insure fairness in access to the internet. Thank you for your time.
—Thomas Sloan, Cataula, GA

NOBODY WANTS TO END NET NEUTRALITY EXCEPT FOR THE GREEDY, MONEY-MAKING HOGS THAT RUN THE CORPORATIONS WHICH STAND TO BENEFIT FROM KILLING THE INTERNET. WHAT IS THE FCC'S PRICE?? WHY ARE YOU PEOPLE NOT ELECTED?? WHY DO WE HAVE SUCH SHITTY INTERNET SERVICE FOR SUCH HIGH PRICES? WHEN WILL YOU LISTEN TO US AND START DOING YOUR FREAKIN JOBS?!?!
—Karem Said, Montgomery, TX

The internet should be open to all, and every website should be accessed at the same speed.
—Amy Perrin, Claremont, NH

I am not a user of the major, pay-wall Internet content providers. I can't afford it. I use what is out there, out in the wild, for the fees I already pay to have Internet in my home. If the Internet is an "information provider", then the control of upload and download speeds is in the hands of those whose business it would be to control their little part of the Internet, and suck as much money out of their business as possible. They can then "demand" higher rates from the content providers they do not have financial interests in. They can also expect to ask consumers like me for more money to get better speeds for the "mundane" content that is not the major income producer. The "NET" would no longer be neutral, but out of the control of the originators of the Internet, the Federal Government, its Military and the academic laboratories and research facilities that it originally served. If the Internet is a "public utility" then the cable companies have to provide equal access to "Netflix", and "Hulu", as it does to all the public and private content providers. These ISPs that cover "the last mile" might also have to "rent/ lease" space on the superhighway (like paying tolls on the Interstate highways) to maintain and improve the major trunks on which they depend. My "mundane" content would move as fast as any of the network "binge season" content from any of the paid providers. This would open up the intellectual and artistic content that makes the Internet so wonderful. So, I, and so many other Americans who know what the Internet is and what it is capable of, demand that, as the Internet has become so pervasive, and so essential to communications (as having in some ways replaced the POTS telephone) and business in so many aspects, especially for the small businesses, DEMAND that that the ISPs are regulated in the use of the Internet as a "PUBLIC UTILITY", and maintain that public nature of the service that has become essential to the American way of life.
—Leon Stark, Largo, FL

Dear FCC, We need net neutrality. Our government is bought and run by big business. This is being put up for public comment as a façade for fascism. By eliminating net neutrality the ruling class can prevent working people like myself from organizing against fascism.
—Glenn Allen Kirkindall, Portland, OR

You need to recalssify ISP as Common Carriers to protect Net Neutrality
—Rafal Pilat, Longford,

Net Neutrality is important to me because I run a small start-up, home-based business and without free access to the web, I wouldn't be able to do business. I am still building a client list, and it is going very slowly. This is only my second year, and I work very hard -- daily!
—Victoria Dickinson, Portland, ME

The net is the only place that you can get news and information that has not been run thru the filters of the corporate masters and the billionaire royalists. If you don't declare the ISP's as common carriers the that light in this dark age will be extinguished.
—David Hankins, Camas, WA

Throw out the current and proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Todd Clark, Indianapolis, IN

We've talked endlessly about a two class system, the haves and have nots, the inability for anyone less than rich to receive justice in the Court system,two wage systems , insider information available to Congress and the rich and this proposal indemnifies all of the above. If it would be the case of the wealthy getting faster internet, fine. They could use it to get their inside info even faster. But, to think that companies like Comcast won't deliberately screw up the speed of "the little people" in a quest to force upgrades is ludicrous at best! All Men Are Created Equal, than money talks!!!!
—Ron Law, fort myers beach, FL

True freedom of knowledge and sharing.
—Pekka Parviainen, Kauniainen,

net neutrality allows equality between large and small contributors. Equality in or society is a farse as a whole. Leave the internet alone.
—Al Miller, Maidens, VA

Free communication and equal access are keys to democracy. The internet infrastructure must be treated as common resource like the highway system and all must have equal access.
—Gary Allan, Pembroke,

Because corporations can be counted on to do the WRONG thing and the role of the government is to regulate such.
—Dennis Bellone, Brooklyn, NY

Everyone knows that the internet has hurt newspapers (The Press), what everyone may not grasp is how the internet is now effectively "The Press" as in "Freedom of the press". Therefore it must be protected and kept a level playing field. We must not allow people in power to control what is available to read by controlling what can be found or what will never be seen because of slow load times.
—Gary Ameika, Portland, ME

Comprehensive freedom of speech is essential to democracy.
—Dr. Rev Daniel Doran, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Net Neutrality is the essential basis for communication between family members, friends, and business associates. To restrict it would mean that critical information would not be available in a timely way. That would be the equivalent of denying full freedom of speech to all but the richest of big corporations. Freedom of speech is a constitutional right. It is time to finally develop the character needed to defend the rights of people when they are being threatened by bloated business interests. Resist the influence of money offered by lobbyists and claim the higher moral ground.
—Nathalie Judson, Old Lyme, CT

Net neutrality is important for all citizens. If we let corporations dictate speed based on deals such as this, we are limiting access to knowledge in what equates to class warfare. Access to the internet is access to information; anything impeding that access or limiting who has priority access is an egregious rights abuse.
—Stacey Stormes, Tampa, FL

I do NOT trust the BIG Corporations. They do NOT care about me and people like me... ALL they're interested in is their bottom line AND, they'll do ANYTHING to keep it and make it BIGGER. ANYTHING! Giving them more and more powers will ONLY reduce ALL consumers to the state of being where these Corporations can do whatever they want AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TOUGH! NO other options. THIS IS NOT RIGHT!
—George R. Goffe, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it is probably the purest form of democracy in the world today. Whoever controls the internet controls our lives in this day of electronic ubiquity. There's too much control by too few companies already. Implementation of the proposed new rules would complete the control over our lives by two or three corporations with no competition. We must resist their attempt to take complete control of a neutral internet.
—Ronald Eby, Ephrata, PA

Americans do not receive honest and unbiased reporting from TV or radio because TV and radio are the voice of the wealthy. We need to preserve the internet from being taken over by wealthy corporations and individuals.
—Bruce Krawisz, Marshfield, WI

Please protect net neutrality.
—Craig Coley, Bloomington, IN

The internet is one of the few places on Earth where everyone is equal regardless of their place of origin or financial status. The end of net neutrality would allow cable companies to charge rates for premium service that only the largest companies or wealthiest individuals could afford. That would create monopolies and enable internet companies to commit legal extortion on a grand scale. It's been said that you can't stop the signal. Don't empower these giant corporations in their efforts to try!
—Christopher Tobias, Pittsburgh, PA

Throw out your rules and reclassify all cable providers as ISP,s.Time Warner and comcast both suck.YOU SHOULD BREAK THEM UP AND GIVE PEOPLE SOME REAL CHOICE. COMCAST,ATT, CHARTER ALL SUCK
—Steve Barnes, Shepherd, MI

I am asking the FCC to put a stop to their proposal that would for the first time break up our current Open Internet and instead create a two-tiered Net -- at the same time hand out vast, unprecedented benefits to firms like AT&T, Comcast, and other huge corporations. I urge the FCC to support the Open Internet through classifying it as a telecommunications service. This is a crucial moment; I demand that the FCC exercise authority it already has to write Open Internet rules that do not allow content discrimination, a splitting that would strike a heavy blow against Net neutrality principles and alter the Internet landscape. The key thing here: Granting special access to the Net for big corporations would necessarily reduce the bandwidth available to the rest of us -- and that is not acceptable. The proposal in front of the FCC would allow major corporations to separate off a portion of the Internet for their private use and benefit in making billions in monopolistic profits -- while slowing down, or even blocking, everyone else. Today's net is all delivered at the same, high, speed. Consumers are already paying ISPs $50 to $100 a month each to obtain this high-speed service and to build and maintain their networks all the way to the Internet backbone. By charging sites for access to their networks [large corporations] will be failing to provide the service individuals have already paid for. As Senator Ron Wyden notes: "If net neutrality goes away, customers will see slower service from websites and online services that can't afford to pay the toll. And for those companies that do pay [under the FCC's unacceptable proposal], companies that do pay will "pass the costs right on to users like you and me." I want an Open Internet that operates as a telecommunications service.
—Sigrid Asmus, Seattle, WA

The Internet only works if it works the same for every user and for all content. If the people who pay the right companies get the right service, the right information, access the the right entertainment ... and people who don't don't, then the Internet becomes just another tool to fleece people who cannot defend themselves. There is only one service provider in my area---suppose the content I want or need is produced by a different company? I am out of luck. Like the airwaves, the telecom companies didn't create the Internet--don't let them commandeer it. Do the right thing.
—Chris Jasurek, Winter Haven, FL

The Internet should be free and not the province of big cable companies do not let this happen.
—Keith Rycroft, Chester,

I wonder if the huge corporations with their hold over the net ever tell the truth? One reporter did so but it was an accident of mis-phrasing. Americans have one of the worst types of education and roughly half he population is functionally illiterate, but no one is so stupid as to believe any promises made by greedy, grasping corporations and their bed mates, the conservative, far right news man and women. As if you would keep any promise. Don't you think we can see your crossed fingers behind your back as you sincerely utter your lies? How do yu manage to keep from grinning as you spiel your lies? Since, according to your reassurance, there will be no change in your service to ordinary people? If that is really the case, why both buying the other guy out? Awfully expensive lie! With wonder Sr. Renee Brinker
—Renee Brinker, O'Fallon, MO

Because innovation and progress are not due to corporate predatorship and bad government guidelines!
—Matjaz Demsar, Ljubljana,

It is the digital divide. My students get educated via online courses. We need to make their research and learning as EASY AS POSSIBLE.
—Jennifer Sheetz, North Richland Hills, TX

The current model demonstrates what a free market should look like, specifically the internet allows all users to be equal no matter how much money they have. Creating a tiered system is a bad idea as it will give undue influence to those that can pay more.
—Bobby Morehead, Sumter, SC

I am handicapped and spend much time at home. The Internet opens widows on the world and helps me to be part of it. I would be poorer without a free and open Internet. Please! Save Net neutrality!
—Allie D. Pappano, Mattawamkeag, ME

We need an open Internet to allow equal access to everyone. No amount of oversight or reugulations or government assurances will guarantee an open Internet. Please do not change the rules for the operation and implementation of the Internet.
—John Pezzlo, Boca Raton, FL

Ending net neutrality takes away the level playing field that exists now for all on the internet. Please do not do this. Internet charges from companies like Comcast and Verizon are already high enough and the proposed changes to the FCC rules creates an opportunity for those companies to raise prices even more. You have to be able to see the unfair opportunities these changes would create for the ISPs. This would be so unfair to internet startups as they would not have the same chance to survive on the internet as a company that could afford to pay for the ISPs extortion prices. Please, please do not make these changes to the rules. It would not be good for anyone except the companies that already have more money than they could ever spend. Keep th internet fair and neutral as it has always been. Don't do this to our country. We do not need it and it would only hurt us.
—John Porter, Sewell, NJ

This whole scheme is outrageous! The US public wants Net Neutrality! We're all sick of being a 3rd World Country in this area. No two-tiered internet! Throw out those rules and Reclassify ISP 's as COMMON CARRIERS!! Tom Wheeler does NOT have the good of the public in mind, just the Profit of the Cable Companies! I sincerely hope this adequately conveys my message!
—Audrey Smith, Key Largo, FL

Innovation and connection are critical to the further development in a way to remain relevant in a world that is becoming increasingly advanced with internet technology and the growing understanding of the connections of people and things. Allowing a limited few (telecom officials) is to limit innovation to how it profits the few that control the flow of information, rather than those that can continue to develop new and creative related technologies. It also puts security of our system at risk as it puts clear bottlenecks in place that will serve as the focus of attack points that could be used for all kinds of nefarious activities.
—Glenn Brown, Tampa, FL

Our country's worldwide competitve position will be degraded if we widen rather than close the digital divide with this corporate greed dirven policy.
—Charles Sanders, Miami, FL

Every voice and opinion needs to be heard in a democracy. All air waves belong to all the people. We should all have equal access to them Save net neutrality!!!
—Margaret Rogers, Redwood City, CA

A free and open Internet is as essential to the economy as electricity and roads. It is a 'Utility' in every sense of the word, ISP enjoying monopolies in most regions of the country. Please ensure a level playing field for all internet users by classifying ISPs as Common Carriers. The current proposal to allow a 'two-tier' internet must be rejected. This proposal will destroy the internet and the entrepreneurial spirit that drives the US economy.
—K Iyer, Vernon Hills, IL

No to giving preferential treatment for $$. Maintain net neutrality.
—Maude Nagle, Hamilton, OH

Where would this world be without the freedom of the internet? It has allowed us to get a real peek into cultures not our own, it has given us the ability to speak out when our freedoms and lives are in danger, it has saved lives in so many ways. Take that away and we cripple our culture and way of life.
—Rowen Kade, Auburn, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am on a fixed income and rely on the Internet to make my living. Please don't change a system that already works fine, just to help companies like Comcast and Time/Warner Cable. It is my belief that they will raise prices and create havoc of a utility that serves us all.
—Marshall Fine, Ossining, NY

Net neutrality is essential for democracy, so that big corporations and wealthy individuals do not dominate this telecommunications medium. Reclassify the net as a common carrier to promote democracy instead of oligarchy. This is the American Way.
—BeVan Presley, Plymouth, MN

Net neutrality isn't just important to me, it's important to the way the world communicates. If this changes,, it will change how the world of communication works. Most people struggle now as it is to afford basic living and internet expenses. One more additional charge (which lets be honest, which is what this is REALLY about) would have a devastating effect on our economy. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY AS IT IS!!! DON'T FUCK UP WHAT ISN'T BROKEN!!!!!!!!!!
—Helene Mertz, Houston, TX

I need access - I am on disability.
—Janet Cavallo, Secane, PA

The free flow of ideas has led to some of the most beautiful international resources we have ever had as a human species. Wikipedia gives everyone access to information without restricting it to those who can afford to pay for it. Facebook allows people to stay connected. Netflix is already a paid service, on the consumer end, and it allows people to watch shows and movies whenever/wherever they want. Most importantly, though, each of these services was once the underdog. Once upon a time, they were the tiny company struggling to stay on it's feet. Hell, Wikipedia still struggles to remain free for everyone, always. If they had to pay extra to get access to consumers, they may never have been able to take hold. No one should be able to pick and choose what information is worthy of sending on to consumers, especially not when money is the driving force behind it. Fight for net neutrality. It's the only issue that sways my vote right now.
—Susan Sorensen, Provo, UT

It will generate an environment where small business globally will struggle to compete with large online company.
—John Simpson, London,

All people should have access to information and news..not just the wealthy and corporate interests.
—Leland W Griffin Jr, Trumansburg, NY

Is this the place where I apply for a permit to drive faster then everybody else on the highway? I would really like that too. Net Neutrality matters...we can't let cable companies write the laws that protect their interests over the public's. Say YES to net neutrality.
—Christopher Maiurro, Long Island City, NY

Tom Wheeler is a crook and a thug. You BASTARDS need a good flogging. I will not purchase cable until there is net neutrality and TRUE competition. Keep your 3rd world internet of the future. Americans like Wheeler are the true communists, Nazis and terrorists of Amerika. Keep your cable.
—David Warsow, Fenton, MI

Please do not screw up the entire internet for the entire world. We are trying to use it for our economy and our social political life.
—Mark Watkins, Decatur, GA

If you look at the world today, increasingly big money (whether via corporations or rich people) has a disproportionate influence. Allowing the internet to fall prey to big money will affect creativity and allow those with money to curtail equal access to all. I hope the FCC does not adversely affect access and creativity. But given that the new FCC Chair was a lobbyist for the Cable industry, I anticipate the worst.
—Carlos Cunha, Rocky Point, NY

Don't ruin the internet at the behest of ISPs'- keep net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs' as common carriers.
—Tim Cockhill, st leonards,

There is already far too much inequality of far too many things in this country. Allowing big money/business to add to their already way too much power, by allowing them to buy the internet, is something that must not be allowed to happen. This is something that can be stopped, before it even begins.
—Thomas M. Cannon, Haslett, MI

I already pay to high of internet fees..... I don't need HIGHER fees!
—John M Dierig, Loveland, OH

Preventing cable company fuckery is important to me because I already have to deal with shitty service from my ISP, Time Warner Cable. STOP SUCKING CABLE COMPANY DICK GET YOUR DIRTY MITTS OFF MY INTERNET
—Shawn P Owens, Dayton, OH

The Internet offers us a chance to start over, a chance to have something that is entirely beyond parties and governments and corporations. Net Neutrality would create a space where people can interact with people without interference and with equal ability.
—Nicholas Colantuono, Baltimore, MD

We need a level playing field for small business. Net Neutrality is an important element. Please do what is right for your country, not a few large cable companies.
—Christopher Moulton, Carlisle, MA

First Class Internet Access for each user will allow maximum capacity for democracy to flourish, as well as corporate & personal economic gain.
—M Spiess, Freeport, ME

I do not want the cable companies' involvement in the internet. I am already paying $165.00 a month for Directv to come into my home. A cable provider that may be purchased by AT&T--if your agency agrees to this merger. It is frightening to see these huge communications companies controlling every aspect of information. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Doreen Stratton, Doylestown, PA

The preferences of corporations are RARELY the preferences of the public, since corporations have AGENDAS, which the general public DOES NOT.The ONLY reason ISPs want to RULE the internet is FOR THEIR OWN PROFIT, which is already outrageous for internet access ALONE. To allow corporations the power to create economic restrictions is in direct opposition to what internet users want. Corporations SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED to change the rules to suit themselves at the EXPENSE of the rest of the world.
—John van Kleef, Chicago, IL

RE: Net Neutrality. NO TWO TIER SYSTEM. There is no logical argument for a two tiered internet access (other than profits), any more than there would be an argument for some people having more pure water, rationing electricity, or limiting access to public spaces. The internet was designed to be open. Once a "two tier" model is in place, there will be no turning back, no way to control costs, no means to make sure that information is as broadly available as possible. Why would you look at information flowing over the airwaves any differently than through a cable? That is the only reasonable way to view this issue. The infrastructure to broadcast over the air is regulated, as should the infrastructure to broadcast through a "pipe". This should not be difficult to see.
—Martin Adickman, Great Neck, NY

ISPs must be structured as common carriers otherwise you are further crushing small business development in this country. As a small business, I cannot compete against the big boys who would be given unfair advantage in the marketplace by being allowed to buy their way to an unfair advantage just because they are big and can. The Internet is required by every business today, and it is not an option. In a free society, we need competition not a legally purchased monopoly.
—Robert Hennessey, FRANKLINVILLE, NJ

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Comcast has already admitted publicly that they have monopolies in certain cities/regions. That's not the American way. FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kicab Castaneda-Mendez, Chapel Hill, NC

We no longer live in a democracy, rather a moneyocracy. Other countries have had revolutions when money became it all, do you want one here too?
—Dr. Dan McLaughlin, Naubinway, MI

It is the only place where there is any sence of democracy or equality; where the famous 1% are not in charge and are not superior to the rest of us. The interenet is as vital as the electric company and shoudl be treated the same way, as a public utility.
—Patricia Cardoso, Fresh Meadows, NY

it's the right thing to do, simple as that
—Clinton J. Sennett, Lewistown, MT

Net Neutrality is important to me because internet has become a part of our lives. We use it everyday and it should be equally available to all at the same speeds.
—Vivian Huber, Malverne, NY

Please, no more monopolies.
—Josephine Lowrey, Montpelier, VT

Please do not approve this in favor of big internet providers. It will hurt American citizens and simply create more profits for Big Business. When is enough enough? Please do the right thing for American taxpayers. I have called your office on more than one occasion, have signed numerous petitions. PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You have the ability to do the right thing. PLEASE.
—Katherine Glatter, Amherst, MA

It provides access to information that is not readily available to the common people. It is a way to encourage the citizens of our country to become more active. Democracy!!!
—Cecelia Byrnes, Bronx, NY

No 2 tierded Internet! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality. Prevent cable company monopolies!
—Patricia Hauser, Shorewood, MN

Back in the bad old days, Ma Bell always got her way with our telephone service. AT&T was such a monster monopoly that it was broken up into many separate companies, some of which (or should I now say whom?) were supposed to compete with each other to give consumers more desirable choices in telephone, television, and Internet service. But the people who run those companies never stop trying to make huge profits at our expense, for the benefit of themselves and their shareholders. Those very powerful telecommunications corporations are now banding together in their selfish best interests to force discriminatory FCC rules down our throats so they can increase their control -- and their huge profits -- at our expense. They will stop at nothing until they get what they want: absolute control over all media; lucrative business deals and ever-increasing profits; and an Internet that is no longer equally open, fast, and affordable to average folks in the U.S. and -- perhaps even more importantly -- the rest of the world. The FCC should slow down, take it easy, and adopt the attitude of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." If the FCC takes any action, it should be to discard these proposed rules, and simply reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bruce Higgins, Brady, TX

The Net is now & in the future how most people will do buisness; both private, commercial, & government. No one should have a monopoly or even a major predominance on the speed of the Net.
—Dave Scanlon, Mpls., MN

It is disgraceful that compared to consumers in other nations, consumers in our country pay extremely high prices for incredibly slow broadband internet. Clearly our current system is not working well. Unfortunately, the proposed changes to create fast and slow lanes for internet traffic will make things worse. Giving broadband providers the ability to pick winners and losers through toll rates for content providers is a sure way to squash innovation by content providers and diminish the services that broadband users receive. Preserve net neutrality!
—Paul Honig, Torrington, CT

I am a disabled veteran. I already pay too much for cell service and cable internet. It's time to treat the internet like the public utility it really is, and ensure equal use by all citizens.
—Donna Hebert, AMHerst, MA

You say the open Internet is what you strive for, but you clearly lie, Chairman Wheeler. You work for the big cable companies still, and you intend to have ordinary people have no access to anything fast about the Internet. As it is, our Internet is pathetically slow compared to developed countries in Europe; you want to make it slower still by allowing big, rich companies to pay for an Internet fast lane for themselves. I ask the rest of the FCC to refuse to do this. Represent ordinary people, not corporate greed. Reclassify the Internet as a utility, regulate it, and work to increase its speed and lower its cost for the majority in this country.
—Rachel B, DeKalb, IL

A fair, unregulated, neutral internet is the best inheritance we can give the next generation. A medium free of bias, control, or censorship. The ultimate expression of free speech. No one owns the internet, so no one should get to control the internet. These ISPs think only of themselves and their precious profits. They have zero long-term version and literally do not care about the next generation, only padding their bank accounts so they will die rich. A wasteful endeavor - you cannot take that wealth with you. The rules you have now, Chairman Wheeler, are obsolete and inadequate. ISPs are common carriers and should be regulated as such. Controlled as such. This is in your hands, mister chairman. Wouldn't you like to forever be known as the man who saved Net Neutrality?
—Christopher Green, Pasadena, TX

I hate to be a victim of a cable provider monopoly.
—Jaroslaw Hruzewicz, Lauderdale Lakes, FL

Do not sell me out to cable providers! Net neutrality is essential.
—Paul Krauth, hollywood, FL

Obnviously anti-monopoly legislation means nothing when big money is talking and the little people that are supposed to protect against such actions are too weak or myopic to stop the inrush.
—Allen Rapatz, Minneapolis, MN

This is one important rule change that will kill the net.
—Richard Tames, Council Bluffs, IA

The internet is meant to be a free place, and limiting the spread and accessibility of information is wrong.
—Christine Prentice, Adelaide,

Enough with stacking the rules in favor of the rich and powerful and against the common people! The internet *is* a public utility, and should be treated as such. Stop trying to put lipstick on the 'give away our democracy' pig, and do what's just. No internet fast lanes, no fuzzy rules that can be overturned by armies of corporate lawyers. One simple rule: the Internet is a public utility, and no private entity will be allowed to control it to the detriment of the public!
—Stefano Monti, Somerville, MA

Like everyone else in this country, I use the internet frequently, for getting my news, and for my work as a science professor at a large public university. The internet works just fine as it is. Please don't mess it up with this terrible plan to let big companies pick which websites are fast and which are not.
—Brian Arbic, Ann Arbor, MI

We do not want our freedoms to be ruled by aANY foreign entity!
—Ed Durivage, Stevensville, MD

I want an open and fair internet where I can easily find the content I want, not what a corporation decides.
—Mr. Ray Levy, Phoenix, AZ

The internet is too important to sacrifice it to the demands for more and more money. We and website hosts pay for access to the internet already. Why do other website owners need to pay another arbitrary charge just to get good service? Why is the FCC involved in helping the cable providers? The FCC should help the public not cable companies.
—Tyler Wade, Louisville, KY

Instead of dumping new neutrality, why not dump Mr. BigBiz Suck-up Tom Wheeler?
—Jim Harkins, Casco, MI

Please - no Internet discrimination! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Thomas Rottmayer, Columbus, OH

So - are you adding to the 2%? Well, I'm one of the 98% - one of the ones that USE the internet, EVERY day. And I have barely enough income to do THAT! Retract your rules - please!
—Claire Blehr, Atlanta, GA

Corporations have no right to decide what I watch on the internet....don't let this happen.....
—Erasmo Joseph Furiati, Barquisimeto-Lara,

Stop the monopoly which cable companies such as Comcast, Time Warner, etc. have in our country and save Net Neutrality
—Karen C. Boyette, Alexandria, VA

Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality, basically the First Amendment of the Internet, because it provides the guarantee of free speech online for all. So this plan must be stopped, after all wasn't the USA founded based on the concept of freedom?
—Antonia Chalka, Athens,

OK, folks...the internet came into being at the expense of the people, not the corporations. Those corporations who use it for profit are benefiting already from the invention, which was paid for with tax dollars.Don't give it away! Internet "neutrality" is the guarantee that gives users equal access. If you take that away, you will have stolen that which belongs to the people and given it to the prifit-makers. All the people will be able to use is the slow lane, left over after the profitmakers have had their fill. It will become smaller and smaller, potentially disappearing for all practical purposes. Do not end neutrality! I recommend you declare common carrier status for the internet.
—Jack Hendricks, McConnellsburg, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me, not only for my school work, but for getting to experience other cultures out there when I don't necessarily have the money to travel. Keeping Net Neutrality in place will allow me to be more than an arm chair traveler, without having to pay for an extremely high rate. There is something to be said when a group tries to fix something that doesn't need to be fixed.
—Marisa Hauser, Lakeville, MN

This is the same as "Free Speech." We don't need a Third Party controlling our communication equipment.
—Barbara Maddux, St. Petersburg, FL

FCC, Congress, to whomever else this may concern, Keep net neutrality in place. Please.
—Cody Garcia, Watertown, WI

I am urging the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Judy Dufficy, Skokie, IL

Net neutrality is important because fairness is important
—Sarah Apfel, New York, NY

just like cable tv was supposed to be 100 channels of commercial free tv .....you can only imagine what will become of the net!
—Gary Moore, cranston, RI

Net neutrality is very important to me to preserve a free & open Internet for all of us.we do not want or need fast lanes on the Internet. Please make the right decision & preserve net neutrality.
—Clifton Stillman, Pittsfield, MA

Dear Corporate Plutocracy: You have taken too much from "We The People" already. Those who don't know "history" are doomed to repeat it, and history shows that when they've had enough, the "serfs" always rise up and overthrow the evil "lords." Figure out which ones you are . . . ***hint hint*** it ain't the serfs . . .
—Sally Rogers, Penland, NC

Net Neutrality keeps everyone on a equal playing field.
—Preston Charity, Spring Lake, NC

Please keep the internet free and fair. Don't allow preferential treatment for paid traffic!
—Gregory Lisek, Westminster, MD

Don't get Caught in Caesar's Web The Internet. It can be used for good, or it can be used for evil. The Internet, also known as “The Web,” is used mainly for commerce. And those who trust in this spider's Web for commercial gain are like the paths of those who forget God. So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web." The Internet is Neutral Ground We are of the World, not of commerce. I, AM THE WITNESS
—Karen " Of " Wilson-Clan, durham,

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This time, be fair to the consumer not the corporation.
—Karen Tkaczyk, Lunenburg, VT

I want the same content and speed in my internet use that rich people have.
—Anita Hunt, Honey Grove, TX

Everyone is entitled to the same fast internet no matter how much money they have.
—Nicholas Galante, Tavares, FL

Equal access for all companies, regardless of size, needs to be preserved: to protect opportunity for those without the cash to pay for a fast lane, to protect innovation that will be muzzled if established carriers prevent open access, and to protect consumers' free and unfettered access to a truly open marketplace of ideas and goods and news coverage. ISPs should be recognized and classified as common carriers.
—Lawrence Haydu, Sudbury, MA

Internet scholars such as Constitutional law scholar Lawrence Lessig have been laying out the contours of this situation for many years. The architecture of the Internet can be designed with commerce in mind, it can be designed with civil discourse in mind. While not necessarily mutually exclusive objectives, they *can* conflict with each other, and this seems clearly to be one of those instances. The present historical moment is already shaping up to be the Era of the Corporate Welfare Check. We do not need to deepend that trend by carving up another public good and portioning it out. Let the free market do its work and pick the telcos that should survive through *actual* competition. The Internet isn't broken, at least not in this way. Please don't attempt to fix it!
—Dr. Lane DeNicola, Oxford, GA

MY internet access is slow, unpredictably so, expensive and I have no other options that to be comcrapped on. This is why Net neutrality is important, It would prevent Comcast from making my internet even worse.
—Brian Inzer, OXR, AL

Keep The net free!
—John J. Templeton Sr, Amherst, MA

Please discard your recent rulings and reclassifity the Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Anne Klein, Benicia, CA

Splitting the internet into multiple lanes at the a federal level will only make it more for new businesses to get the exposure they need and, therefore, stifle job creation. The change will hit minorities in urban communities hard since they are most likely the ones that will not be able to afford the higher speeds. This limits their access to information and knowledge. This benefits only a few large, monopolistic companies at the detriment to millions of users around the globe. The federal government should not implement this change.
—Richard Harsell, Broadlands, VA

The internet is the most robust platform for innovation, collaboration and freedom of speech ever devised. If we are to continue our experiment in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all, the importance of true net neutrality cannot be overstated. Monopolies kill innovation and opportunity and are a threat to the foundational principles of the United States. Protect net neutrality at all costs.
—Michael Lehman, St Pete Beach, FL

Why on earth would our government encourage this lack of competition??
—Carleen Hinsley, Hastings, MI

Please stop Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. We need to keep Net Neutrality.
—Chris Curley, Richmond, VA

I value freedom of speech.
—Dr Eli Hegeman, ny, NY

TThis is really about small businesses and start-ups that would be at even a bigger disadvantage were the FCC's two-tier plan is implemented. We need to keep net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Amelia Kroeger, Bloomington, MN

Equality !!
—Tony Marra, Crawfordville, FL

Allowing a "tier" system is no different in action than creating a caste system or class system for internet access. Access to information should not be limited or gated. And saying that "everyone will be treated fairly" has proven, historically, inaccurate at best. The internet is not broken. Do not break it. Democratic access to information is essential to a smarter, more effective, and quite likely, a wealthier world. Do not be anti-democratic, or penny wise and pound foolish. Protect net neutrality.
—Peter R, southampton, NJ

For ONCE, put the interest of the people first. The Internet is a public good developed with American tax dollars. Its importance in daily life should qualify it as a public utility, as done in many other nations. Instead, Americans are gouged by corporations that charge higher prices for slower access than the rest of the developed world. This has to stop! We are angry at having public resources and public needs overlooked for private profit. Keep the Internet neutral. Trust me, Comcast, Verizon and the like are already making plenty of money by overcharging for mediocre services as it is.
—Leah Holmes, Cranston, RI

I'm getting screwed by Comcast already. Please don't make it worse.
—Dave Kirk, Chicago, IL

Why not leave the internet alone? I thought the FCC was supposed to be protecting the public, not the big providers. This does not improve anything for anyone but the companies who already have enough power. Start protecting us for a change. We're the ones that need it.
—Walter H Lindauer, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality works. It is fair for everyone and allows for small and large companies to compete on a level playing field. The FCC is supposed to protect the consumer from big corporations taking over and taking unfair advantage of both consumers and smaller startup companies. The changes that are being proposed give big companies and the ultra rich a huge advantage by allowing the rich to pay any price for super fast internet while the rest of us are just stuck with really slow internet service. At the same time huge companies would be able to price out small startup companies reducing competition and actually slowing development of new technology. Net Neutrality not broken so don't mess it up by trying to fix it!
—Katherine Galloway, Ava, MO

Net Neutrality is seriously important to me because what's at stake here is not only freedom of information but also the independence of the government. If cable companies can get the government to do what they want regardless of mass public resistance, then the government is not an advocate for the voters any longer, and what's to stop any other big business from throwing its weight around, to the detriment of this country.
—Nancy, Arlington, MA

It is this century's newspaper
—Darcy Bergh, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I like to use the internet for news, homework, research and entertainment. I am fed up with greedy and controlling monopolies, to wit AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, as well as, our corrupt federal government for aiding and abetting these companies, whose only goal is to extract as much money out of the american public as possible. The internet should be open and fair to all users whether you are poor, wealthy, or in-between.
—Karol Kolostow, Dedham, MA

We NEED real - that is REAL - net neutrality. I am tired of corporations owning everything. Don't real people ever get a break from you guys?
—Martha Novak, Albuquerque, NM

When did monopolies become legal?
—Carolina Scholten, Frederick, MD

Net Neutrality is critical to maintain a free and open internet where innovation can thrive and customers can be treated fairly. Data is data and should be treated as such.
—Matthew Rubin, Chicago, IL

As a scientist, the internet is an essential tool in getting scientific work done. Research is rarely funded at the level of Fortune 500 companies. Net Neutrality is fundamental in getting scientific work done and maximizing the benefits of that work to US citizens. If you allow the net neutrality rules to relapse and a two-tiered system to come about, then you will irrevocably damage scientific work. James Brown, PhD
—James Brown, Oxford, OH

The time my son needs to do his homework is directly affected by net neutrality. Waiting for sites to load while he does research will destroy the sanctity of our home as our teen endures frustration, feeding his already hormone induced anger until our home becomes a battleground. All because the sites we need are not bought and paid for by the huge monopolies that are time warner and comcast. You aren't a lobbyist anymore Mr. Wheeler, you work for us, the American People. Do the right thing, make the internet a utility and keep the internet neutral.
—Greta Buckman, Knoxville, TN

As the internet works now, all websites and content have equal weight, and when I put a website into my browser, the provider has no CONTROL over my access to that site. If the FCC gives the provider, oh let's say Time Warner, that would like to charge me more, and sees that I am a frequent user, they can add an additional charge to my bill for that website, in essence, CONTROLLING MY ACCESS, because I may not have the additional funds for that site. Just like my parents do not subscribe to HBO, because they can't afford it on a fixed income. Unless the local provider markets are open to other competitors, you will be instituting a CONTENT CONTROL based on the whims of the providers. I have really had enough abuse by TIME WARNER, and don't think they have the right to decide what content I should have access to or like the Congress, take bribes from websites that can pay.
—Dawn Stanko, Dublin, OH

America's economic divide has widened and deepened to a terrifying abyss. Please do not contribute to the death of the American Dream, but rather help to revive it by supporting Net Neutrality!
—Roberta Richardson, Melbourne, FL

We need real net neutrality, not fast lanes and slow lane. The net should be regulated as a common carrier. We need more completion with the ISP's, not less. Allowing AT&T and Comcast to do merger's, is a very , very bad idea.
—Michael D Howton, Crystal River, FL

Basically what I'm hearing is, "You'll get to pay more money for an inferior service." No. Companies charge an arm and a leg for their crappy service as is. We pay more than any other country, but we still get the worst download speeds. And what am I supposed to do about my business? I've been working at it for two years, finally starting to get somewhere, and what? You're going to make me pay premiums I can't afford? That will kill my business. Which means there's no point in me having the Internet or cable (which is something I never use, anyway). If this goes through, I'll cancel my package immediately. The FCC needs to get cable companies out of their pockets and think about what's best for the American people. Because fuck cable companies.
—Chelsey Hartman, Atlanta, GA

The net has always been, since it's inception, a neutral space. Don't allow cable companies to create two or three tiers of usage. This is terribly unfair. Thank you
—Kristin Mellen, Marblehead, MA

The internet is for everyone at high speeds.
—Diana Tiessen, Brighton,

Net neutrality is an important factor in the fight against the growing inequality of our times.
—Mrs. Susan CAmpbell, The Villages, FL

I support Net Neutrality. Otherwise websites that do not pay the extra amount will run at a snails pace. And why, President Obama, did you appoint the Comcast lobeyist Tom Wheeler to run the FCC??? You. Mr. President, are getting worse and worse. Also, the desire of the FCC to destroy Net Neutrality and the recent NSA spying show that the USA is no longer capable of running the Internet and it should be run by an international organization.
—William W. Anderson, Bristol,

The issue of Net Neutrality is already fraught with the overtones of cable company monopolies that put consumers at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing much needed information. Allowing theses companies to monetize a two tiered speed system will only complicate this disadvantage, making the internet a platform for the rich and powerful, not the egalitarian playing field it was created to be. I strongly urge the FCC to reverse it's recent decision to pursue an internet with monetized fast lanes as this ultimately will destroy the very qualities of the internet that have created prosperity for so many over the last few years.
—Thomas Kropp, New York, NY

These rules clearly favor the ongoing protection and production of innovation stifling monopolies. There are no guarantees in place to protect star-ups and competition is limited in a capital intensive industry.
—Matthew Bigman, Beavercreek, OH

please understand that net neutrality is good for poor people who want to start net business.
—Lexow Grant, alexandria, VA

Accurate and factual information should be available to anyone and everyone without interference from a corporation trying to make more money--this is a very bad idea and needs to be stopped.
—Ellen Hogarty, Kent, OH

We need net neutrality to keep the Internet affordable for all Americans! These proposed changes will only help big business! This is cronie capitalism! It's big government taking care of big business friends so they all get richer!
—Gary Hanna, Lockhart, TX

Access to the internet does not need to be sold to corporations. The FCC was once protecting the consumer; it is time to restore the laws, break up the monopolies and restore access. Americans have a right to choose what they want without selling access to the highest bidder. Cable, radio, TV, phone, internet are all property of the people. Keep the people in the loop.
—Sharon Donovan, ANN ARBOR, MI

Throw out your rules!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!
—Annette Tenny, Danbury, NC

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers and your proposed Internet rules should be thrown out. The Internet must be free and neutral!
—Theresa Sabatini, Acme, PA

The media keeps using the metaphor of creating a "fast lane" for the issue regarding net neutrality. That makes little sense. The internet, like roads and clean water, should be provide equally to EVERYONE, regardless of the intended use. It is a public service and entity, and should be equally available to all.
—Mary Morrison, Chapel Hill, NC

Asking why Net Neutrality is important is the same as asking why freedom and democracy are important. Net Neutrality puts everyone on the same footing regardless of their wealth, religion or politics. Having a two speed internet allows those with more money to have an advantage over those without as much money. Which is akin to having a democracy where there isn't one vote per person but rather one vote per dollar that you have; and yes, I realise the irony here.
—Mark Jacobs, Springfield, OR

A two-tier internet is completely opposite to what "NET NEUTRALITY" means. It is also contrary to the very principles of the internet such as free speech, lack of censorship and the likes.
—Dominique Jacques-Brissette, Montréal,

The present plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. FCC- throw out these rules and immediately reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Downham, West Chester, PA

While Rupert Murdoch and those like him live and rule - we need a free net as a democratic option for freedom of information.
—Kim O'Brien, Sydney,

The basic principle of net neutrality is critical to freedom of speech and humane rights - do not sell our freedoms to Coorporations. GREED has ruled actions for far too long please for once make decisions that benefit humanity and the generations who follow us.....
—Dee kyne, Horsham,

Net neutrality is absolutely critical and should be protected. Eliminating net neutrality would have the dual effect of (1) severely altering the internet in negative ways by creating a two tiered system for the haves and have nots; and (2) proving that our government is only interested in the interests of the select corporations that buy our politicians, lobby against the interests of the people, and otherwise corrupt our political system. Protect net neutrality as if the legacy of your career depends on it - because it does.
—Robert Adams, Denver, CO

Because I cannot afford to pay for access to websites.
—Alexandra W Sipiora, Chicago, IL

Stop selling out to the big Telco's and special interests. Keep net neutrality. I will no longer use the internet if the Telco's and special interest start having any control over it. Your supposed to work for the PEOPLE, not Telco's and special interests.
—Edwin Britt, mount washington, KY

To the extent that our economy is working at all, it is due in large part to the Internet. Do not allow American Business interests to introduce another way to add to their revenue by making customers pay for higher speeds. This is the inevitable action that would result from having passed these new Internet rules. The new rules would allow a few business entities to increase profits at the expense of pricing the individual consumer to the edges of the marketplace.
—Mark Warren, Madison Heights, MI

We the people over corporate intersts
—Keith Chilcutt, Cumberland, RI

Regulating the internet will only serve to destroy its strength as a resource; diversity. There is no reason for this to happen, apart from serving the interests of monopolies, who will charge more than they do already for poorer service. This will affect people all over the world, and will make progress more difficult, as viable new ideas are ignored through sheer lack of exposure.
—Mr. Roberto Aviles, Fremantle, OR

The future is scary if all that matters is who has the most money.
—Jack Campbell, Jacksonville, FL

America became a world leader because it, unlike many other countries (especially those that we came to see as enemies) fostered things like innovation, entrepreneuism and competition. Ending net neutrality would put an end to these pillars that our country's dynamism has grown out of and what has in the past put us in a leadership role in the world. Keep America strong! Don't give in to despots of the business world! Keep net neutrality!
—Ruth Stambaugh, Black Mountain, NC

Keep the internet neutral so everyone has an even playing field. Don't give the cable companies any more power or money than they already have. In fact, investigate why they don't compete and investigate why Obama appointed Wheeler to head the FCC. What a scam!
—Rebecca Hoover, Sturgeon Bay, WI

The people are sick of governments spying on them and of them being the bane of our world. Governments & banks and big corporations are to be held accountable to the people but today this is upside down.
—Ursula Riches, LLANELLI,

This is wrong and please do the right thing and keep the Net as it is today. say no to the money you are tempted by!!
—Mr. Daniel McKiernan, Rochester Hills, MI

I do increasingly large amounts of my business and creative work on the internet. I run two online publications, three websites, sell books-- all this not to mention personal correspondence and shopping. I suspect the changes in who gets faster service won't affect me when I buy things online: I also suspect my small press and small online magazines may be deeply undermined by these changes. Please keep the web wide open and egalitarian.
—Meredith Sue Willis, South Orange, NJ

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Leanna Hollon, lexington, KY

Keeping a free and open internet is a staple of online businesses like mine. By taking away that freedom and limiting the internet for the millionaires of the world, is not only wrong, disgraceful and dishonorable but it will also kill most online small businesses. Don't kill our economy any more!
—Caleb Snow, Inverness, FL

Access costs will rise faster than normal. The Internet will become a commodity and not the utility it is meant to be. Government has to stop giving away precious resources to big money monopolies and let the people use them at reasonable costs.
—Walter Dean, Niagara Falls, NY

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is where business, art, commerce, and many other things take place today and we should all have a level playing field.
—Sheila Heady, Easthampton, MA

We need net neutrality . No more NSa surveillance....thank you Ed Snowden. What a patriot!
—josephine Irvine-groves, richmond, OH

The Internet is one of the few truly neutral places in the world and you will not take it away from us. I'm from Canada but this thing will affect us. It'll affect the whole world. And we will not allow this. We, the masses of the Internet, will not be stopped and will never surrender.
—Venessa Lavergne, Casselman,

We need real Net Neutrality. It should be a right under the freedom of speech. The cable and phone companies should have no say in who gets faster internet access. Please make the internet a utility.
—Tyler Saville, arthur, WV

Let The internet stand as it is now - open and free! We have all but lost the freedom of the press with their biased and selective reporting. This may be the only way some information can circulate. Letting the service providers create tiered service will just open the door to discriminate picking and choosing and different fee strata. ALL should have access at the same cost and speed!!!!
—Norma W English, Baden, PA

Net neutrality has encouraged an extraordinary amount of innovation and open communication as the internet has grown. The internet has become a necessity of modern communication and should be treated as a telecomm. There is no practical competition for internet connection in most parts of the country, and until there is the cable companies can do what ever they want with little ramifications. The currently proposed rules allowing two speeds will make the internet into a profit driven system that promotes the lowest common dominator and stifles free speech and innovation. Please reclassify the internet as a telecommunication utility and promote faster speeds for everyone.
—Theron Wentworth, Kennebunk, ME

Cable is already too expensive and America has one of the slowest internet speeds in the world thanks to Comcast and Verizon. People cannot afford to keep paying fees for outdated services. Instead of Comcast and Verizon telling the FCC what to do, how about the FCC tell Comcast and Verizon to upgrade their equipment and lower their prices!
—Danielle, Philadelphia, PA

I believe that the internet should be equal for everyone. How dare you - a government body created to ensure fairness, not monopoly - sanction a blatant grab for power from a few select companies. The whole basis of the internet is a free-flowing, equal sharing of a resource that is now vital for all to communicate and collaborate. I know this a bit old-fashioned, but the government is there to SERVE the people, not bow to bribes (aka lobby groups) and enact laws to suppress, divide and bully them.
—Karen Crawford, Melbourne,

We no longer have a free and independent print and broadcast media. They were taken from us by the corporations wishing one thing only- profits at the cost of "all the news". And now these same greedy plutocrats seek control of the internet- the last democratic source of information.
—Barry De Jasu, Montague, MA

To many freedoms are already in the hands of huge greedy corporations. These corporations do not need further encouragement. I am certain that not one single member of congress or the FCC would like to pay more just so these companies can get richer and richer. If the FCC is allowed to carry out these rules, all Americans will suffer. Please throw out these ridiculous rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Juan Urena, Astoria, NY

The large Internet providers are telecommunications providers and cannot be allowed to dictate. Our phone services are being provided by VOIP, including AT&T. I have Comcast with 57 MBs of download speed and I couldn't stream Netflix until Netflix paid Comcast's ransom demands. I can't even get Amazon or Redbox to load, while my Mother can stream them smoothly on her 10 MB AT&T service. This blatant abuse by Comcast will be soon emulated by all of the carriers if it is allowed to continue. This talk of creating fast streams for those who wish to pay for it is a total lie. There is not going to be any expedited roll out of fiber optic or improved server equipment. What there will be is the justification of charging for a premium service by throttling those who refuse to pay or can't afford it. Comcast is already refusing to uphold it's responsibility to provide equal services despite the lack of profitability. Sanilac county and parts of adjoining St. Clair county in Michigan are serviced exclusively by Comcast and these people are still suffering with analog television and Comcast is refusing to upgrade the system. Cherry picking by these large obscenely profitable communications companies can not be tolerated in this period of necessary digital access. Not classifying the companies as telecommunications companies and having them be subjected to federal rules and practices will be a total rejection of the right of the average citizens right to receive fair and acceptable entertainment and digital data rights. Please don't forsake my, and all of the other common citizens rights to fair and affordable digital services. Frank Mezo 1643 Prairie r Pontiac, Mi 48340
—Frank Mezo, Pontiac, MI

Keep something free from corporate control in this country! They do not operate in the best interests for the citizens of the world.
—Dameon Torrey, Atlanta, GA

No pay to play with our internet. Internet providers must not be in control of our internet.
—Mary Kroncke, Frankfort, KY

ISPs should provide a service to all regardless of income status. Faster internet speeds should be a national priority.
—Mike Seagrave, Kingston Upon Hull,

An open and non hierarchical internet is the equivalent of free speech, freedom of assembly, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure and the right to privacy. All of these guaranteed in the the US Constitution which Americans do not have any more. As an American who sees what has happened to our nation of "for the corporations and by the corporations". I say "why not make it a clean sweep?" Our government has deserted the people and it is so painfully obvious. Why hold anything back? Very contemptuously yours...
—Mark van Rossen, Mount Arlington, NJ

Net neutrality is one of the core principles underlying the Internet. The two tier system will completely destroy the marvel of our generation just to line the pockets of the cable companies.
—P Mikkel Green, Myrtle Beach, SC

This sounds like discrimination or a class caste system to me. Everyone should have the same opportunity as everyone else to receive the Internet in a neutral way. We shouldn't be penalized or supplemented for the size of our wallet! It all comes down to greed. When will someone with some common sense step in and say that the Internet is for everyone to have equal access too, especially for those living in rural areas.
—Bonnie Moore, Laurel, MS

It is urgent that you bring our laws up to date with technology. In today's world the internet is the lifeline to the World. Therefore, it should now be considered, what the Constitution deems "an Inalienable Right". We the People should Not be stifled by technology in our ability to communicate with Anyone. We should have fast and full access to, not only our friends, family, and those on social media, but to connections to Congress, Corporate America, and those all over the world, when exchanging ideas, and making our wants and needs known. Without Net Neutrality, our voices will be stilled, and our Constitutional Rights will be violated in ways that have never been imagined. In today's world, the Internet is the most valuable, and important form of communication we have. I urge to Not to let corporate greed, politicians and corporate entities become dictators to how, when, and where we can communicate with them, and each other. We the People have this right, and we urge you to protect us.
—Anita McInnis, Bellflower, CA

If Net Neutrality is split and speeds are adjusted due to the amount I pay, then my experience will be even worse than what I have now. I'm already subjected to "throttling" and because I'm disabled I'll never afford the amounts for a faster highway. Besides if companies like Comcast & Time/Warner had spent money on infrastructure instead of lobbying there would not be a speed or traffic problem on the net. The FCC should focus on breaking up the monopolies to promote competition, which would lead to immediate speed increases and price drops. Shame on any FCC chairman who would allow this charade go on any longer. Americans invented the internet, tax payers paid for the internet. Allowing corporations to just come in and stifle it's enhancement is wrong and Un-American.
—Robert L. Ivey, Rosamond, CA

Please protect net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Mark Stambaugh, Mesa, AZ

to Save money and time.
—Chris Morris, PHILADELPHIA, PA

NET NEUTRALITY!!! All data should be treated EQUAL! You must be truly delusional if you think allowing the rule change will make it better. That would only create a large monopoly that would raise the costs for everyone and successfully stifle any competition from startups because, heaven forbid, they might just provide better service and content than the monopoly. Oh horrors, that just might affect their bottom line!!! It might just make us more aware of what you are trying to do to us. It's bad enough that you are already catering to the "lowest common denominator " of the population, the unaware (can't miss my Lizard Lick Towing!); I shudder to think how much worse it could become!! Turn down the money the lobbyists are offering you, regain your self respect!
—Bonnie J Olivier, Grand Rapids, MI

The question is whether choking off competition on behalf of established megacorporations, and silencing grassroots people, will work out as expected. If the people find they've lost what little voice we have now, will we just shut up--or will we at last put aside "internet activism" in favor of getting into the streets, finding there the other actual people, and attempting to take our country back... which may not succeed but will make the reality of our "democracy" rather more blatant than is convenient for you, the would-be Masters of the Universe. Certainly killing Net Neutrality is a logical step--but it may have severe blowback.
—Mary Wildfire, Spencer, WV

We need an even playing field.
—Jan Williams, Portland, OR

Protect net neutrality! Reclassify broadband Internet as a common carrier service under Title Ii of the Communications Act of 1934. A common carrier offers its services to the general public without discrimination for public convenience and necessity. This is precisely the function of the Internet.
—Katherine Howard, West Roxbury, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is very important. Money should never equal speech! Is a rich man's voice more important than a poor man's? Money should never be the measure of a person's worth. Greed only serves to feed itself.
—Brian Parker, Charleston, SC

The people of the United States ask you not to implement the new proposed plan. These rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. We ask you to throw out the new proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Andre Pope, Myrtle Beach, SC

Leave the net alone. Or better yet make it a public utility and keep it a level playing field. Tom Wheeler is a lobbyist for Comcast, Verizon, etc. These corporations should not be in charge of the internet. No double speak from Tom Wheeler! Keep the Internet neutral. We need real net neutrality, a level playing field. No gate keepers and no Tom Wheeler double speak!
—Mr. James Ludwig, Redding, CA

Grossly unjust and unfair to have higher level speeds. You know it's unfair! Un American! Greedy!
—Lulu Senko, new york, NY

Do not allow discrimination on the internet. How about working for the general population instead of big business.
—Gene Polito, Sag Harbor, NY

Dear FCC, The internet is not broken. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Leave the internet alone.
Sincerely, Sandra Ibrahim
—Sandra Ibrahim, Holland, MI

Why is non-neutrality even being considered? The way is clear---EQUALITY FOR ALL!!!!!! ISPs should be common carriers!!!
—R Blaser, Fair Haven, NJ

Mr. Wheeler, hasn't this country seen more than enough of the wholesale giveaway of the commons to private, for profit interests? Maybe your personal opinions are aligned with the merger of state and business, but your job as FCC chairman requires you to set your personal ambitions aside and to do what is best for the United States of America. Net neutrality is what the internet is all about. It is what makes it so versatile, diverse and interesting. Allowing what is essentially a corporate takeover of the internet would be detrimental on so many levels that it would take too long to list them here. The bottom line is that we still live in a democracy. Granted, it is a democracy that is struggling to survive. A large part of that survival is because of the free flow of information on the internet. Most broadcast and print media has largely failed to fulfill their duties as the 4th estate of democracy. Where they have failed, the internet has succeeded. Your proposal of creating a pay-to-play internet has the potential to push this country over the line from Democracy to Oligarchy. I found it hard it imagine that this is your personal goal. Instead, I have to speculate that your recent moves are simply the FCC's response to pressure from industry lobbyists. Whatever the reasons are, one thing is certain; your actions are not consistent with your own words. You have publicly claimed to support and open and free internet. American's may be distracted with a significant lack of focus on what really matters, but rest assured, the side you choose will be noticed and your actions will be recorded in history for all to see. It is my sincere hope that you are a man of integrity and not just another corrupted and deceitful politician. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to do the right thing for your country. Please choose wisely.
—Kevin P Lynch, Savannah, TX

Tom Wheeler, and those who agree with his plan to have a two-tiered internet, represent just another horrendous example of the wealthy and powerful plowing over the moderate and low income population: it's a centuries old tradition and, for a few golden years, it seemed the USA was going to follow a different path. I request that the FCC put on their mantle of morality and justice and rule that the ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Alexandria Delman, Merchantville, NJ

The internet is the modern version of the public square. The free flow of information is one of the bedrocks of our democratic republic. It cannot function properly without it. Please keep the internet neutral and information flowing equally to us all.
—Ned Chancey III, Orange City, FL

The internet needs to remain a level playing field where the big money makers are on the same speed as the struggling mom & pop companies. The ability of start-ups to reach markets as easily as large corporations is key to America's ability to innovate and grow. America will truly take a step backwards when big money controls the internet. Only the cable companies will enjoy a temporary gain and even they will lose out in the long run just as the rest of the country has lost out if we lose true net neutrality.
—Carol Charest, West Hurley, NY

I work from home, as a growing number of workers do. My job is data intensive and so lots of packets flying back and forth. I need the same access to bandwidth as anyone else. Besides, the internet is a medium of communication and as such should be regulated as a utility.
—Ronald H Skees, Jeffersonville, KY

So this country will not let democracy die instead of supporting greed and utter corruption and selfishness!!!!!!!!!!!!!! STOP THIS! ONE internet SPEED for all and one nation undivided!
—Jane, St. Paul, MN

If corporations are allowed to charge for a " fast lane " approach to internet traffic, people like me who don't work for the government, will be left in the slow lane. ~ Come voting time ~ we will remember .
—David Hutchins, Salem, VA

The need for an unhampered education for my children should not be forced to stop at any particular age. I would love my ability to continue my education on any subject to be there. To put controls on something so basic as information is glaringly gestapo. Cable companies are already some of the richest in the world, how much more greed driven does it need to be?
—Debbie Graham, Wilsonville, OR

Democracy requires equality!
—Jon Singleton, New York, NY

The big cable companies already monopolize the ISP market. Allowing them to institute a two tier traffic system would only compound that problem and give them more power, prohibiting any competition. Stop pandering to the lobbyists and listen to the majority of the American public. It's the taxpayers that keep government employed.
—Ben LaRochelle, Hampden, ME

No more discrimination anywhere! We lose the American way and the whole world is lost. Discrimination is another way of saying legal bullying. What kind of people are we turning into? What kind of people are we allowing to rule?! It is time for the meek and shy to stand up. NO extra fees for the average person., Stop the economic war and stop the bullying.
—Libby Welch, Hyattsville, MD

The internet needs to be free. It's the only way information can be free and that's the only possible means that mankind can become free. Allowing cable companies to monetise the two-tier web idea is the beginning of the end of the internet. Keep it free, keep it neutral.
—Andrew Shanahan, Goostrey,

Do not let this happen! The internet has been something that has worked for us for a long time, and we do not want megacompanies making us pay more for higher speed, or for them to redirect us! Don't let them direct the internet. Protect the right of "the people"!
—Rhonda Lawrence, Magalia, CA

To ensure equal access for all
—Rachel Cilley, Chelsea, MA

"Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it." This is unacceptable. Absolutely unacceptable. Despicable, even. The FCC should be ashamed for even considering this proposal. There are so many reasons why this would be terrible for our country. I will name a few here. First, do we really want to allow cable companies to further take advantage of the American people? They already have monopolies in terms of provision. This does not help our economy. Also, we call ourselves a capitalist nation. Let's act like one. A free market is the best way for innovation to occur. Finally, the bottom line is that if these proposed changes go through, the American people lose.
—Michelle Oyakawa, Columbus, OH

John Oliver hit the nail on the head, and I hope it galvanizes even more people to tell you why Chairman Wheeler's plan is wrong. Do the decent thing, protect Net Neutrality, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. How else can we avoid the birth of a two-tiered Internet?
—Amy Kaufman, Medford, MA

I want a level playing field. I don't want Comcast (or Verizon) making decisions for me.
—Tom Gutnick, Arlington, VA

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—Vera Dulaney, Lighthouse Point, FL

Net Neutrality IS Free Speech and The Constitution of the United States has a First Amendment called "freedom of speech". Or is our Constitution no longer working for the United States? Oh I get it, maybe it's about profits at the expense of free speech. Get real FCC and stand up for the Citizens of the United States, who by the way, pay your salary!! And while I am at it, Tom Wheeler was the worst choice for his position - like the fox guarding the henhouse but that is not new - President Obama has been naming "foxes" to positions since the Bank meltdown starting with Timothy Geithner and Jamie Diamond. This country is doomed with all of the corruption and the FCC is has the opportunity to stop the madness but I do not have hope based on the previous decisions.
—Patricia Pearson, Boulder, CO

The internet is a public utility. There should be no preferential fast lanes for any company or person.
—Mick Bello, Sloansville, NY

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Steven Kostis, Warren, NJ

it's just the right thing to do; the big corporations don't need anything more to expand the gap between the haves and the havenots
—Mark Katz, Arnold, MD

It just is.
—Steven Kostis, New York, NY

I want to be able to choose the content I read and watch, not have it decided for me. This is what the United States was created for. Freedom.
—Tracy Royal, Murrells Inlet, SC

I am a small business owner and help others get started chasing their dreams (music artists, entrepreneurs, etc.). Net neutrality is a crucial ingredient to our success (or hope at least hope of success) and should remained unchanged and protected from the internet providers who seek to gain control of it. Based on all of the public outcry I have seen, if the FCC allows ISP's to regulate different levels of access to the internet then the FCC has gone against public opinion and no longer serves the people.
—Kevin Taylor, Tallahassee, FL

I don't agree - I hate it!
—Marcus Gustafsson, KÖPING,

"The only security at all is a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to" T. Jefferson 1823
—Rev Jake Harrison, Fort Worth, TX

I've founded five internet start ups over the last twenty years. They created thousands of new jobs and paid many millions in taxes. I will never fund another one if you sell out as you seem prepared to do. Shame on you and the rest of the politicians that have put corporate money above the interests of our country.
—Michael McChesney, Atlanta, GA

Real net neutrality is critical for a democracy and for freedom. ISPs should never be allowed to charge premiums to have webpages load faster. This would destroy small businesses and freedom on the internet.
—Amy Birdwell, Garland, TX

Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You can not allow a slow lane for the innovators and creatives in this country and a fast lane for big businesses to get even bigger! It goes against everything this country stands for... Do not crush equal opportunity.
—Barb Royal, Murrells Inlet, SC

The Internet has become a critical forum for speech. If we value freedom of expression as a democratic principle, we cannot allow cable companies to take advantage of their position at the gateway to the forum and shake down those seeking entry. Classify Internet service as a utility and protect the equal treatment of all data.
—Zoe Sherman, Brighton, MA

Everyday people (like me!) would be ill-served by this and it would increase a class system. I thought that's why we had a democracy and invented the middle class!
—Elizabeth MacKelvie, Appleton, WI

If net neutrality does not exist then the internet will be used for unfair corporate interests.
—Richard Miller, Worcester, MA

As an economist I believe we must protect net-nutrality for the benefit of our economy. Only when new start-ups can play on the same level playing field can innovation continue to drive the internet. Internet Service Providers already exhibit monopolistic behavior, limiting the quality of the service they provide. Don't let them price discriminate in such a way that favors entrenched companies!
—Paul Burkander, East Lansing, MI

This isn't in the spirit of equal competition or fairness to the consumer.
—Gavin Ecker, Fort Collins, CO

Please do not allow the cable companies to strengthen their monopolies by ending net neutrality! They already spend millions on lobbyists, and have the former head of the cable industry now running the FCC and supposedly "regulating" his old buddies... Americans already pay the cable monopoly a lot just for standard services, and get terrible customer service. If you end net neutrality it will just get worse. Please do the right thing and don't deregulate this corrupt industry!
—Eileen Ebner, Zionsville, IN

Hands off!!!!! Leave things the way they are.
—Louis Segaloff, Schertz, TX

A free and open and equal internet is critical to the US and wold economy. Creating tiered services only keeps people from access.
—David Aufochs, Brooklyn, NY

The Net should not be owned by anybody or company. Net Neutrality makes us all equal on the internet. Keep it that way. Don't limit individual use.
—Stephen Dempsey, Cochranville, PA

NET NEUTRALITY MUST BE RETAINED. It is inherently unfair that certain sites will be given a prominent place on the site and work faster than other sites. Equality to access information equally and quickly is a principle that must be maintained.
—Mary L Myers, NEW YORK, NY

It's very important since I want the internet to be equal and free for everyone!
—Jesper Andreasson, Dundee, KY

The internet belongs to people not to internet carriers. The internet is last bastion og true freedom and must remain nutral.
—Joseph Ayers, Racine, WI

Whatever was conceived to be a help to humankind is always abused against its intended benefactors. That has never made that precedent right.
—Stefan Kozinski, Wilmington, DE

This keeps coming up, and I'll keep remarking on it until Net Neutrality is restored. The internet is NOT to be governed by the richest or the most powerful. It is a means of communication and expression.
—Daniel DeSantis, Williamsburg, VA

Now is the time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suzanne Schaem, new york, NY

In the information economy of today and the future, ISPs exemplify the common carriers deserving of regulation insuring that their access remains fair and neutral.
—Marcus Lackey, Nashville, TN

Because we're this close to being ruled under dictatorship
—Robin, bakersfield, CA

Passing this corporate sponsored change is just one more step by the rich and powerful to control everything to their advantage and hurt the People. It is one more nail in the coffin that will hasten the end of the Empire. The rest of the world is taking action to Stop the United States in their attempt to control the world. This action will simply speed that process.
—Barbara A Boldenow, Long Lake, MN

The internet and the freedom to access these resources was designed to be freely available. Soon enough the government will have an agency to sell us air in little bottles like the water we purchase now. Please don't allow a former lobbyist of greed determine our access or regulate it.
—Thomas Wingard, HOLMES, PA

The ISP's must remain a "common carrier". Must everything be only for the rich?
—Trudy Jacek, Atlanta, GA

Does anybody on this commission actually care about democracy? Stop selling out our country to the highest bidder!!!
—Austin Nelson, Bend, OR

Do not provide the money drunk ISPs another avenue for generating revenue, they are already saddling Americans with fees unparalleled in the civilized world. Increases in speed are natural progressions of science and do not belong to service providers, they already increase fees to users. You want to also let them charge for the other end of communication? This would essentially allow them to control access to content. Classify ISPs as common carriers, it is the only right way to go.
—Thomas Stoddard, Monroe, MI

Many owners of micro businesses cannot afford to pay big-business rates. Many of us who are barely in the middle class can't afford to pay extra, either. It's not in the public's best interest that extreme right-wing politics can buy its way into the first page or 2 of every search.
—W Starn, Alexandria, LA

Don't big corporations have enough influence over our politics. Isn't that enough for them, must it be the internet too?
—Beth Wyandt, Boston, MA

Because currently, it is the speed at which our freedom of speech and expression travels, un-hindered by the cartels of greed and power. I urge the FCC to listen to the people and remain vigilant once again as gaurdian for the Bill of Rights.
—Daniel Edstrom, BLAIRSVILLE, GA

Net neutrality is vital to our current media and communications. Please throw out your current discriminatory rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I'm sure the overwhelming majority of American citizens want this, please reflect your constituents wishes and not the greed of a few corporations.
—Christopher Webb, Wethersfield, CT

The internet is the only free speech left in the land. The cable companies are monopolies that should not even be allowed. They certainly should not usurp more of the public airways for their profits at the price of our speech.
—Peggy Luhrs, Burlington, VT

Dear FCC, I'm appalled at these rules you're considering. Net neutrality is the only right, fair, just way to proceed. Without it, you'd create a system in which some peoples voices/messages/influence would be empowered while others' would be disempowered. When people with money can buy more/better access to the information highway, their agenda is given an advantage. This is wrong. It's not unlike the horrible effects of Citizens United, which results in corporations getting their voices heard in ways that the downtrodden masses don't get heard, simply because the corporations can buy more "free speech". The only fair and smart and just thing to do is to let EVERY message, every voice, have an EQUAL opportunity to be heard. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't screw up our world any more than it already has been. Don't do terrible harm to democracy and equality. Do the right thing: support Net Neutrality. Thanks.
—Chris de Ville, Richfield Springs, NY

Not only do you have the fox guarding the hen house with Tom Wheeler in charge of the FCC but then here comes a blatant plan to allow the monopolistic cable companies access to a two tiered internet which would hand them the keys to the kingdom at the expense of the rest of us. I cannot imagine any possible justification for allowing this plan to go forward. It would only make an already bad situation worse. We must maintain net neutrality. Do not allow the ISPs to take any more power over the rest of us.
—Michele Walters, Depoe Bay, OR

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS! ENOUGH SAID!
—Jorge Torres, new york, NY

Don't tamper with MY internet---don't you dare(any of you offenders out there!) Please no "Big Brother" tactics! Don't discriminate to the advantage of the privileged few! Internet should be sacrosanct----available to all in a fair, honest manner. Please("Powers-That-Be")--reme mber this is America!!!
—Evelyn Hendrix, Savannah, GA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not allow discrimination online!
—Penny Cragun, Duluth, MN

The fact that a former industry lobbyist is now the chair of the commission that governs that very same industry is proposing rules to benefit said industry is an affront to democracy and the principles of government by the people and for the people seems to be lost by this commission. Teal net neutrality should be preserved and internet service providers should be mandated to provide us with better service and faster speeds than 3rd world countries. They should be regulated like the monopolistic utilities that they are.
—Ricco Bonelli, Redondo Beach, CA

I support net neutrality. Do not pass any law that would allow internet providers to charge companies for preferred delivery speeds.
—Clifton McMorris, Portland, OR

Since a lot of the band-width these ISPs are using was acquired through the forced digitalization of television (a half-baked idea, at best), treating ISPs as common carriers is the way to mitigate the screwing we got the last time!
—John Giese, milwaukee, WI

The Internet has been, and should continue to be, a great equalizer. Every site, every service, every user, and every company should have the same access options and their Internet traffic should be handled in the same way. Get corporate money out of government!!! Enough is enough! Support Net Neutrality and do NOT permit companies to categorize traffic based on what is being transmitted.
—Nate Medbery, Golden Valley, MN

Stop this trampling of democracy! Keep Net Neutrality by preventing this cable company F##kery!
—Becca Williams, Dunedin, FL

I can barely afford my time warner cable/internet bill right now. If and when TW is able to increase the price on a fast internet, which I wouldn't even call it fast now, I won't be able to afford the internet for my work as a student. Please don't allow this regulation to be implemented.
—Nick Chaney, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is extremely important in order for new ideas to come to being. Please do not take net neutrality away from us !
—Samuil Pavlevchev, Sofia, CA

I am a student that relies on the Internet to continue my education to become a mental health nurse practitioner. Please protect our Internet for all.
—Barbara Jo Lane, Cadillac, MI

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—Rebecca Ephraim, Dunedin, FL

The corruption of this administration needs to be stopped and ending net neutrality only helps keep low educated voters in the dark, and highly educated voters looking for a new country to call home. Please don't prove that you're just puppets of an ignorant, narcissistic man who has laid out his plans to end our country as we know it. This country was built on the ability of everyone to compete and that is the one thing that has blessed or country. Every attack on open markets has lead us down this path of low service, low education and a larger population dependent upon handouts. Please be real men and women and insure that net neutrality remains as it is now and do not condemn our country to further personal attacks on our freedom.
—Kile Spelz, Houston, TX

The internet buy-out by corporations will start a war of indie nets and pirate providers hacking systems. A net war will rally people against the overlord corps and the simmering anger of the "cattle" against the wolves with their bibs on and their forks at the ready may erupt into full-on rebellion. Still in its infancy, internet has changed the world. Humans can see and hear and respond to other humans all over the world. It is no longer possible to convince all the people in Ragasodia that all the people in Villagramstad are baby-eating monsters and a holy war to destroy them is the righteous answer. Internet will continue to evolve as planetary communication, which is like a golden egg for exploiters that they didn't have to pay for. It is foolishly greedy to kill the goose when they can use access to the net with the same abandon that everyone else can. In my seventy years I have witnessed earth-shaking difference in what we earthlings know about our world and the people we share it with. Don't allow this amazing power to be crippled for profit.
—Cheri Streimikes, San Ysidro, CA

Shape up Wheeler, get with the people! Corporatists, like you, should not be in government.
—Dr. Chandos Caldwell, EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ

Net Neutrality is important because it is the only level playing field in the world. It is the last place the monopoly of money has not completely take over our democracy. Please do not let cable dictators take over totally.
—Ms. Kate MacCready, Milwaukie, OR

The internet is the last/only bastion of the free market and freedom as a hole. John Doe's website/postings are equal to Mega Corporations. By allowing the Mega Corporations control over who is in and who's not (charging a premium to participate), will end the last free market. Also these self appointed arbitrators will have the ability to limit peoples views and opinions, i.e. freedom. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Chris Wanter, Rittman, OH

If you don't see fit to stop this Telco 'land-grab' we could solve the problem another way. We could simply nationalize telecommunications in the United States. A robust telecommunications network is as important a component of a national defense infrastructure as Highways were.
—Gary Meisner, S. San Francisco, CA

Why on Earth would the FCC allow Internet service providers to break the very core thing that makes the Internet such an amazing, powerful creation. We must not let net neutrality be sacrificed. The idea of a "fast lane" is appalling. The level playing field of net neutrality is what has allowed fledgling American businesses blossom into gigantic worldwide organizations. It's helped democracy stand. It's aided in disasters. It's given us speed and methods of communication hardly imaginable before. Killing net neutrality is a stab in the heart of the American can-do attitude. ISPs should be regulated as utilities. They've more than proven that they're not capable of regulating themselves. They've formed near-monopolies. The quality of service across the US pales in comparison to far smaller nations. There's no excuse for the US to be so far behind the rest of the world. Don't break the Internet. Think of the long-term impact. Keep it neutral.
—Richard Evers, Indianapolis, IN

We must maintain equal access to the internet, there can be no two-tiered system for haves and have-nots. I'm concerned that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's former ties as industry lobbyist has created a huge conflict of interest-- one which supports internet service provider monopolies at the expense of citizen's rights. We are supposed to have laws protecting citizens from such monopolization. This horrible plan from the FCC cannot be allowed to proceed. We must ensure net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Lynn Kowalewski, Brooklyn, NY

Why do you continue to ignore the needs of the many for the benefit of the few ? You are making America a laughing stock to the rest of the world. America is falling behind even some third world countries in internet service and speed . Make the internet EQUAL for all users ! Sop The Money Grab and protect the voters of America from the greed of the ISP monopolies .
—Keith L. Root, Flushing, MI

1) This plan being pushed by Tom Wheeler (a former lobbyist for telecom companies) is against the law. The Sherman Act §1 prohibits "[e]very contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce." 2) This plan is against the foundations of a free market. A free market is a market economy in which the forces of supply and demand are free of intervention by a government, price-setting monopolies, or other authority. Crony capitalism is a state of affairs in which insider corruption, nepotism and cartels dominate the system. 3) Allowing for preferential treatment of Internet traffic, or tiered service, would put newer online companies at a disadvantage and slow innovation in online services. Thus having a drastic negative effect on our suffering economy.
—Steve P, Oakland, CA

We need a level playing field to protect start ups and innovation. This is not a change that anyone but the cable companies actually want to have happened. Not a single consumer is actually asking for this or wants these changes to go through. If the FCC represents what the citizens actually want, please protect net neutrality. Thank you.
—Vasile Stanescu, Oakland, CA

I am already overwhelmed with commercial propaganda. Please do not let money control Internet content.
—Amburn Hague, San Francisco, CA

The corporate corrupted federal government and the Obama regime are committed to total control/enslavement of the people masses for the benefit of the criminal greed of the elite thieves that are ripping us off in every area of our survival. The United States leadership should be tarred feathered for their betrayals and prosecuted for their degrade of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as for their war crimes in their fraudulent justifications for all of U.S. the wars that were created out of the treasonous false flag of 9-11.
—Philip J. Dennany, Indianapolis, IN

Do not cave to the cable companys. Grow a pair, and quit accepting cable company money.
—Bill Barnes, Augusta, GA

The internet has been around for years now, and has always had few restrictions. Technology has improved the speed of the internet and made it possible for faster data and information. We don't need a two-tiered internet. It isn't as if the internet providers aren't doing well financially already.
—Charles Davids, Daytona Beach, FL

It's a short step from Prioritizing to Censorship!
—William Jennings, Sunriver, OR

I don't want to stream movies quickly.
—Pamela D. Davis, Melbourne, FL

The internet belongs to the users. We expect the providers to respect our right to use the internet as we see fit.
—David Roy, Atlanta, IL

Mr. Wheeler; If you approve a two-tier Internet, you will be committing perjury and treason against the People of the United States of America. You said to the people and in the capacity of the office that you hold; " would do everything in my power to keep the internet open.. ". The FCC; Has its first duty to our Government that is For the People and By the People, not the Corporations which are foaming at the mouth for ultimate control of the Internet. America; has already seen throughout our history when an industry gets too powerful, by consolidating into a few mega and monopolistic entities. That is why we have anti-trust laws, to protect and diversify our economy, and ultimately ensures and protects our Democratic society. Therefore; Through the Anti-trust mandates, and the Will of the People, the FCC, must reclassify ISPs as common carriers, to ensure that Freedom of Speech, and Equal Access to the internet, remain protected for all, to have our Democracy grow stronger, and more profitable for everyone from all walks of life, instead of a few heavy hitters or one Giant Mega-Media Monopoly !
—Shawn Sargent, West Yarmouth, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers NOW!
—Ben Goodin, Coaldale, CO

Let's keep the Internet Neutral. Stop letting vulture capitalism have a way to control our freedom of expression more than they already do.
—Luis Eduardo Gonzalez, Rochester Hills, MI

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Robert Krueger, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality allows all of a level playing field. Corporations already have an advantage why give then an even greater one?
—Diane Clark, Newark, NJ

The only ones that are going to benefit this are the cable companies.
—Joseph Serrago, Cape Coral, FL

attn. chairman wheeler, as part of the internet using public i will again repeat,that i will not accept your watered down plan re:internet neutrality and urging you ,and the FCC commission as a whole to preserve a 100% fully open internet !!! thank you
—Jordan Francis, phoenix, AZ

The Internet was created with public funds. It belongs equally to ALL of us.
—Thom Fistner, Fountain Hill, PA

FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Marie Parker, riverdale, GA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! The net should be neutral!
—Ms. Amanda Klein, Denver, CO

Don't want anyone else to decide which content I receive quickly, slowly, or not at all. All content should be provided equally and what I get is MY decision!
—Greg Caravelli, New Lenox, IL

The FCC should reclassify internet as a common carrier, a public utility for two way transmission of digital information. The ISP company functions should be completely separate from the media and corporate users of the internet. Basically, the Supreme Court has already told you that you could and should do this. Get on with it.
—Robert Gammon, University Park, MD

More corporate greed!!! Stop this idiotic action now before it starts. Leave the Net alone!
—Lawrence Fries, Tucson, AZ

There is no need for the slow lanes and fast lanes. They already have us paying X speeds for Y dollars on monthly or yearly plans, now we demand access to the sites we want to visit on the service we payed for.
—Justin Coburn, Gatlinburg, TN

I have already experienced this wave of the future through Brighthouse. While the speed of the "High Speed Internet" I contracted for has plummeted, the cost has doubled. When I complained, I was told I could easily get better service for another twenty dollars a month. They can get away with it because they are the only cable company in my area. It has been my experience that the bigger a company becomes, the more abusive they become. At one time such abuse led to the breakup of AT&T.
—Garry Spencer, Tampa, FL

The internet is one of the best ways to help level the playing field for the poor. Undermining net neutrality means that those with greater wealth will once again have the advantage when it comes to information and education. Please do the right thing and require net neutrality, reinforcing it in policies and regulations. Thank you for your service!
—Ann Finch, North Potomac, MD

The FCC should be standing with the people, not the mega corporations that are attempting to control our system of communication such as the Internet. Why can you not stand up to big business? Why can you not stand up for the hard working men and women of this country? Why can you not do what is right for the many instead of doing what is profitable for the few?
—Lynn Thelen, Saint Johns, MI

Funny how the Republicans and Conservative Libertarians funded by the wealthiest 1% didn't learn from the mistakes of the Greek and Roman Empire ruled by the wealthiest who dominated the world, limited the information and education given to the public and then collapsed. Definition of 'Plutonomy' Economic growth that is powered and consumed by the wealthiest upper class of society. Plutonomy refers to a society where the majority of the wealth is controlled by an ever-shrinking minority; as such, the economic growth of that society becomes dependent on the fortunes of that same wealthy minority. Definition of 'Plutocracy' A government controlled exclusively by the wealthy either directly or indirectly. A plutocracy allows, either openly or by circumstance, only the wealthy to rule. This can then result in policies exclusively designed to assist the wealthy, which is reflected in its name (comes from the Greek words "ploutos" or wealthy, and "kratos" - power, ruling).
—Julian Kernes, Fairfax, VA

The Net is not yours to sell off to the highest bidder.
—C Swenning, Richmond, CA

Net neutrality is important because true education is about access to information. If ISPs are allowed to pick and choose which sites get faster download speeds they are essentially picking and choosing how we get information. It gives them a right to discriminate against content they don't agree with. This means that consumers can end up without all the information needed to form intelligent, well thought out, fully informed opinions.
—Chris Waltz, Blacksburg, VA

FRANKLY, I AM OUTRAGED THAT A "TIERED" CONCEPT IS EVEN BEING CONSIDERED. THE LARGE INTERNET PROVIDERS HAVE SHOWN ABSOLUTELY NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE REGULAR PERSON REGARDING DELIVERY OF CONTENT. I FEAR THAT THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE CONSOLIDATION OF INTERNET / BROADBAND PROVIDERS IN THE FUTRE, MAKING THE POPULATION AT THE MERCY OF MONOPOLISTIC CORPORATIONS WHO SEEM TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT (ELECTED OFFICIALS & REGULATORY AGENCIES) IN THEIR POCKETS. EVEN IF THIS IS NOT TRUE, THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY IS OUT THERE. I CANNOT SEE MUCH GOOD IN ROLLING BACK "NET NEUTRALITY" AND AM FRUSTRATED THAT THIS SEEMS TO BE FAST-TRACKED AT THE MOMENT. I FEAR THE PUBLIC'S OUTCRIES WILL BE FOR NAUGHT. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE POLITICAL PARTY THE BIG BOYS HAVE.
—Larry Michehl, CHARLES CITY, IA

The rules as proposed are a disaster and should be scrapped immediately in favor of real net neutrality. These rules endanger free speech and impose a kind of censorship based on money, power and access, furthering the inequality that is now eating away at the heart of our nation. It will squelch innovation and make decisions about content that would keep important info. away from ordinary people. The FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Merle Kaufman, New York, NY

I don't have $18,000,000. to influence whether you change rules in favor of net neutrality. I am an individual user of the net and if I wanted to start up a business (which in these days requires access of clients through the internet) I would be greatly hindered by the rule changes the FCC is planning to implement. The economic recovery is still fragile enough that rules such as you are considering would be detrimental to a robust economy. It favors a few already wealthy companies. I am opposed to this rule change and want ISPs reclassified as common carriers.
—Mary Ellen Piper, Newton, NJ

NET NEUTRALITY IS FREE SPEECH AND DEMOCRACY! NO TO CORPORATE TYRANNY!
—Amy Harlib, New York, NY

Don't be dumb. Give us the internet.
—Max Kamin-Cross, Washington, DC

Its kind of like being forced to use Parcel Post instead of being able to use Overnight Express. and then there maybe imposed a huge surtax for being allowed to use it, if at all. Its simply unDemocratic and does not give us the inalienable rights we fought for, so we have to fight again....and against the very forces that are supposed to regulate this sort of freedom for all.
—Robert Fitch, Leonia, NJ

WTF!!! I DON'T PAY ENOUGH NOW!!! WE WERE PROMISED HIGHER SPEED INTERNET THAN WE HGAVE NOW 10 YEARS AGO!!! DO THE RIGHT THING NOT THE BIG MONEY THING, DECLARE IT A UTILITY!!! WTF!!!
—Rodd Ringquist, Forest Lake, MN

I am for Net Neutrality... we have the opportunity to solve world problems at a pace never before available. Please don't squash that possibility.
—Kathy Mick, St. Pete Beach, FL

I attempted to submit this directly via the FCC website, I got an error in what must be one of the absolute worst comment experiences I have ever seen. Hopefully you will have more luck. ---------- Chairman Tom Wheeler - You should listen to your fellow Commissioners, you should heed the recommendations from tech companies, you should consider the inquisition you faced during your visit to congress, and most importantly you should respond to the wishes of the American People. When you accepted the position as Chairman of a regulatory agency your previous career as head lobbyist for the Telecommunications industry should have been left behind. This is what honorable people do when they accept the responsibility of serving America. From the FCC's website your first priority: "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities" (Source: http://www.fcc.gov/what-we-do) . The "rules" you have proposed are in direct opposition to your stated mission. They are not what's best for America. They are revenue protection for monopolies who have made you rich. They are designed, and quite frankly poorly disguised, avenues to protect a historically wildly profitable group of companies the American public despises. The American People's ire with these companies is justified and well documented; their poor customer care, gouging prices, lack of competition, and poor service place them at or near the bottom of industry standards across the nation and world. This is not a war you and your CEO buddies in the telecommunications commission will win. Buying revenue through blocking legislation & regulation, lobbying for friendly legislation, campaign contributions, all of those pale in comparison to innovation, responses to market trends, and fulfilling customers desires. Technology will leave these industries behind sooner or later; they are dead in the water unless they are forced to participate in the free market and employ some new thinking. As is stated above, it's your job to force innovation out of an industry that has begun to collapse while enjoying special treatment for far to long. I am not blind to the significant investments these companies are making in the infrastructure that supports the internet. However, there are other companies willing to make this investment as well. Google being one with which I am sure you are very familiar. I also recognize that certain companies consume a disproportionate amount of the bandwidth flowing through ISPs. And because of their superior product offerings and customer service these companies are thriving and competing with large Cable and Network products. Unfortunately for you and the telecommunications industry you are protecting, not a single other legitimate reason has been put forth that corroborates your proposal. Let the industry evolve without protection. Pay-for-Priority - Designated "fast lanes" simply masquerade the free slow lane as the "regular internet" while allowing those with deep pockets to control what websites and apps load fastest. This also serves to degrade the overall performance of the internet by segregating the haves from the have nots. I do not believe it to be a stretch of the imagination to draw the analogy between your proposal and the civil rights era issues of segregation and separate but equal. Oversight on deals between websites and ISPs on an individual case-by-case basis - sounds like big(ger) government and is not what I believe the FCC should be doing to protect the internet. The Telecommunications industry will always have more money, better lawyers, and be one step ahead of the FCC rules. Finding loop holes and exploiting the rules for years until regulators can catch up is already and will continue to be their modus operandi. In conclusion, I am asking you to uphold Net Neutrality and demand that the FCC protect the open Internet by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Reclassifying broadband under Title II of the Communications Act is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality. This ruling may face battles in court from the telecommunications industries, but the game has changed and Title II is our best chance to protect the internet today. Hopefully future administrations, congresses, or FCC commissioners will take up the challenge to adapt and adopt new rules that represent the real world in which we all live. Thank you for your consideration, Remington Below
—Remington Below, Ashburn, VA

Net Neutrality is critically important to preserve. It keeps the playing field level. Without it, only the big players have access and influence, and the rest of us go without. This is a matter of preserving democracy.
—Kenneth Ruby, Salem, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet has been a place of growth, creativity and development since it was first created. It allows people to learn without judgment or restrictions that may be placed on the within their schools or their countries. It allows people to connect all over the world to learn, support each other and become more tolerant as human beings. It has basically become the embodiment of how humans socialize and grow in the physical world. By prioritizing certain companies and their agendas over others, you are severely limiting all of these wonderful things, if not destroying them outright. This is a disgusting disregard for this collective space of human communication, knowledge and creativity.
—Rosalyn Lawton, Peterborough,

I can't afford to give anything extra to the giants.
—Felicia Campbell, Blue Diamond, NV

Please don't limit our free speech!
—F John Rickert, Little Rock, AR

Proposed changes to net neutrality rules to favor large charges for large providers are an obscene abuse of governmant bureauocracy. Monopolistic practices are guranteed to follow such insanity, as if they weren't already a reality.
—Kevin Leary, Rocky River, OH

you're not stupid... you know what you're proposing is wrong. stop it. ISPs are common carriers. end of story.
—don white, Houston, TX

The current system works well. There is no need to fix it when it is not broken. All the proposed changes will do is strengthen large corporarions. We do not need or want that.
—Frances Smith, Glendora, CA

The internet is, in a sense, The Commons. Parts of it should not be "enclosed" and made unavailable to those who cannot pay a premium. Keep net neutrality!
—Kay Schaser, Eureka, CA

The internet is basically a human right now, along side things like power and water. It should not be restricted.
—Michael Smith, Hobart,

The government is supposed to work for we the people. The people want an internet that works for them, not the ISPs! The solution is simple, classify the ISPs as common carriers and regulate them in the people's interests. In other words, please do the job you're there for. I don't want choices defined for me by large corporations the way cable tv is, don't let it happen to the internet!
—Gregg Rooten, Anaheim, CA

The Internet should be reclassified as a public utility, which I feel it is. Precisely because the lowly public, poor, and down trodden, will always have equal access to the Internet, which has become the only effective place many people may turn for information. And this is exactly why big corporations want to control the Internet and shove the common folk into the ditch. And we need protection from such self-serving interests. But how likely are we to get such protection from a FCC Chairman who *lead* the lobbying efforts *against* the American people, lobbying for a closed, or censored, Internet? Which brings up a second important point, that of censorship. Anything less than treating each and every packet of information travelling across the Internet as equal, is censorship. It is wrong, unethical, and un-American. So naturally, big corporations are all for it! In looking over what corporations spend the most to lobby (read: buy) our government, I saw it was arms dealers and information dealers (telecommunications). This makes perfect sense. Guns and Information. If you control these, you control the world. We Americans already have a *slower* Internet than *Estonia!* for goodness sake! We are clearly not being protected or served by the powers that already oversee this critical source of information. Thus, strong steps must be taken to ensure the Internet is placed beyond the reach of censorship and slow/fast lane paradigms.
—Erik E. Weaver, Springfield, MO

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—John Florack, ft collins, CO

Boy talk about having the fox guarding the hen house in the case of the present FCC leadership. These proposed rule changes are ludicrous. Net Neutrality is imperative if the internet, free speech and (an actual) free market are to survive. Do not go through with this it is an horrific idea.
—Royal Scanlon, KC, MO

Everyone is entitled to a level playing field. No special "fast lanes" for the monopolies!!!
—Frank Mores, Wheaton, IL

Do the right thing. Th Net is a public utility.
—William Trolinger, Ellicott City, MD

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I am retired due to disability, but still politically and socially active through the Internet. Net Neutrality is important to me so my voice has an equal chance of being heard when up against well financed organizations. The internet is the 21st centuries first new public accommodation and must be kept free and neutral.
—James Hardison, Rockville, MD

When are you going to stand up for free speech and for the PEOPLE, not the corporations?!
—Chris Rhodes, Chicago, IL

Keep Net Neutrality.
—Michele Kemper, Lincolln City, OR

This kind of hijacking needs to stop. There comes a time when the government has to work for the people and not big business.
—Shannon Hedren, EDINA, MN

Protect Net Neutrality. All internet traffic should be treated equally. Providers should not be allowed to block or degrade access to websites or services, nor should preferential content have the ability to load more quickly. The FCC should protect consumers and our free-market economy, it should not create a plan that lines the pockets of monopolistic ISPs. Consumers need a choice of ISPs and alternatives when dissatisfied with service. Burgeoning, innovative companies need the same opportunity to prosper and reach consumers/end-users as larger corporations.
—Sarah Buchala, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important for Democracy and Free Speech. The air waves belong to we the people not to the corporations.
—Barbara Mullin, Lewes, DE

It is obvious to everybody but you the internet is a utility and should be regulated as one just like the phone company
—Andy Tucker, Houston, TX

We are a low income family and the one thing we can rely on is the internet: for education, news, and shopping for items we can afford. It also allows us excellent communication with our family and friends. Do not do this terrible deed. Maintain Net Neutrality!
—Arlene Ehrlich, Tarpon Springs, FL

"Hiring Tom Wheeler as the head of the FCC is like needing a babysitter and hiring a dingo." Please don't sell our freedom to cable companies. Tom Wheeler's scandalous hijacking of the free and open Internet is the most egregious display of political corruption I have ever seen in my lifetime. Stop it.
—Eric Nordlund, Seattle, WA

America needs net neutrality. We deserve open access and true equality in the internet. Don't let internet companies usurp our rights to enjoy diverse content and freedom if speech.
—Ramona Hupp, Deerfield Beach, FL

How dare you have those who would raise their voices in the hearings over this issue arrested. The majority has spoken. Only those who stand to profit from destroying the liberty of all the rest of us want to end net neutrality and embrace the rules being debated. I believe it is a question for your souls: Will you stand on the side of liberty, in fact the side of the majority, or will you stand on the side of a few greedy capitalists?
—Elizebeth Stewart, Winnemucca, NV

The internet must remain Neutral it's one of the few freedoms left!
—Kelly, Deptford, NJ

Please review history of the last 100 years, to better understand what happens when business controls the flow of adequate and accurate information.
—James Soares, Everson, WA

The FCC apparently has its sight on taxing Americans on the breath they breath. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!
—Glenn Munson, Pawlet, VT

I game on the internet and i don't want to pay lots of money to use it. Leave the internet alone it isn't broke so don't sell it to the highest bidder.
—Bartley Lawson, Hamilton, OH

I don't want my bits moving any slower than anybody elses.
—Larry Lemos, Edmonds, WA

Throw out rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—W P, overland, MO

I work for an Internet Service Provider. We service about 10,000 rural customers. Loss of Net Neutrality will very negatively affect us. The same reasons you agreed with for the last several years in upholding Net Neutrality for the life of the Internet still apply. It is your duty to stand for Net Neutrality.
—Jack Jeffers, Oneida, TN

The Internet is NOT the property of the ISPs. It is a communications medium that provides a public service, and should be classified as such. The ISPs should be considered and should be reclassified as common carriers for this public service. Thank you.
—W Feibel, staatsburg, NY

every individual alive has an opinion and is entitle to his or hers
—Lynn Snyder, margate, FL

The internet truly has become our dominant source of information, entertainment, education, and business. It has also become one of our main coping mechanisms for dealing with the pressures of life. If we let such a precious tool become abused by those who have more than us, then we shall lose not only our money but also our window to new worlds and our right that established us as true independent thinking human beings. Is this country not founded upon the belief that all human beings are created equal? Does it make sense to make a necessity such as the internet become a commodity?
—Athena Baker, Germantown, TN

Net Neutrality honors our democratic principle that all humans are created equal. Too much today supports the rich and the rich only.
—R Bruce Williams, Chicago, IL

It's a monopoly that nobody has a right to.
—William Tung, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is so very important because I am a senior and am at home most of the time. Being on a fixed income does not allow me the extra money to pay any more for the web. The web is my link to the outside and without it my life would be so closed off from the world. It keeps me connected to friends and family and keeps my mind moving and interested. I would be lost without it. Please do the right thing and keep the net neutral for everyone.
—Jeanne Shaw, Denver, CO

WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD IN THE INTERNET. WE MUST MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY.
—Dulce Garrido, Miami, FL

The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't want corporations determining the value of content. The internet needs to remain a free and open platform for individuals and both large and small business. Allowing a two-tiered system would be a big mistake.
—Jason green, Alfred Station, NY

In the first place, I do not want to pay more money to Verizon for Internet Service which should be, but is not, free. Secondly, why are there not more Internet Service Providers available to customers so they could pick and choose and move on when their current provider starts abusing them (or when you are sick of the abuse dished out so far)? Why is American internet so slow and so expensive? American internet is at the bottom of the barrel when compared to all other companies all over the world. And finally, I am against discrimination in any form, and tiered internet service is discrimination. Shame on you Sir, for even considering it.
—Faith Gagne, South Yarmouth, MA

We need net neutrality to keep the internet free and open. It is essential to the economic success of the United States.
—Freeman Parks, Camby, IN

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and save Net Neutrality.
—Mary Westerlund, Albuquerque, NM

As a web software engineer, I fully understand the issue of net neutrality. Speaking from my area of expertise, I believe losing net neutrality would be a major setback to the technical advancement of our nation and thus our world as a whole. Without net neutrality, innovation would be stifled. Developers such as myself could not create new technologies capable of competing with large corporations, the result being a heavy reduction in the emergence of new ideas and life-changing applications. EVERYONE loses if net neutrality is not maintained; the corporations fighting against it are simply too self-seeking, money-hungry, and short-sited to realize this. Please do not allow them to limit humanity's progression as a species!!!
—Kevin Parkerson, Indianapolis, IN

Letting the Fox in the henhouse is never a good idea. The government and the cable industry have no business messing with the internet. It needs to be free to everyone. or as free as it is right now.....
—Kathy Davis, Bemidji, MN

The attempt to kill Net Neutrality is government of crooks, by crooks, and for crooks. It is an attempt to let corporations censure the internet and rip us off at the same time. Its purpose is to help create a corporate dictatorship. The more people know about this the more outrage there is going to be. Ron Marshall
—Ronald Marshall, Sunnyvale, TX

Come on FCC, monopolies are so 1800s. Our country has been around long enough to where this shouldn't still be a thing.
—Crystal, Tucson, AZ

Its just the start of what has happened with TV. If you can remember back ... they touted cable as being "commercial-free television" Well we all know what happened there or do we ??? We are, as a nation, manipulated everyday ... its time for theses practices to stop.
—Melody Moon, Coral Springs, FL

The internet should be the same for everyone. We pay enough , we don't need to be charged extra. These providers have enough. This Greediness has to stop. Everyone should have the opportunity to have the same speed, but these companies still charge extra for higher speeds. This rampant discrimination online has to STOP!! To me it seems that this is just about one thing, more MONEY in the PROVIDERS POCKET!!!!
—Pamela Jean Pluta, Cihcago, IL

There is a cancer of corporatism that has rotted America's soul. The Internet should be one place where the citizenry can discuss/learn about issues irregardless of their wealth. It should be regulated as a public utility since it has replaced traditional media as the the forum for exchange of ideas. We should adopt European conceptions of the Internet as a vital public necessity and limit the capacity of near-monopolies like Comcast to extort the public. Our Internet speeds are a joke compared to many developed countries because while they have allowed businesses to make profits they have also ensured actual competition between carriers. Allowing variable transmission speeds according to ability to pay is a pernicious assault on democracy. I wonder why it is that an administration which initially espoused a policy of no lobbyists in the White House appointed one to head a regulatory agency.
—David Page, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is Freedom of Information. Let it be.
—Judy Morgan-Kinsell, Nacogdoches, TX

Most people have come to rely on the internet as a primary source for communication and information. It is now an integral part of our daily lives. Every citizen should have equal access to this utility. In a democracy, corporations should not take precedence over citizens.
—Chris Sandow, LaFayette, GA

As a librarian and educator, I worry that changing net neutrality would have an immediate adverse impact on education and public libraries. For many students and adults, their school and public libraries are their access to the internet. Changing net neutrality will increase the digital divide. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jane Glass, Portland, ME

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Represent THE PEOPLE ... NOT selfish, greedy, tax dodging, transnational telecom monopolies ... or do you even really care about what THE PEOPLE have to say anymore ... since we don't include cash bribes to buy your shameless corporatocracy?
—Barry Anderson, Kill Devil Hills, NC

Freedom of speech should not be For Sale. We are tired of Washington being in the pocket of the 1%, and it is time for serious change. Stop putting corporate employees in charge of making the laws that regulate business. Give the People back their voice, or we may have to take it back.
—Frances Wade, Bigfork, MT

Please stop playing Monopoly and acknowledge that people are more important than corporations. And shame on President Obama for putting a fox in charge of the hen house.
—Jim Ahearn, Clearwater, FL

A strong and free country requires a strong and free internet.
—Edwina White, Sacramento, CA

Our local newspaper is owned by the same corporation as my cable company (WEHCO). As you might expect, with no competition, service is abominable. The op-ed page has turned into a church bulletin and philosophical journal dealing with the sole question of angel dancing on pinheads written by the same, and there are more religious channels than legitimate news channels. To find reliable news I rely on the Internet to find Al Jazeera America which the cable company refuses to carry. I do not get consistent reliable speeds now, please do not make it worse.
—Stephen O. Manning, Hot Springs National Park, AR

My telephone and television service have almost entirely transitioned to being delivered to my home and business over the Internet. I am not alone in this being the primary method of accessing news and information as well as voice telephony service. Therefore, the broadband connection to the Internet must be classified as a Title II common carrier service. To do anything less is merely behaving as a lapdog for the cable and telecom industries rather than behaving as a watchdog for the American people's interests.
—Randy Hall, Santa Rosa, CA

Net neutrality is a part of my freedom as an American. Net Neutrality is important!!
—Judith Ohrt, Napa, CA

Net Neutrality is essential for the health of our nation. Rampant discrimination benefits few and harms our country. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers because they are.
—Barbara Gabriel, chapel hill, NC

ATTN:FCC To Whom it may concern, It is vital to preserve net neutrality. It is my strong opinion that the two tiered system, for bandwith acess, proposed by cable companies will stifle growthThis is also vital to the democratic process. I strongly urge you to retain net neutrality in order to preserve growth and inovation within smaller start up companies. Money should not be the sole determinant in what policies are implemented. We are a Democracy, not a Plutocracy!
—Lawrance Jones, Tampa, FL

i would like the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is the ONLY WAY to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Blaire Helldoerfer, dayton, OH

I wish it was as funny as Mr. Oliver presents it, but this will be a sell-out of epic proportions, one more nail in the coffin of public trust for our elected and appointed officials.
—Rafi Rafi Kushmir, Philadelphia, PA

Please let us keep the internet as we now have it !!! the corporations cannot own OUR country.
—mary ellen Aronson, monson, MA

protect the internet neutrality.
—Sharon Parker, topeka, KS

Internet access is tantamount to free speech itself. Do not put my free speech in jeopardy just to line telecoms pockets. There are some things that are more important than money.
—Dwight Tronson, Aurora, CO

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.
—Jennifer Applegate, LEBANON, KY

More of us get our news, library-style services, keep in contact with family and make a living via internet than can be measured. Getting online is already too slow and expensive. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julia Nichols, Crossville, TN

Chairman Wheeler, What are you thinking? It is a blatant mistake to categorize usage of the Internet. What next? Cleaner water for certain customers? Inconsistent power for designated parts of the grid? How about a raffle for gas for heat on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday? Either your slip is showing (read that - obliged to influence) or you are slipping (read that - what are you thinking!?!)
—Brenda Thibault, San Antonio, TX

Rapid access to information should be free to all and not based on income.
—Tony Cowdrey, St. Petersburg, FL

It's called censorship!!!
—Nancy matthews, Sedona, AZ

The internet should be free of regulation. Net neutrality should be preserved. No services or applications should be blocked.
—James P Moffatt, Salem, NH

The internet has become the primary medium of education and discourse in this century. It is as important as the public education system and public libraries were to previous generations and should be open to all without bias, preference, or limitation.
—Mary Demaso, Lexington, MA

The level playing field of content on the internet is extremely important to everyone. This should NEVER be changed and the FCCs stance on net neutrality is very concerning. DON'T CHANGE THIS! It will change the internet forever and change the way the we get information. VERY BAD IDEA!!
—Deborah Perlmutter, Fair Lawn, NJ

Not only would this create yet another divide between the haves and have-nots, but it would also cripple new small businesses, lower income students, and libraries who provide public use computers whose funding is modest. It would also hurt lower income families and the elderly who have a personal computer to keep in touch with family. Please protect net neutrality by keeping out companies who'd create the two-tiered biased discriminatory delivery system...all to make a profit for themselves. Some things should be above profit, this is one of them. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lori Oostendorp, rockton, IL

In the name of free speech, in the name of equality, in the name of everything this nation stands for, please, please, please preserve Internet neutrality. It is inherently wrong that a level playing field be made deliberately unequal, unfair, that it be turned into a deck stacked to favor the rich. Why should people with money be favored in what they have to say over people without money? How very wrongheaded. How very wrong. We are supposed to be a democracy, not an oligarchy. This is a horrible idea foisted upon us by those very who would benefit unfairly. Only the rich — i.e., corporations, would be able to pay for "faster" access to customers. The American people will be shunted aside in favor of the already favored top tier rich. This should not be. Money is not the deciding factor and should never be. I should be free to equal access to my neighbor's tiny startup alongside all behemoth corporations. The Internet is the public sphere, the modern day equivalent of newspapers and books. Let all who come have an equal say on an equal footing. If Thomas Paine were here today, he would be the first to endorse free and equal access to the Internet. All his writings — Common Sense, The Age of Reason, The Rights of Man — promoted reason, free thinking and equality. Paine decried institutions and institutional thinking — the very thing that created this horrendous plan. He would be appalled at what the FCC is promoting. So am I. Do not, repeat, DO NOT give unfettered, better, faster access to certain entities, i.e., those who can pay. DO NOT give this unparalleled power to Internet Service Providers to decide for us what we can and cannot see, how quickly, how timely. This is an outrage and against everything the United States of America stands for. Do not do this.
—Bella Silverstein, Santa Clarita, CA

I am old enough to remember when we had anti-trust in this country. We still need a government that enforces it. You have no doubt seen the surveys that Americans hate and distrust Internet providers (Comcast etc) more than any group (after the industrial-military complex which Eisenhower warned us about, a warning we ignored, unfortunately). But you can stop the monopolization of the Internet, you can protect it for start-ups, you can resist the $18million+ lobbying. PLEASE PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY FOR AMERICA, FOR THE FUTURE, FOR WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
—Ann Tubbs, San Francisco, CA

For innovation and job creation, we need net neutrality. IT will enable small companies to compete and flourish.
—Janet Bumpas, san francisco, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes, Cloverdale, CA

'Freedom of speech' must include ACCESS! Equality for all.
—Monica, Albuquerque, NM

The rules as proposed by the FCC should be scrapped. The internet service providers should be classified as common carriers. The internet now intersects with basic daily living and is as ubiquitous as electricity and should be regulated in a similar manner. How rich to these communications corporations need to be and how poor does the average American citizen need to get before policymakers listen?
—Dan Moen, Coralville, IA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—C Green, Bronx, NY

They. fourth estate is all but dead in this country. A free press is essential to a democracy. Net neutrality is the last vestige of free expression and exchange of ideas in this country. So one must conclude that the FCC is one of those dangers President Eisenhower warned us about, this nation will fall from with in, it will never fall from forced beyond our border.
—Chris Thompson, Vancouver, WA

You must not allow internet carriers to provide fast lane internet connections to those willing to pay. Do not end net neutrality! This in the one area that should remain fair to all so that people have equal access to information. We get commercials shoved down our throats everywhere now as it is, so the corporations don't need any more assistance in influencing the population. Allow people to search the internet equally for information they seek without preferential treatment to corporations willing to pay.
—Vaga Hargadine, Brookfield, MO

Just because Tom Wheeler doesn't understand the internet in any way, shape or form doesn't mean we people are willing to give up the Net Neutrality FCC has been terrorizing us users about using ever since the inception and popularity of the Free Internet began. The telecom bust up of Ma Bell by Ronnie Reagan's masters was the beginning of the monopoly build up we now have. And they want more. With greedy people enough is never enough. For example, now we have cell phones that will not work if user is out of certain corridors, land line phones that are exorbitant in price, nasty dealings of nickel & dimeing customers constantly. Nothing works in telecommunications as it should: for the people as a utility. Television is layered as well, cable corps control the broadcasting of HBO, et al, and we who have DISH or DIRECT TV in rural areas have to pay exorbitant fees if we want to say, watch HBO/John Oliver's take of telecoms, nasty cable, and their puppets HBO, et al. Watching online is not the same as having to FREEDOM to watch HBO,et al, if I want to and in my living room. Somehow the entire USA has been ignoring this takeover of the airwaves by the 1%. Now these rich corporations want to own the Internet and make the same mess - in their favor. FCC, throw out Tom Wheeler's plan. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality, for all of us and all time. Thank you.
—Judith Nappe, North Bonneville, WA

Don't take away the very reason we have the internet. To be on an open and fair network across the world and come together. Please stop being greedy and evil. Humanity is better than this. I still have hope.
—Elle Latham, Los Angeles, CA

No fast lanes! We already have lousy Internet service that is an embarrassment compared to other nations. Big ISPs like Verizon and Comcast have not demonstrated that they can be trusted to provide service without abusing their customers and behaving in monopolistic manners. It is time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rick Robins, Grass Valley, CA

I believe it is unconscionable to allow certain companies to have a better connection than others merely based on how much they pay Internet Service Providers. There was a time when I was growing up that I could have said I don't need the internet and that would have been correct. My entire job is based around the proper functioning and speed of connections on the internet now. If Comcast decided to limit my ability to connect at a proper speed and work from home I could lose my livelihood and the ability to pay my bills. I also believe that this stifles innovation. It also stifles competition. It is competition that would give you the possibility to say I don't like Comcast's service I will try this other company. Unfortunately I can't because there is not other company to try in the area I am in. That statement doesn't directly apply to the issue but it will when there are maybe two companies that control most Americans ability to use the Internet.
—Philip Browning, Thornton, CO

We want one tier with equal freedom of speech for all, not the picking and choosing of winners and losers by Internet service providers.
—Lea Harlow, Shavano Park, TX

As a teacher in a poor school district, I consider Net Neutrality an essential element in the education of the under served and marginalized youth of America. Lacking a library, but having access to the internet on campus, our small middle school depends upon affordable, accessible internet which allows our students to do research and to use educational websites for math, English and history subjects. Discrimination online is the last thing these students can afford. Many depend upon internet access from home to complete homework assignments. Their parents are underemployed and need equal access. Please see that Net Neutrality remains a reality for the sake of our schools and our children who have come to depend upon it as it stands today. Do not let the ISP's create a two tiered system using the proposed new FCC rules. Robin A. Evans Educations Specialist (special education teacher)
—Robin A Evans, Richmond, CA

I'm an electrical engineer and can tell you that the proposed changes to the current net neutrality will stifle innovation for yet unknown applications. Please make NO changes.
—William Alford, Cottondale, AL

I am for net neutrality because I am for supporting the interests of the American public first and above big business. Do your jobs and protect the American public.
—Amy Quartermain, Austin, TX

Stop the CORPORATIONS control of the NET. The next thing they will try to control will be our bodily function , like breathing or eating . Most all of AMERICA know what our government is a CORPORATE OWNED GOVERNMENT not for the people and this right here is just one of many things you have done to the American people. There will be a time in the American when WE THE PEOPLE (all the people) will say we have had enough and I pray one day our freedoms will return to us. Keep pushing BS like this and not changing other BS laws that when AMERICA trusted our government you passed all kinds of laws to benefit the corporations . I pray that AMERICA get's some MORAL'S , I know the only morals our corporate owned government knows is the LOVE OF MONEY..... Have a Blessed day Jina Roberson PS: If you are in any way a human being you will understand this , give AMERICA back to the people.
—Jina Roberson, Corsicana, TX

I STAND WITH JOHN OLIVER!
—Branden Knab, Holley, NY

to slow down the internet and adding a (fast lane) would slow down what already for us in the country would kill our internet. I am retired and so is my wife we use the internet (a lot) we communicate with friends relatives pay bills buy a good amount of products on the internet also, so buy letting a big corporation b (BUY) there speed and slow down or reduce the bandwidth of people like us you take away streaming video and down loading movies that we pay good money for. It just seams to me that this is playing favoritism to who puts the most money in your pocket. Being a public employee means you work for the public not against us . so in closing leave the internet free it's all that is left of freedom excluding (air) and only because you cant't figyre out how to tax it Yet
—Charles Davis, Bemidji, MN

Instead of worrying about stuffing some extra money in your pocket DO WHAT IS RIGHT BY THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY!
—Aaron N. Honore', Columbia, SC

When I was born, this was the land of the free, where people were good, honest, and caring. It was where people cared about their country and each other and wanted what was best for the average people living in it. Today we have Republicans, owned and operated by the Koch Brothers and this land and the average people in it are being destroyed. For someone who lived in what it used to be and could be today----oh, if only, if only. I don't think it is a dream we can even dream today. How very, very sad.
—Sharon Lloyd, Sun City Center, FL

You have made us dependent and now you want us to fall asleep while you connect the big guys... WE WANT EQUALITY!
—Marcia Pauley, Poulsbo, WA

Isn't it obvious that internet providers are a utility? Where are the cables? in the UTILITY easement. Is that service available to anyone along the UTILITY lines? yes. IF IT QUACKS LIKE A DUCK....
—Carol Stoody, Algonac, MI

I demand nothing less that real Net Neutrality. ISPs must not be allowed to create a two-tiered Internet where companies who pay more get special “fast lanes” for their data. I vehemently request that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act
—Patti Greene, Mountain Lakes, NJ

According to our political systems we should all (in theory at least) be treated equally - and if you have two speeds of internet there will be the haves and the have nots - and those that the ISPs do not like will be the have nots. This could include business competitors of theirs or their colleagues, this could include charities, it could include people 'whose faces don't fit' - it is wrong and will cause social division and worse. Please don't do it - one internet speed for all.
—P Armstrong, Bangor,

The common good
—Brad Cavanaugh, Mason City, IA

How far down hill can we go before someone says enough? Losing net neutrality is like losing another freedom. We already have enough of that.
—Barry Fell, Huntington Station, NY

"I" want a say in my rights and choices!!
—Marcia Trella, Hamburg, NY

The internet is the largest collection of knowledge and information in human history. This data is precious, more valuable than any currency, and open access to this is the means by which we build a more benevolent, verdant, and more evolved global society. Appeasing short term corporate interests is at best short sighted and small minded, and at worst, a betrayal of humanity's search for knowledge and the desire to become a more mindful, responsible species. Do not get paid to keep us ignorant, but stand up for justice, for reason and stay on the right side of history.
—Rion Hutsell, Indianapolis, IN

The US created the internet we cannot become North Korea or any other country who limits access to the internet.
—Alex Charavell, Athens, OH

To allow service providers to discriminate with the content and speeds they provide to consumers is completely unacceptable. We don't allow any other utility providers the ability\authority to do so (i.e. Electric companies are not allowed to provide service preference based on what the end consumer is using the electricity to power, nor gas companies the power to do so, nor water companies to determine preferred statuses etc); why would we allow ISP's to do so? You, as the regulatory board and authority charged with oversight cannot responsibly determine that the abolition of Net Neutrality is in any way a good or positive thing for those you are supposed to protect and serve, the American consumer. To allow the ISP's to claim the advantages of Title 1 protections on one hand, and then the benefits of Title 2 protections on the other, while excluding themselves from those regulations they deem inconvenient or unsavory in either Title 1 or 2, is unabashedly disgraceful and utterly and totally unacceptable. Defend American liberties, defend justice, save the last ounce of credibility and confidence the American citizens may have in their Government actually being able to positively effect change, defend their interests, and represent their will. Do what is known to be right and good. Protect and enshrine Net Neutrality, and stem the tide, even if just this once, of Corporate buyouts of the American government. Please, represent WE THE PEOPLE, the citizens of the United States. Protect the Net!!!!!!
—Justin E Hout, Fort Smith, AR

Do not cave to the lobbyists. The right thing to do is not often the easy thing to do.
—Sean W, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

Please leave the Net alone. The FCC is in the wallet of the Internet service providers. We don't need tiers - we need net neutrality. BTW - you may want to remember that you're supposed to work FOR us, not against it.
—Janis Mooradian, East Providence, RI

A free society needs free access to the internet and free information. No one should "own" the internet!
—Mark Nobriga, Daly City, CA

Freedom of speech
—Steve Haworth, miamisburg, OH

Last bastion of freedom!
—Kathleen Thomas, New York, NY

Net neutrality is what has allowed big ideas to come into reality in our society over the last 15 years! Without it, most of the great things on the internet and elsewhere would not have happened and our economy would be a shamble. My business would not exist if I had had to pay extra (redundant) fees which really amount of double charging at best and extortion at worst, just so my website would load fast enough for people to actually see it without getting bored or tired of waiting. Get out of your bureaucratic box and check the reality on the street: there is no question we need true net neutrality with the internet regulated and protected like any other utility. There is no way you can conceive of the internet as not being a utility: it goes into almost everybodies home and they pay for the services to receive it.
—Christopher T Loch, Minneapolis, MN

The world will be a darker, more unequal, more divided, more corrupt without Net Neutrality. The internet is an incredible and beautiful phenomenon that reaches so many people on the same level. The equality that we experience from the internet now would be missed and the new plan would be sorely detrimental to individuals and society as a whole. Please, listen to the people, do something good for mankind. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Megan Brown, Surbiton,

The United Nations passed a resolution back in 2012 which stated that internet access has, in the 21st century, become a basic human right. So, if the FCC wants protest, acts of civil disobedience, and rioting in the streets, go ahead and take away Net Neutrality and see what that gets you!
—Rev Paul J. Bern, Atlanta, GA

I use the internet every day. I do research for college papers and projects. I chat with my friends spread all over the country (and even farther). I play games and connect with other players. I also shop, watch YouTube and Netflix, listen to music on Pandora, and yes, I look at photos of cats. The internet should be an open, level playing field for everyone. It should not be at the whims of monopolistic companies who are allowed to provide the bare minimum of service and support for steep prices because they simply do not have to compete. Listen to the people. Listen to Google, to Amazon, to Facebook, to Netfilx. The cable companies of America are already doing us wrong and stomping on American ideals of free markets and healthy, vigorous competition. Don't help them make it worse.
—Brienne Murphy, Coin, IA

True net neutrality is fundamental to today's civilization. Please stand up to corporate greed and classify ISPs as the common carriers they are.
—Bill Sorem, Minnetonka, MN

The internet was created for THE PEOPLE, not for the elite few. I don't care if the prices for different internet speeds are cheap...if there is a difference in access, then it's wrong. This medium grants information, entertainment, and connection to our global community. As an educator, I am well aware of the importance of the internet and its impact on education. I am also aware of the income gap that exists in our country. As a teacher who has taught in Low Social Economic Schools, I have witnessed the growing disparity of the lack of access to information. Now you're telling me that these students with already limited access to the internet may be completely turned away? This is wrong. How is our country ever going to remain a global power if we continue inhibit children with potential, to never live up to their ability? All children need access to information and in our modern age, the internet is one of their most vital resources. I beg you to re-think this idea of ending Net Neutrality and not allow others to fill their pockets at the expense of equality. Access to All!!!!
—Gabriel Tajonar, Adkins, TX

Imagine if Duke Energy said they would charge you more if you used anything but sony electronics, because Sony had paid a cash sum to Duke. Oh, and you had no other choice but to use Duke energy. That's what's going to happen here, internet providers will receive cash payments from bigger sites and the smaller players who can't afford to pay will be slower or non applicable because the common consumer will not wait for digital information anymore and will go with the fastest answer. The internet was created to supply information equally to everyone, and should stay that way.
—Jeb, Greenville, SC

Don't destroy the Internet by turning it over to the profit-making corporations...!!
—Mark Heald, Pleasant Hill, TN

It is a public utility and shouldn't be offered for sale to get better transmission speeds!
—Gordon Kircher, Lakeland, MN

NN is important for our national security and fairness to all people.
—Kathrene Hewett, Norman, OK

Because the internet IS a public space. Privatizing it is immoral. If functions as a public space, we supplied the funding and excessive taxes to pay for the internet, whether directly or indirectly. This is a peoples' space, NOT A CORPORATE ONE!
—Stefanie Sellars, Simi Valley, CA

I don't want your tiered system. It's bad enough all these cable companies have taken our taxes in the form of government subsidies to get them to build a decent internet and not only NOT delivering on the commitment they made to get our money, but have stopped building altogether! And since they have promised a better, more extensive internet, it has gotten WORSE! But that is before this corrupt proposal to change the rules for the worse. Come on! Stop messing with us all, give us a break at least this one time. Have a heart!
—Ellen Hasselmann, Uncasville, CT

We need net neutrality!!!
—Paula Menyuk, Brookline, MA

This "Internet Slow Lane" thing is just stupid. The internet should be for everyone to use!
—Geo, Huntingdon,

Net neutrality is a basic guiding principle of the internet where data bandwidth is the reward for whoever best utilizes it in the service of its users the people. The people determine what is valuable and deserves the bandwidth not the content providers. This is net neutrality. This democratic process happens automatically if not undermined by internet service providers. If content providers are allowed to bypass the democratic bandwidth reward process by simply purchasing more bandwidth from internet service providers then innovation, competition, and the free exchange of ideas will suffer.
—David McGrath, Corpus Christi, TX

We should all have the right to Net Neutrality. Everyone is equal. Just because some companies want to make more money doesn't make them more important than the American people. The Internet is important for people looking for a job, to keep in touch with friends and family, to people who want to make our world a better place and no one should ever be able to put a price on that. If you allow these few companies to change the Internet, you will be stifling free speech and hurting people in many ways just for the greed of a few corporations that are already making big profits.
—Charlotte Sines, Colorado Springs, CO

Equal footing for all content providers is important to me as it gives the "little guys" a chance to be heard on the same stage as the big corporate sponsored guys.
—Eric B Clemenson, Clearwater, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows me to stay in touch easily with friends and family at a barely affordable cost. I fear that the net will become an unaffordable way to communicate. How can the air be seen as a commodity when it belongs to all of us? It's a bit like selling water at increasing cost instead of providing it responsibly to those who need water.
—Nancy Adams-Cogan, Iowa City, IA

It is important that net neutrality is preserved and kept out of the hands of greedy businessmen.
—Sean Kelleher, Limerick,

Please defend net neutrality. It is essential for the U.S. to maintain.
—Lissah Lorberbaum, Los Angeles, CA

ISP needs to be re-classified to common carrier because it uses all of the same infrastructure as common carriers. Privatising the net would be like privatising the armed forces... they serve everyone only some would be better served than others. Corporations already have most of us by the short hairs and the FCC is no exception. Only one thing is the difference: there are more of us (peopleL) than them and they are not people - they are legal entities with people serving them. The air waves (any kind; tv, radio, internet, broadband, shortwave) belong to the people.
—Sharon Levy, CHELMSFORD, MA

Cable companies are capitalizing on the fact that there is no competition. Comcast can lower prices on their programs while charging premiums for third party programs like Netflix. Given their consumer satisfaction rating and exorbident prices with slower Internet service, Comcast will only make the Internet as we know it worse. It's concerning to me how much money they spent to lobby this instead of improve their network and services. That should have been a red flag. Please reclassify Internet service providers as a regulated utility.
—Ilya Kole, Wauconda, IL

Net Neutrality removes the equality that the internet requires in order to work. Without the ability for everything to be at equal speeds (the whole thing that allows the normal competition) the internet will fall apart. Throw out YOUR rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Darragh, Dublin,

The internet was born as a space with equal access to all and for all. I believe that if cable companies are allowed to created a two tier internet, the public will suffer higher fees eventually and innovation and competition will be adversely affected.
—Eric McNeil, Atlanta, GA

Don't cater to the money, power hungry giants like Comcast and Verizon. We need Net Neutrality....it does NOT need to be fixed! All this act would do is cost us consumers more hard-earned money, greatly reduce competition, reinforce the already ridiculous monopoly that cable companies enjoy and make the corporate giants even wealthier!
—Cathy Douglas, Yuma, AZ

Its important to me so that I can still communicate with my other friends around the world, so that I can still finish my schooling and become a medical student, and for countless other friends who's jobs revolve around a stable and fair internet connection.
—Forrest Anthony Owen, London,

Provide a fair service for everybody, not set up unfair profits for a very few (who pay you kickbacks?)
—David Rumsey, Basel,

Leave it alone!
—Michael Carmody, Saint Louis, MO

Too many times individual American Citizens and their rights and ability to enjoy new technological advances such as cellphone service, cable, and many others have been ignored by the politicians they elected in favor of making more money for corporations. We've seen it time and again with conglomerate take overs and mergers. Until now the internet, and equal access to it, has been the only place where there isn't obvious and unjust discrimination. Mr. Wheeler, what you propose is basically extortion. You'll allow internet service providers to decide which sites get more bandwidth, and that would obviously be decided by who can pay more for it. This automatically discriminates against start-ups, small independent individuals working from home computers, and anyone who wants to try and innovate and create better services that might threaten those big corporations who will be allowed to pay more for faster streaming online. This is unacceptable. You are a public servant, not a private employee of the companies seeking this change. DO NOT, and I repeat, DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY. There is no legitimate reason for this change; it's fueled by corporate greed and fear of the underdog undercutting their profits. Be a true citizen, not a citizen of Citizen United, and stop forwarding this corporate takeover of bandwidth. For once stand up to the guys with the deep pockets and look out for us, the PEOPLE, not the corporations.
—Daniel Hauck, Port Charlotte, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Maria Rua, Paterson, NJ

An internet slower than Estonia's? No way will the greed-monsters give us a better internet, though they will demand more of our money. And hiring a dingo to watch our children, after we fire the babysitter is a perfect analogy for what is happening. Putting the former head lobbyist for the cable company dragons in charge of the governments's drive to shove us deeper into the clutches of power and greed is one of the paramount bonehead moves of our President. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL.
—Dale Matlock, Santa Cruz, CA

The only reason Internet companies want to destroy net neutrality is for profit. They don't care if "fast lane" services destroy democracy. This is called capitalism. I prefer democracy.
—Allen Kanner, Albany, CA

Keep the internet neutral!!!
—R Levenson, slt, CA

The commission must reject their proposed "net neutrality" response that turns a public utility over to Internet providers and begin to regulate the Internet as a utility, open to innovation and guaranteeing a level playing field for users and content providers. Turning this resource over to Internet providers marks a low point in American commerce and communications.
—Thomas Hester, Silver City, NM

If we do not have net neutrality, it will kill small businesses and start ups which are vital to economic recovery.
—Carole Stern, Niwot, CO

The citizens of this nation rely on government commissions to protect us from the ravages of monopolistic concentration of influence over the base functions of our lives. As things now stand, our lives and livelihoods are, in large part, dependent upon access to internet communication. Granting any kind of power to bestow or to withhold access at top speeds to the consumer, hands over a level of power to private industry that just begs for creative abuse. The job of the FCC is to regulate access to and distribution of communications infrastructure! Handing that authority over to third parties, who answer only to thier stockholders, would be an act counter to the commision charter and running uncomfortably close to the realm of negligence.
—Lewis Johnson, Magnolia, NJ

We need real net neutrality to stop the corporate lobbyist takeover of the FCC.
—Ben Rheault, Toronto, ON

The internet does NOT need fixing!! All eyes are on you.
—Jeannine Moore, Naalehu, HI

Because significant parts of the internet were developed with taxpayer funds, I consider the internet a public utility, owned in a small part by me. Large corporations who piggy-backed on the internet's development now collect benefits from the internet that far exceed anyone's tax investment. That should be sufficient. They are not entitled to any aspect of ownership - including the right to offer profit-making favors to some internet users over others. Period.
—Lois Chaffee, New York, NY

Access to information that is dependent upon funding!
—Elizabeth Brown, New York, NY

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Members of Congress: The FCC has proposed rules that would break the open Internet. This proposed path would open the door to widespread discrimination online. It would give Internet service providers the green light to implement a two-tiered Internet, with a fast lane for those who can afford it and a dirt road for the rest of us. This would be a disaster for startups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls. I urge the FCC to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.
—Iris M. Otero, Louisville, KY

Stop rigging the game for the big guys! For the first time in human history, let's let everyone have a fair playing field!
—Allyssa Kvenvold, Harvard, MA

In a democracy, equal acess to information is crucial and should not be related to a persons income or ability to pay.
—Dennis Zyvoloski, Seattle, WA

This the same tactic that was used by the Nazi's when they took over all forms of information at that time.. This isn't any different except now it is happening in America and history is repeating itself. All this is, is "Strong Arm" tactics by big corporations trying to Pay off Government Officials for bogus laws that benefit them and restrict the consumer (The People) free access to all "Public" information.. How is this not Against the law and where is our so called Justice Department who is supposed to protect, "The People" from corruption such as this attempt on, Net Neutrality freedom?? Is the FCC a part of the problem or are they also being, "Paid Off"??
—Richard, San Luis Obispo, CA

Net Neutrality allows me to make the choice about what I seek out online -- not my service provider. Please preserve this very American value.
—Trisha Ping, Nashville, TN

I am a free person and will remain such despite international corporate attempts to enslave the population. People that cooperate with these international corporations and are United States Citizens are Traitors. Did I mention that I am a former U. S. Marine Viet Nam Combat Veteran. I have been willing to fight for my freedoms for a long time are you ready for this fight? Feeling froggy? Leap!
—Will Holder, Yulee, FL

Are you KIDDING me? This is OUTRAGEOUS! How can you call the US a capitalist country? We are a Corporatist country already and this would seal the deal. Support net neutrality or kiss freedom of thought goodbye.
—Celeste Botha, Seattle, WA

Internet Service Providers need to be classified as common carriers so that FCC can regulate these companies in the interests of the individual users. As an individual user, I have very little choice on what company to select - and there are very few providers to begin with.
—Michael Basileo, Fort Washington, MD

Our society is already suffering from an egregious income and wealth gap, brought about through government policies that reward the already wealthy and penalize those who are not. Without net neutrality, this gap will grow so much wider! Use your heads and keep us all equal in this arena!
—Amanda McNeill, Cortez, CO

I own a small business. I would hate to think that a large company could make their website's content more easy access just because they're paying comcast or some other ISP a fee. If we let the ISPs do this then we are going to further stunt the growth and interconnectivity of America. If these ISPs are such terrible companies now, how can we trust them with limiting bandwidth for certain sites? RECLASSIFY THE ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS! Help American businesses, don't hinder them!!!
—Alexander K Adamitis, Houston, TX

Tom Wheeler's proposed plan would allow rampant discrimination online. You must act now to stop this. Protect America from the cable companies. Protect equal access to the Internet for all Americans.
—M, Houston, TX

media consolidation is bad, bad, bad. This is just another step in that direction..... don't do it.
—william glatfelter, Westborough, MA

It is essential for the entrepreneurial potential of America and other nations that we recognize slow lanes for what they are. We cannot stand idly by and allow our freedom to be so egregiously impinged upon. Our future, and the future of our economy, depends upon the freedom of the internet. It allows small start-ups to become big business based upon superior products and services developed by the little guy who had a better idea. True wealth and prosperity depend upon this spirit, one which can only be nurtured in the last haven of true entrepreneurs: the free and open internet, sans fast lanes.
—Chris Dungan, Edinburg, TX

How can this even be up for debate? This is WRONG.
—Meghan Caughlin, Omaha, NE

Big money has completely corrupted ALL news media in the U.S.--FACT!! We lost our Democracy because 5 Supreme Court Republican political operatives decided both McCutcheon and Citizens United which completely destroyed our Democracy because Democracy depends upon free and balanced news to the people. The open internet is but all that remains for people to even begin to get the real FACTS so pertinent to ALL Democracies!!
—Anna Becker, Hillsboro, OR

Net Neutrality=Democracy. Everyone is equal on the net as it should be.
—James Dawson, Davis, CA

A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. A free and open internet promotes innovation. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services, and that is not okay.
—Tracey Rosenlund, LARAMIE, WY

Dear FCC, Please reclassify the internet as a telecommunication service and create net neutrality. The internet is the last pure and fair form of communication and information gathering source for the common people. Don't make it the tool of government and big business.
—Joseph Nesbit, Cheney, WA

Net neutrality keeps the internet free and competitive. If you begin regulating content and usage, the age of free access to information and media will be corrupt. This freedom has shaped a generation and cannot be undone or redirected. You will be escalating a breach of freedom that will have severe negative consequences. We are not China nor North Korea, we are not "ruled" by our government, and we will stand for our rights to freedom and fair democracy.
—Evan E Brammer, Portland, OR

It is the last bastion of free and equal. Hence, our only hope for equilibrium in a faltering society.
—Patti Ford, Brookdale, CA

We average citizens get screwed all the time. The Internet was invented to allow everyone equal access to any and all available information and goods. If you decide to take away net neutrality, you're deciding to fix a non-existent problem. Now why would you do that? There can only be one reason: you are also in the pockets of big business lobbyists, and you're out to make sure we get screwed again. Don't think for one minute that we average citizens don't realize this. Now, how about doing the right thing for us average citizens for the first time in a long time.
—Gary Tkaczyk, Lunenburg, VT

Do NOT allow the cable and ISP corporations to determine the pricing on a discriminatory basis. ENSURE we have net neutrality. Do not put up barriers for start-ups and small business owners. Do your job...and represent the interests of the people - not the profiteering of the corporations.
—Constance Bevitt, Silver Spring, MD

Why is it so difficult to get our President to see what Net Neutrality actually means? We have had access to a neutral Web for many years, even with cable companies out there wanting to charge us a lot of money we don't have! Please help us to keep the neutral Web.
—Kathryn M. Smith, Little Rock, AR

WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY, AT&T, COMCAST AND VERIZON WILL NATURALLY CREATE A TWO-TIERED INTERNET, WITH FAST LANES FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD THE EXTRA FEES AND A SLOW ROAD FOR THE REST OF US. THESE COMPANIES WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO PICK WINNERS AND LOSERS ONLINE AND DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ONLINE CONTENT AND APPLICATIONS. AND NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WHATEVER SITE DOESN'T SUPPORT THE LOONY POLITICS OF COMCAST AND DO THEIR BIDDING, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD BE SLOWED TO THE POINT OF EXTINCTION. THIS IS JUST WRONG-- JUST MORE OF THE GLUT OF MONOPOLISTIC CORPORATIONS STEALING FROM WE, THE PEOPLE.
—Todd Corbett, Umpqua, OR

As the only remaining ownership-free public mass dialogue left, and the best and biggest one the world has ever known, the Internet must remain as neutral as possible.
—Clare, Toronto,

Save net neutrality! Reclassify ISP as common carriers! I demand my internet is treated equally and fair! Strike down the FCC proposals which would allow a two-tier internet.
—Matthew Curtis, Onalaska, WI

Net Neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging deferentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. By allowing this, we loose any means of being equality and will be forced to pay for a service that we had for years but for more and get less in return. This will allow them to charge extortionate rates and forcefully remove the lower class from the internet and controlling a larger base of information distribution. Allowing this to happen will blind and deafen the lower class to be exploited more than it is now. This isn't right, please protect those who can't afford to protect themselves, being an american is about freedom equality not restricting equality behind a price tag.
—Joshua R. Lair, Berwyn, IL

Please leave the Internet alone. We do not need to allow companies to be able to pay for faster internet. Please leave the Internet Neutral. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alan K Sean, Prescott Valley, AZ

I am home-bound and without the internet, I would be lonely, ill-informed, and unable to shop for products I need. Furthermore, it links me with friends and family that would otherwise find it inconvenient to have long phone conversations. I also use it to research in my writing career.
—Emilie Winthrop, Carlsbad, CA

Freedom of speech is in danger if we allow the cable and phone companies to have control and power of the Internet ! Defend the people not the companies!
—Carmen Medina, Pembroke Pines, FL

The internet has become the essential format for the exchange of ideas.We need to maintain net neutrality it there is any balance of power.
—Ruth Goldberg, Rochester, NY

I run a small business that provides online sexual violence prevention training for college and military audiences. The loss of Net Neutrality could drive our costs of program delivery up, in effect, destroying our small business. This is not just about Netflix, it's about small business owners and entrepreneurs. Please advocate on behalf of net neutrality.
—Jeffrey Bucholtz, San Diego, CA

John Oliver said it best; "Hiring Tom Weir to head the FCC is like hiring a dingo to baby sit your child."
—Kevin J. Gosztonyi, Bethlehem, PA

don't let big cable companies run a monopoly of our internet. the US should be the number one nation in providing equal access to the internet no matter what you are using. The new head of the FCC is just another cable company supporter, don't let him be in charge or regulating his own personal interests.
—Kati Jackson, San Francisco, CA

Tom Wheeler as the FCC Chairman? Wow, there is no conflict of interest here. A guy who used to lobby for the telecommunications industry is now supposed to be regulating them to benefit all of us. If he allows ISP's to charge more for specific content, then he has sold the public out. I thought I was already paying my ISP for a specific level of speed, now Chairman Wheeler wants to allow my ISP to charge more for what I am watching? NO! MAKE ISP's COMMON CARRIERS.
—Norm Simpson, Monroe, WA

Dear FCC: Start over and classify ISPs as common carriers. Keeping the internet fast, neutral, and accessible is key to all aspects of society in the US today.
—Charli Sorenson, Central, WA

Hey, FCC, keep the internet fair for all of us. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We DO NOT WANT A TWO-TIERED SYSTEM! That is NOT FAIR! Leave the internet alone!! NO TWO-TIERED SYSTEM, DESPITE HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'VE POURED INTO OUR CONGRESS!
—Sandy Neese, Pegram, TN

Net Neutrality is the foundation of the Internet. To give in to the telcos and cable cos is to destroy the equality of the Internet and put all of the power in the hands of the few. It is truly granting a monopoly to those few companies. They then have the power to slow down the access of those they wish to deny access to and to speed up the access of their friends and allies. It is sheer lunacy and is truly the antithesis of democracy.
—Ray Jones, Beaverdam, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because 1) I'm poor and 2) I like and need to use the internet (all of it).
—Dr Robert Coates, Mason City, IA

Neutrality means that every single packet is treated the exact same. No fastlanes, no slowlanes. It's not up to the ISP to decide. They should do traffic shaping, video with a higher priority than text, but that should not be subject to legislation. The FCC should keep the playing field level.
—Lucas Choate, Phoenix, AZ

Don't let the fox guard the henhouse! Don't give in to the special interests! For once, stand up for the rest of us! This country isn't supposed to be about the "haves" and the "have-nots". We're all supposed to be equal, regardless of how much money we have. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sherry Slocombe, Sun City West, AZ

We cannot allow corporations to dictate how people gain access to information. The internet is the easiest way for people to gain access to information and we should make sure that everyone has equal access to that information.
—Annie B, Bloomington, IN

Please reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service. In addition, remove Federal Communications Commission and Chairman Tom Wheeler. Do not make rules that allow these few large companies to control the internet and allow for discrimination on line.
—Jennifer LaPointe, bothell, WA

Keep NET Neutrality! This is all about big money to be made at the expense of the millions of people who use the Internet! Don't let them get away with it! Keep Net Neutrality!
—Marie Robbins, North Bend, OR

The ability to use email is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity and to be held hostage by a company we can't even get on the phone when a problem occurs, is ludicrous. Further, I've noticed that emails are delayed or downright ignored by the company already. What's it going to be like when they can do that as a matter of course or move mail through escalation of fees. It is way past time for allowing the ordinary folks who are your bread and butter to survive and to stop funding the super megaliths of the corporate world to the detriment of the average person!
—Jerry Spencer, marina del rey, CA

No internet slow lanes, please! Thank you.
—Mark M Giese, Racine, WI

keep the internet free for all to enjoy, The 1 percent have enough, no more ,
—Nancy Badura, CHADRON, NE

Net Neutrality is vital to my career as a freelance writer. I am a recent college graduate and I (and many of my friends) have not been able to find adequate, full time employment that pays a wage high enough to cover living expenses and my student loans. I work full time in a low level admin position by day and work as a freelance copy writer and editor by night. A free and equal internet is absolutely vital to my job and the jobs of all of my friends. We are succeeding at our version of the American dream under very slim odds and our success depends on a neutral net.
—Ansley Hayes, Athens, GA

Net neutrality allows as level a playing field as we can have for new business. It's hard enough these days to begin any new venture; so many regulations, forms, and laws to deal with. At least, with a free internet new ideas stand a fair chance of being adopted and small businesses can compete. It would be a terrible thing for our free market system if this too were skewed only toward the wealthy and successful.
—Melanie Tighe, Phoenix, AZ

support Equality!
—Terry Phelan, Albany, NY

don't reinforce the one percent oligopoly on media
—Robert and Dolores Scheelen, Medford, OR

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We need the cable industry and high speed Internet regulated the way we used to regulate the phone industry. Everyone should see the same Internet speeds, no matter what content is accessed.
—Andy Dral, Redwood City, CA

The best jobs I've ever had, where I've been treated most fairly, and been able to be the most productive were all small businesses. I don't want larger companies to gain even more unfair advantages over them than they already have.
—Al Wotring, pittsburgh, PA

Dear FCC, Will all due respect the proposed two tier bandwidth system is asinine. If we chop the internet up into two access rates there is no reason why other vested interests wouldn't do everything they could to make a third, fourth, or 1,000th tier. As a technology professional I make my living from the internet. I depend on its constant availability and level playing field. The startups I work on today need the same access as the mature players we all know and love (Google, Apple, etc). If you change the access rates you will make it more expensive for new players to emerge, which in turn will make it harder for the next wave of innovation to leapfrog the generation before. I know you probably can't see it in your crystal ball, I know you probably don't believe it to be true, but you need to kill this proposal and keep the internet as it. To move forward with your ideas will send the best entrepreneurs and smartest innovators abroad to countries that respect the internet as it is, so they may incubate the next Facebook on a level playing field. If you kill net neutrality, you will irreparably harm this country. Instead of doing irreparable harm to the country, why not go the other direction and do some good instead; let's canonize two ideas: 1. Establish net neutrality as the rule of the land. 2. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you, Ansel Taft
—Ansel Taft, La Mesa, CA

I am vehemently against a 2 tiered Internet!
—Chrystal Marshall, chicago, IL

Everyone who wishes to have their voice heard should have that chance, the internet provides that. Net Neutrality is a once in a lifetime opportunity for free speech to continue.
—George Edward Spillers, The Villages, FL

Destroy net neutrality and you destroy the U.S.A. You may think this is exaggerated, but history proves it. Take away freedom and opportunity from most and let only a privileged few have it, and a society cannot thrive and quickly collapses. When all wealth and power concentrates in the hands of a chosen few, that always is the sign of a collapsing civilization. If it is not already too late for us, it soon will be. The FCC chairman should resign in favor of someone who will support net neutrality.
—Elizabeth Haskell, NEVADA CITY, CA

We the public need an open and transparent forum, we not only need it but deserve it.
—Laurie Nichols, Blandford, MA

FCC: throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality!
—Robert R. Miller, Billings, MT

No two tiered system. A level, neutral internet is the key to freedom of information and the innovation that leads to.
—Robert Kinsell, Fort Davis, TX

With Internet and cable providers creating monopolies, it's more important than ever to allow the free-market to dictate what goes across the Internet, without stifling creativity, jobs, and commerce. More and more media is moving to streaming-based services, which need to be protected from the giant cable companies who wish to squash it.
—Dean Piotrowski, San Francisco, CA

As an educator who is also part of a technology startup, I believe a common speed for all content is essential to for both equity and innovation in our country. The internet is no longer a luxury. It is an essential part of how we all communicate and work. The internet is a utility - it's an extension of existing telecommunication infrastructure. If ISP's are allowed to self-regulate, we will have taken an dangerous step towards further concentrating power and stunting the growth of America.
—Arjun Venkataswamy, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is vital to maintaining a free and democratic internet. Your current proposed rule change is an affront to our freedom to communicate. It's inexplicable to me why you would even consider this rule change. The internet critically needs to be classified as a public utility. The huge corporate interests don't need another avenue to steal from Americans!
—Elyse Stewart, Salem, OR

Turkey
—Sharon Moss, St. Louis, MO

Sirs: The new proposed Internet rules are "out" and they are OUTRAGEOUS! How could you even CONSIDER deserting Net Neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS before it is too late. How can you even CONSIDER new rules that so blatantly discriminate in favor of the super rich, giant, monopolizing ISPs and against the less well-funded smaller (but every bit as important) providers?
—Allen Delzell, Brevard, NC

I am not satisfied with the idea of having to pay more for faster internet. the proposed 2 tier system which charges companies for faster more reliable service would trickle down and affect me. I'm also not comfortable with the idea of having to pay extra for services (like video streaming) Which are now free. That would like charging for internet service by the click. Bullsh*t.
—Christian Brownlee, El Paso, TX

Destroying the open internet in America will just guarantee that tech companies create their startups in other countries that don't kowtow to the cable companies. You want to cripple the economy? Segregate the internet. Then tell us that both lanes will be "separate but equal". Eventually, when the millennials take control of the country, we'll have to fix this mess anyway. Telco lobbyists shouldn't be in charge of regulating telcos, and the internet shouldn't just be a playground for the rich. Restore Net Neutrality Now.
—Ryan White, Rochester, NY

Net neutrality is hugely important. I am strongly opposed to a tiered internet. We have already seen what tiers do to other services provided by major media companies. As a Comcast user who has been repeatedly frustrated by their utter lack of service, I cannot stress enough how little trust should be placed in them. The internet is a great equalizer, and the only individuals seeking to corrupt that equality are large media companies. Those companies should be classified as common carriers and their internet services should be classified as telecommunications services to preserve net neutrality.
—Bobby Debelak, Houston, TX

WHOSE COUNTRY IS THIS ANYWAY? I AM FED UP WITH BEING BULLIED BY SPECIAL INTERESTS. I THOUGHT THE FCC WAS TO HERE PROTECT US FROM THIS SORT OF HIGH-HANDED, ARROGANT, GREED DRIVEN CHICANERY. THIS IS AN OUTRAGE.
—Mary Oego, centenniual, CO

A free Internet has been the most valuable contribution to human evolution in the last couple of centuries. Please toss out your proposed rules, and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Eliana Uretsky, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is important because it allows each individual to express their ideas and share their digital creations with each other without discrimination. I believe that you should throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. By compromising net neutrality you are essentially making the internet into a hierarchical system, giving preferential treatment to those with the most money. They appeal, the beauty, the magnificence of the internet is that everyone's data is treated equally. The data that I choose to produce online for others to share is an extension of myself and my ideas. By allowing people to pay to have preferential treatment you are opening yet another avenue for the rich and the exorbitantly wealthy to control the flow of information in the ways in which they see fit and simultaneously you devalue the personhood of the individuals with less money. Information and data are more than just simple ones and zeros; they represent and take the place of important ideas and ideas, no matter how large or small, should be considered with equal weight.
—Aaron Schultz, Essexville, MI

The Plutocrats already own our Congress, please don't sell yourselves too. Your job is to represent all US citizens, not just the rich ones. Uphold Net Neutrality!
—Diane Schmidtke, Tacoma, WA

The 'air waves' belong to US. We NEED net neutrality. Anything else is pure disaster. mb
—MaryLou Benigno, Tucson, AZ

A free and open internet is essential to the new way of doing business in the 21st century. The web is the phone line of the modern business world. Without an online presence you are doomed to fail. Innovation and new business, multi-billion dollar business and entirely new industries are created online. By stifling that innovation through additional costs for start-ups creates a hurdle that many could find impassible. Thereby depriving the US economy of the next Jeff Bezos, Marc Cuban or Mark Zuckerberg. If we wouldn't allow a phone or other utility company to charge a start up more than an existing market leader, or allow those same companies to use less effective cabling until a company ponied up more cash, then we cannot allow them to do that with web access. They claim the 'Net is not the same as phones, but those who innovate, transact business and create on line know that it is a basic utility of commerce and communication. Thanks for your time
—John Smith Jnr, Trumbull, CT

The net should not be controlled by big business and the rich.
—Jf F., H, OH

Dear FCC, The internet does not belong to you. Nor does it belong to the massive cable companies that are trying to destroy what the internet is about. The internet is not yours to control. I don't know why you think you have the right to change how the internet works. This is absolutely appalling. As if the government isn't over stepping by reading all e-mails, texts, cell phone calls... You decide the internet is yours to control? I think not. Stop trying to control everything. The internet belongs to the people, and you have no right to try to control it in any way, shape or form. Stop this now!
—William P Byrne, Pittsburgh, PA

I have access to only one internet service provider, Comcast, whose service was terrible when I used them for cable TV - service that bad enough that I paid more money for Direct TV, whose service is excellent. ISPs like Comcast and Verizon collaborate with one another so that we are provided only monopoly pricing and terrible quality for broadband services. Nothing is added to our service by allowing these mobster ISPs, who operate with no competition, to extort money from customers (internet users and providers of content). Monopoly-equivelent business practices allow ISPs to provide poorer service and infrastructure at increasing price while distorting the marketplace and eliminating honest competition. Creating a "slow lane" (anything other than net neutrality) is insane, or criminal. Please, instead, create competition in the ISP market where we can choose better service and lower price thus giving market incentive to improving data transfer speeds and infrastructure. This is obtained in most other countries through competition while maintaining a free internet. U.S. Telecommunication profits are already unbelievably high. They don't need to extort more money from users to provide fast speeds through optical fiber networks.
—Paul Dutky, Bremerton, WA

Net nutrality is of vital importance. The plan that Tom Wheeler is pushing as the new chairman of the FCC, would mean an end of net nutrality, and open the internet tup to rampant discrimination by internet providers. Given the extremely limited competion of internet providing operators in most of the country, any changes to the rule that allows them to create a two tier internet access speed, to boost their profits by extorting providers to either pay up, or transmit at slow speeds, is clearly a bad idea for the end use consumer and any spotential start up companies that wish to break into the market. Therefore I implore you to listen to the demands of the American public and throw out tom Wheelers plan and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dean Bacich, Wexford, PA

The principals of our country depend on a level playing field. I understand that isn't always the way life works...but to let companies create a competitive advantage for others, further separates the rich from the poor. I find this unacceptable that we are even having a discussion around maintaining a level playing field and not letting greed dictate an already monopolized business. Case in point, when I signed up with DirecTV, their only internet partner wasn't available in my area. This is 2014...the Internet should be available to everyone and by more than one company. Competition is what makes this country great and what keeps businesses from getting complacent. A fair market is the only way the internet continues to provide opportunities for startups and people to fulfill their dreams.
—Justin, Seattle, WA

American's need to be able to connect, collaborate and compete at the same speeds as other countries. Its not like these behemoth companies are not making great profits as it is. Stop giving away our rights.
—Ivan Womboldt, Palm Springs, CA

It's time that we rein in the monopolistic power of Internet giants Comcast and Time Warner and re-designate them as common carriers. We need an Internet that works well for everyone, not just the people who can afford it. We also need to choose independent FCC leadership that is looking out for the US public, and not telecommunications lobbyists like FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. If you destroy Net Neutrality with a change in current rules, I'm concerned that you'll face a hornet's nest of opposition - a tiny minority of wealthy stakeholders should not dictate freedom of equal access for the vast majority of Internet users.
—Bruce Wolcott, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because I NEED to be kept up to date on what is happening around the world and here at home. I feel that it is UNFAIR to allow others to have a faster internet services. There should be a society where we are EQUAL - the American way, not a way of some rich people who could afford it in the first place.
—Alene Knox, Nampa, ID

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Why attack the person who does not deserve it? Because thy don' have billions of dollars like the 1%? You call this democracy? This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jacqueline Keys, New York, NY

Online discrimination is like ANY discrimination... an abomination... and just plain wrong!
—Patrick Carey, Toronto,

Think about it: keeping the Internet neutral is the most democratic way of managing it. Democratic...democracy. You'd think Net Neutrality would be a no-brainer for the "world's greatest democracy."
—Bob Rusk, Point Pleasant, NJ

Why would you disrupt a service that has worked for years. The internet providers do not need help making more money since they have a monopoly as it is. I do not want to have to pay a premium so I can enjoy the service I currently have.
—Rochelle Herrick, Meridian, ID

I support a level playing field for independent news media.
—William Snavely, Lawrence, KS

What kind of world do you want to leave for future generations? What kind of legacy do you want to leave? Do you want to be known in the history books for the harm you did or for the good you did?
—Shane, Boulder, CO

This is outrageouS. tHE INTERNET IS fine, do not mess with a good thing. We need things to be accessable to all.
—Mathew Davydiuk, victoria,

All internet traffic should be treated the same way. The internet should be kept free & open with equal access to any website or application. There should be no blocking or slowing down traffic to any sites.
—Regina Holubiw, Burnsville, MN

Allowing cable companies to charge businesses for faster internet will stifle small business and innovation. Please listen to the people, not the lobbyists.
—Mark Pope, Culver City, CA

I own a small online business, which at this time is the only income I have. My business already has to fight for a spot with the search engines which sell space and list first those who are willing to pay. Its already tough enough to get by. It is time to classify the internet as a common carrier for all of us! It should be governed and regulated as any other common utlity is. I cannot imagine why NOT! Is your purpose to continue with your "dog eat dog population control policy" that begs for the end of neutrality, or is it to assure that everyone has a fair and equal chance to improve their own financial status by opening their own ecommerce businesses to help fight their way out of the depression brought on by our government and the corporations that own and control it? You must make a stand...for or against the PEOPLE who make up our country. You must realize that the citizenry in the US are at their breaking point, and talk of an entirely new government is more than just over-dinner conversation. Can your corporate donors sustain you and your family when there is no one left who can afford their overpriced and low quality crap? Think about it long before you act, or you may find yourselves on a list of those to be replaced ASAP. What will you do when our current system goes belly up (as it will soon do regardless)? Will your corporate backers care about what happens to you? My greatest wish is that every politician who sold his soul to these corporate terrorists will ultimately suffer the same angst they served to everyone else. Who will raise a hand to save you then????
—J Fields, Jacksonville, FL

As citizens of this "wide world" the internet needs to remain as accessible to us as it is to those who feel they can "lord" above due to money, position etc.
—Roxanne Staley, Hanover Park, IL

Please protect net neutrality. The internet is one place where we all have an equal voice. Big money versus the little guys. David versus Goliath. It seems to be working just define now. PLEASE LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS AND KEEP BIG $$$ OUT OF THE MIX.
—Gayna Uransky, Garberville, CA

Tom Wheeler & the FCC: You say that your efforts are intended to preserve Net Neutrality, but this cannot be reconciled with the facts of your position. A "fast lane" and a "faster lane" does not preserve Net Neutrality, and Comcast's behavior in the lead up to these negotiations has been deceptive and uncompetitive. Do not move forward with your plans. Preserve the open internet!
—Ryan Gardner-Cook, Brooklyn, NY

It protects the real free market.
—Andrew Harbin, Cincinnati, OH

I steadfastly resist the creation of two-tiered Internet service because it offers no public benefit, and would squelch innovation. The Internet has been a very fortunate thing for our economy and to free speech because it is not divided into tiers and is open to everybody in the same way. In 2007, President Obama said one of the best things about the Internet “is that there is this incredible equality there” and charging “different rates to different websites” would destroy that principle. The proposal being set forward from Mr. Wheeler would do just that. The telcoms should give me the data bandwidth that I am paying for. The source of the data is none of their business. If telcoms sell a certain amount of bandwidth to their customers, it is none of telcoms business how that bandwidth made use of. (NetFlix,YouTube. etc.)
—Stephen, Fort Lee, NJ

The FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality. Isn't it enough you've let these large monopolies charge us so much for so little. Isn't it enough we already have a system that is all for the rich and so little for the poor!!! Do not add insult to injury. Do the right thing. Otherwise, I think we ought to look into your reason for being. If you're not there to protect the people of America, why do you exitst? apparently, for the corporations....like everything else. Prove me wrong.
—Deb Walker, Concord, CA

For a safe internet for everyone!
—OniBee, Athens,

It is essential to democracy in this country as promoting freedom of speech and access to information that is equal with other citizens. Net Neutrality does not promote income inequality but subverting it or doing away with it does create greater income inequality as it creates second class citizens based on wealth and access to the net its information and speech. Sincerely Jack Ingersoll
—Jack Ingersoll, Viola, WI

The internet has become an essential means of communication, akin to and supplanting the telephone as the dominant means of communication. Don't abandon net neutrality and cripple this means of communication.
—Douglas S Kurtz, Las Cruces, NM

The internet used to be the last bastion of free speech, since then it has been invaded by governmental and corporate forces determined to undermine and silence the voices of the public. The internet has changed, in recent years, from a bastion to a battleground of free speech and free expression. The battle will never end if the government attempts to impose its will on the public, and perhaps that is why they are instead trying to enable broadband corporations that very same ability. I am not trying to protect Net Neutrality as it exists today, in fact I believe the internet has come so far from that neutrality that we will never see such freedom again. No, it is this specific proposal that I fear will have consequences that fall far outside what the FCC expects. With the introduction of fast and slow lanes, rather than profiting on internet companies and subscribers, I predict a mass exodus from the traditional internet to a system of networks that would be impossible to restrict. Much like the war on drugs has only plunged drugs into a globalized black market, and the prohibition of the 1920s that catalyzed these organizations dealing in illicit goods, this proposal will only succeed in turning more hardworking and intelligent citizens into criminals in the eyes of the law.
—Michael Nation, Beaverton, OR

The Internet is a crucial driver of free speech, innovation, education, economic growth, creativity and so much more, and is currently a truly democratic place. We need real Net Neutrality rules that protect Internet users from corporate abuse to keep the internet a truly democratic place.
—Rebecca Klemme Eliceiri, St. Louis, MO

Haven't we had enough of greed in this country? Stop big business from taking over the last vestige of freedom in the USA!
—Laurie Sherer-Weinsier, Marietta, GA

HERE'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME: FAIRNESS. JUSTICE. EQUALITY. PROTECTING DEMOCRACY. FREEDOM OF SPEECH. CONSCIENCE. PREVENTING BILLIONAIRE TAKEOVER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. SEEING YOU DO YOUR JOB TO PROTECT THE INTERNET FROM MONOPOLIES. ARE THESE THINGS IMPORTANT TO YOU?
—Steve Drucker, Sherrars, IL

The Internet should be available to all individuals whether rich or poor, etc. and not be subject to discrimination. Thank you!
—Mary Margaret Switlik, Wichita, KS

Tom Wheeler and others at the FCC: I don't believe two-tiered Internet will provide equal opportunity for us who have less money than the corporate companies. In my experience with Comcast, they can't keep their word for speeds they say they'll provide now. But they can get away with it because they monopolize the market in certain areas. I have no reason to believe that they'll support net neutrality. Get rid of these new rules, and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jason North, Marion, IN

I am completely opposed to any laws or regulations that limit net neutrality. I believe the FCC plan by Tom Wheeler will end net neutrality. I will not vote for any politician that supports it.
—Regan Murphy, San Antonio, TX

As a small graphic design business owner, it is detrimental to my business and my life, to keep net neutrality. Keep the internet free!
—Ingrid Amundson, Seattle, WA

I can not afford to pay people like AT&T for the same product. They should be common carriers along with Comcast and Verizon. They need to have the laws apply to them even if they have more money.
—Austin, Kenner, LA

There is no way that Comcast and Time Warner should be given further power over the users of the internet. I support net neutrality and free access for all to the internet, like they have in Estonia, where internet access is enshrined in their constitution as a human right! Comcast is by far the worst company I have ever dealt with. Given more clout, they will harm more people. How can the US survive as a democracy if so many people who support net neutrality are overruled by the lobbyist class? Chairman Wheeler, we are watching. Don't crush any last bit of hope we have in our country's government!
—Ann Krull, Ft Myers, FL

If we give them an inch they will take a foot. If we give them a foot they will take a yard. If we give them a yard they will take a mile. If we don't stop corporations from taking one freedom what is to stop them from taking every freedom one by one. We need to put our foot down and protect the freedom and neutrality of the internet. Your job is to protect the internet, not sell it to the highest bidder.
—Nicholas Childers, Gastonia, NC

The Internet is to business today what public highways were in the recent past. Allowing ISP;s to charge more to bigger companies will throttle the ability of smaller and start up companies to compete in the market place.
—Christina Olivier, Wayland, MI

You should be preserving net neutrality, not harming it for just money sake. Further what's down the line regulating what information people get? Internet is a critical component for a free and open society where in every one have equal opportunity.
—Nitesh, Franklin Park, NJ

Because FUCK VERIZON.
—Matthew Hill, Bayonne, NJ

Preserve Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet equal for all!
—Paul Wannamaker, Glendora, CA

I believe strongly in a free internet without any interference from anyone. Do not impose a two-tier system. Leave the net alone as it is and tell companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon they have to play by the same level field like everyone else!
—James K Chambliss, Destin, FL

Do you want your children to remember you for destroying the Internet? Is that really the legacy you want to leave them? Don't fuck up their future. You can still make the right decision here. Do it for them. Declare ISPs to be common carriers. Eliminate the mob rule of the telecoms. Speak truth to power. You CAN do the right thing!
—Stephen Jeremy Torrence, Austin, TX

FCC ought to protect the right's of the consumer. Cable companies' records reflect their disregard for fairness.
—Emil R Espinosa, VENICE, FL

Please support Net Neutrality and make it THE LAW!!! Thank you.
—Dennis Jackson, Norco, CA

The Internet should be a public utility because it helps people get the truth and it should not be controlled by the government or business men.they will make it unaffordable and inaccessible .This cannot and should not happen ever.
—Brent Davis, Kingsport, TN

Net Neutrality is innovation. Innovation is the money of tomorrow. Sacrifice net neutrality and you are putting the future economy at risk.
—Eric Nieudan, Dublin,

Although our democracy can already be more accurately described as an oligarchy, Net Neutrality is at least one step in breaking that cycle and returning the basic tenets of true democracy - power in the hands of the people, choice, freedom, and the freedom to actually choose - back where it belongs, and not in the hands of big business.
—Jeremy Martin, Los Angeles, CA

One of the benefits of the Internet is that it allows for any amount of information from any category to be shared to any corner of the earth. Restricting this information would result in the restricting of sharing knowledge, which inhibits users' education. We can see a similar limitation of information in countries such as China, Russia, and North Korea. This limiting of information, and thus education, would limit the power of the American people with concerns of autonomy. The limit of education and autonomy would restrict freedoms that should not only be available to Americans, but additionally to nations across the globe and their citizens. One of the issues with owning the internet and limiting the transaction of information with eliminating Net Neutrality is that the Internet is not something to be own by a corporation. The Internet is a system owned by the people, by its users. By separating the Internet into a system dictated by wealth, this creates inequality and limits knowledge to the users' wealth, a twisted and unjust limitation of education and constriction of freedom. There have been other opportunities in history in which our country's population has been denied access to the equal, unrestricted distribution of a benefit. One example is electricity. Nikola Tesla had dreamed of making electricity free through his system of alternating currents, yet his invention was exploited and electricity is now a benefit only to those who can afford it. Frankly, I believe our country is afraid of something--a resource--they cannot control, which causes the fear of the inability to control its people. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers to prevent the ownership of the Internet and restriction of its capabilities to its users. Preventive measures need to be taken to combat the restriction of the Internet at all costs.
—Cam Best, Elmhurst, IL

I oppose Chairman Tom Wheeler's plans to dismantle the free and open internet by granting enormous corporations the latitude to freely engage in anti-competitive, discriminatory practices at the expense of the citizenry.
—Adam Stone, Woodbury, MN

Access to high speed internet is necessary in our new tech world. For all individuals and all small businesses. Competition needs to be fair. There is one choice of providers in some areas. The providers have no incentive to provide the best and fastest internet. Which is quite evident in the US Internet speeds compared to other countries.
—Amanda Haugen, Chicago, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality!!!
—Raheel Majid, Culver City, CA

Why fix something that is not broken. So I hear it's for the public benefit because we would get faster downloads. No, it's not in our best interest and it just shows how an independent govt. agency is now owned by the cable industry....
—Brian Goins, Bend, OR

Everywhere we turn today, Big Business and Political Lobbies run everything, the American Public gets very little. Now You want to end Net Neutrality and give pricing control of the Internet to Comcast, Verizon, Dish Network and Century Link instead of allowing a FAIR, PROPERLY REGULATED Internet to thrive. PROVE that just because you used to work for the cable companies, you can still work for the public good. THE INTERNET IS A PUBLIC UTILITY. REGULATE IT LIKE ONE.
—Stephen M. Douglas, Magna, UT

Net neutrality is essential to maintaining an unbiased free exchange of information on the internet. Once ISPs are able to control what content gets viewed at what speed, it will create a class system of content based upon how much money and leverage a company can display to get preferential treatment. It will only further separate what people in this country can influence by their voice and essentially put it in the hands of disconnected politicians and their special interest groups. It puts the telecom companies as the gatekeepers and deciders of what information we can see instead of the consumer. Frankly, the fact that these revisions are even being considered as viable options is absolutely ridiculous. I am appalled at the actions that this commission has taken in the name of the consumer. This is yet another example of how the government is no longer looking out for the interests of its citizens, consumers, voters, and answering solely to the corporations and billionaires that fund their campaigns and careers.
—James Davis, Lexington, KY

It is immoral for corporate law to be extended to usurpation of the rights of municipalities and states to create common carrier ISP.
—Meg Kidd, Keene, NH

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me as a teacher, an artist and a world-citizen. It is important to anybody who uses the internet. In this information age, no one should be more privileged to information than another person. That is what would happen if non-subscribers to a particular service had information slowed down. It would allow blatant discrimination. Use common sense: Look who's pushing against Net Neutrality. Free access to information makes us able to function more productively, creatively and daringly. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Judith Jasinski, Chattanooga, TN

By allowing the cable companies to put in a 'fast lane' and letting the giant telecoms charge other companies a fee to connect to their patrons, you will be destroying a competition and the internets open and free market. This move will only hurt consumers and you should be ashamed for even considering it.
—David Alan Graham, Colorado Springs, CO

It means that any content provider can have access to the entire worldwide internet without paying a corporate entity a tax to reach the audience.
—David Lawson, Phoenixville, PA

It's not broken. Make a rule that every market MUST have at least three carriers. That will bring improved speed.
—Steven Mull, Geneva, NY

To avoid facism. Allowing one or two voices control of airwaves precludes any reasonable ability to maintain open discussion and debate, both essential for democracy.
—Theodora B. Crawford, Berkeley, CA

It is essential that the internet remains completely open. Ensuring a fast lane would only be detrimental to startup companies attempting to compete with larger corporations. It would be disastrous if a high-price fast lane became the new law of the land for regular citizens attempting to use the internet as well. Allowing cable companies to have such an absurd two-tiered system may be what they want, but it is not right; no matter how much of their lobbying money goes into the government's pocket. The fact that major corporations (outside of the cable companies) are as strongly against this as the very citizens of this nation, wouldn't one think that this is not the way to go? Cable companies have managed for years through deregulation to already make ridiculous profits while receiving awful approval ratings, and practically monopolizing regions of the United States. There is no need to implement something so many people are against in order to make the cable companies even more profitable for the wrong reasons.
—Anthony Smizaski, Cliffside Park, NJ

I would like to request the FCC as a US citizen, a taxpayer and as an IT professional, to NOT move forward with these new rules. We DO NOT need a Two-Tiered Internet Plan, especially since the ISPs and telecommunications companies CANNOT even provide satisfactory service currently. True competition in the marketplace should not favor certain companies/sectors/technologies but to compete in its own merit.
—Alberto Jose Clavecillas, Fairfax, VA

You can't have a free and open market if the Media/Telecom tycoons are calling the shots on who gets to succeed and who has to pay. That's a mafia run internet and there's too much of that these days. In addition, these seems more about a Communist/Authoritarian move in order to control who gets what information and from where they choose to get it. It's about choice and a Fascist move like this is absurd. Hasn't it been proven to you already when this was attempted before? How much will it take for you to get the picture to just stop and LET IT GO, but no, they'll keep clawing for control..
—Micah Miller, Lebanon, PA

Net neutrality is important for keeping the internet open for everyone, not making two different speeds based on how much companies pay to have access to consumers. Keep the playing field even for everyone.
—Jennifer Garrette Lisy, Galena, OH

For the love of God and Country and all that is holy . . . please I am begging you to stop this insanity. Please don't give the keys to the same people who already have a monopoly on our internet services. A month doesn't go by that COMCAST doesn't figure out a way to charge me more money. If the likes of AT&T, COMCAST and Verizon have their way their will be no way to STOP them - the internet as we know it now will cease to exist and the people with the MONEY will control the flow of information. Wake up FCC . . . do you really want to be LOVED as much as COMCAST? Keep it Fair, keep it Neutral!
—Arlene Norton, Tupelo, MS

Net Neutrality both protects smaller companies in the US, and normal people using the internet. Basing internet speed on who can pay the most is an incredibly terrible choice for most people, and would allow companies such as Comcast to block sites that cannot afford the "premium" (or slow them down to the point that they might as well be unavailable), and may even target sites that support different values. It is clear that this move can only have a positive outcome for the companies that are in control of it, and it should not even be on the table.
—Tahirah Corbin, Huntsville, AL

Stifle the Internet and you stifle creativity.
—Mark Escajeda, Lafayette, CA

The internet should be regulated as a common carrier. Do not hand Comcast and Time warner any more control over my connection speed as they will just form more monopoly control . ENCHOURAGE COMPETITION.
—James P. Meloche, bLOOMFIELD hILLS, MI

FCC, do not end Net Neutrality. Doing so will have lasting and devastating affects on the economy, our society, and on Internet user's everyday activities. The people are speaking loudly that they want to preserve the Internet as it is. If Chairman Wheeler's rules as passed, it will be one of the biggest scandals in my generation. FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Megan Tady, Easthampton, MA

The ISPs must be classified as common carriers. If not, it will create losers and winners, dependent on who can pay. NOT RIGHT!
—Ray Nelson, La Salle, CO

Net Neutrality is crucial to ensuring a free press. Getting rid of net neutrality would harm the free market so that start ups can't compete. Comcast has already shown that it is willing to abuse it's controls of speed to help its negotiations with netflix.
—Adam Domby, Carrboro, NC

To create a two-tiered (or multi-tiered) system for the internet would, at this point, represent nothing less than an obvious and unforgivable abrogation of governmental responsibility. Rather, it would indicate the total abandonment of the American people to the predatory whim of monied interest, thereby speeding the arrival of the moment in which an irredeemably corrupt system would necessitate an uprising in which the people will reclaim the public good for itself.
—Patrick Linder, Durham, NC

I'll keep it simple, protect net neutrality for the people and ignore the bribery of the cable companies.
—James Drummond, Goodlettsville, TN

We commoners NEED net neutrality!! Big business needs no more advantages than they already have!!
—Paulette Walter, Colfax, CA

This is another step to push the little guys out and cater to the big guys. We should all have access to the same information, the same way, regardless if we are rich or poor...that's the beauty of the internet. This gives way to much power to service providers to do whatever and charge whatever they please. It's a mistake and will lead to bigger issues if approved. Plus, most Americans are already dummies, why dumb them down even more by putting limits on a major source of information? Oh wait, isn't this part of the plan?!
—Tara, New York, NY

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.
—Debi Garrett, Sturgis, KY

Is anyone involved in this in favor of this other than perhaps about one half of one percent of the population? Ah but that one half of one percent are the ones with money! They're also the ones Mr. Wheeler USED? to work for. The very same ones that have ruined virtually every aspect of government of, for, and by the people with their money. I suppose in the end, they'll ruin this too.
—Gary Jeffers, Liberty Twp., OH

If there is no more net neutrality, then any differences in service between customers are most likely to work to the advantage of large corporations, and not small ones or actual individuals who use the internet. It just does not seem fair to me. Besides, what difference is there between an ISP and a water pipe? Both carry content to the individual and so both need regulations as common carriers, based on fairness and equality.
—Anatol Dinbergs, Rockville, MD

Internet needs to be kept free and equal for progress to be achieved in making internet and technology better.
—Laengheng Khoun, Cranston, RI

keep the Internet neutral.
—John Contos, la palma, CA

Let's keep our free market free from big money influence.
—Linda Paulsen, Denver, CO

The Internet is the very definition of democracy. It is a neutral space where everyone, regardless of country, background, gender, race, religion, or political affiliation, has the same access to share ideas and opinions. Making a single mom in Chicago, a school in a poor district in San Antonio, or anyone else pay more to obtain the same access as Comcast and Verizon is the very definition of oligarchy. It says to those who can't afford more, loudly and clearly, that the only voices which matter online are those who can pay for it. It's unfair, undemocratic, and un-American to discriminate in this manner. Please don't turn our Internet into a super highway for a few and a dirt road for the rest of us.
—M Eytcheson, Denver, CO

Didn't we start the internet? Why are other countries net service better. Think about it and what you can do to improve the net, not make it even worse.
—augustine Gaona, Houston, TX

Please keep the internet free and neutral.
—Joseph, London,

Net neutrality is essential for the continued process of building a free and open society. The erosion of net neutrality benefits only the oligarchy and further cements the monopoly in information exchange, firmly in favor of major corporations and firmly to the detriment of the common people of America. The People of America must lead, and our elected and non elected officials (especially conflict of interest former lobbyist Tom Wheeler) must follow: Give the internet back to the American People. No second class citizens, online OR offline means No internet fast lane for affluent corporations, and No relegating everyone else to the slow road, making all information NOT equal, and bowing to the fickle whims of self serving bureaucracies.
—Abraham Kayne, ann arbor, MI

No slow lanes on the information highway. Our democracy depends on it (especially after Citizens United and McCutcheon).
—Carmine Tronolone, New York, NY

Leave the internet alone, we do not need two or more different types of internet, one for the rich and one for the poor. I find it very interesting that the person who was a lobbyist for these very same cable companies has become the head of the FCC! Sounds all too familiar, big business is running Washington, whoever has the deepest pockets get the rules passed to screw the rest of us. How dare you Tom Wheeler for trying to pull this fast one on the public. I hope you get the same back in your life someday. Karma is not a nice thing, shame on you and all your cronies! You greedy bastards!
—Margaaret Rempe, Gaylord, MI

The indiscriminate regulation by companies who control both speed and cost of the internet not only are unfair to the common man and small businesses, and verge on a monopoly, but also appear to violate Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, thus against the basic laws of nature!
—Steve Nelson, Simi Valley, CA

I want to start my own business and have been advised that I need a Web site. My funds are very limited. I have a chance of succeeding if I have a Web site that is as accessible as every other. But how can I compete with large corporations who can afford to pay extra for a faster tier of the Internet? Support small businesses and budding entrepreneurs. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Carol Ehrlich, Kensington, MD

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler still thinks a two-tiered Internet is the way to go. His misguided proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. And yet Wheeler thinks he can ignore the growing outcry and implement his plan.
—Michael Rooney, Austin, TX

I expect all data and information to go at the same speed for all users. No fast lanes. No slow lanes. Just information flowing freely at whatever speed the hardware can handle. Support anything other than real net neutrality, and you win a place in the book of the damned.
—Gary L. Wallin, Cedar Rapids, IA

An end to net neutrality will severely hurt the American people and technological innovation in the United States, only cable company giants will benefit. It seems silly to be trying to explain why this is important to a government agency, which should be working for the benefit of this country and not to increase the wealth of the very few. But alas here we are. There is no logical reason why internet service providers should not be classified as common carriers. Please classify them as such and protect Net Neutrality and the future of technological innovation in America.
—Sebastian Gosztyla, Chicago, IL

Being against any change in Net Neutrality is so very simple. Leave Net Neutrality alone, after all, if it is not broken why try to fix it.
—Michael Ann Clegg, Tucson, AZ

we need real net neutrality!
—Libbe Madsen, Laytonville, CA

A free and open Internet is something that should be protected and preserved. We certainly do not need the cable and phone companies raising their profits while we, the consumers, are the losers all the way around. Net Neutrality is the one and only way for the Internet to function.
—George Hartman III, Louisville, CO

Chairman Wheeler's proposal to allow for pay-to-play information super-duper highways is unacceptable (except to ISPs). You have the responsibility to do what is best for communications customers in the U.S. Internet service providers already have much too much control over the Internet. Please forget about giving them even more control. Reclassify them as common carriers.
—Harvey Picker, West Hartford, CT

The FCC is violating "The basic principle" of democracy in America. This attack on and threat to Net Neutrality in America is unpatriotic at a minimum. We are not a communist country and should not be dictated to on a consumer level by any means. It's deplorable that we have to fight the very agencies we elect, pay for with our tax dollars, to protect Americans from monopolies, corporate manipulation and greed and unsafe practices. Ending Net Neutrality is a farse, a cheap trick to give corps like Comcast, the internet kingdom. Insane, greedy, obviously self-serving plan. We are not stupid, we are being bullied and the FCC is allowing it. Bully America Monopoly Nation.
—Virginia Eagan, Chico, CA

The web is for everybody, a prime example of democracy in action 24/7. The web is NOT for the privileged few. Killing net neutrality would kill competition and fatten the already bloated wallets of the telecom monopolies. Please do NOT permit greed to kill the web.
—Rick Freeman, louisville, KY

ISPs should be common carriers, any other action diminishes a truly neutral internet and supports monopolizing.
—Julia Supple, stamford, CT

Once again the bureaucrats are poised to shalt the general population of America. All this in favor of the huge excessively well off corporations. We were under the mistaken belief that this Administration would support ordinary citizens; however, with the FCC chairman and his friends, the rich get richer and the rest pif us PY MORE & MORE & MORE!!!!!!!! And receive LESS & LESS & less. Go ahead and do the bidding of comcast, verizon, etc. And as for the FCC comment website: it probably makes Affordable Healthcare Site seem EASY!
—Frederick North, Tucson, AZ

As a lower level administrator in Higher Ed, I see the loss of net neutrality having an adverse effect on the future of online education. As tuition at major universities continues to climb both educators and students are looking to the flexibility and affordability of online education to help deliver quality education at an affordable cost. With an internet controlled by for-profit entities (or anyone really) consistent and reliable internet service will become more difficult to get and potentially more expensive resulting in higher drop-out rates and fewer students achieving a bachelor's degree or higher.
—Daniel VanZant, Johnson City, TN

Broadband is no different from telecommunications. ISPs should be common carriers.
—Brent McCraven, Raleigh, NC

The People demand that we continue to have an open Internet. An open Internet is indispensible in our efforts to promote and maintain our democracy. Please support the reclassifying of ISPs as common carriers. The Internet should remain a one-tiered system.
—Douglas Newman, Winnipeg,

It is time Americans had the speeds, the choices and the prices of other developed countries - for utilities (and they are utilities of this age and the future) whose infrastructure our taxes helped pay for and for which further tax charges are added to every bill. Instead the FCC wants to take us backward and let what should be public utilities control even more of our access and content, effectively squashing innovation as they have competition.
—B Post, Corrales, NM

Because it keeps big companies in line.
—Thomas Maginniss, Goldvein, VA

Net Neutrality is very important. We can't just keep letting corporataions with money make all the rules.
—Dean Larkin, Roanoke, VA

Keeping the net to reasonable federal rules and regulations is acceptable. Allowing bloated, profit-greedy corporations to regulate the internet is not acceptable. Internet accessibility, affordability and consumer protection are the reasonable regulations I expect from our elected officials. Price inflation, tiered service and profit-driven motives (which can either be underhanded or simply attract the wealthy customer or all points in between...) are what I expect from corporations and those motivations and actions are never good for the general of impoverished consumer.
—Ona L Harshaw, Portland, OR

Enough is enough. Please stop the corporate takeover of our lives. They already influence our elections, our wages, our health care, and will attempt to control anything else they can if it makes them a profit. Enough is enough. Please do everything in your power to ensure that the internet remains free and open. NET NEUTRALITY NOW!
—Kate S, Bear, DE

Don't allow Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and slow lanes for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Marty Mason, Highland Heights, OH

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. If this happens ALL the children in schools will not be able to complete their homework. Children now do All school work on line. Rich and Poor a like, North, South, East and West.
—Alice, Fort Myers Beach, FL

SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY. WORK TO BE DONE; SOCIAL JUSTICE IN GREAT DANGER! PROMOTE FAIRNESS, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, PEACE, HUMANITY, PRODUCTIVITY, WELL-BEING OF GENERAL PUBLIC. RESOLVE SOCIO-POLITICAL ISSUES, BALANCING BUDGET. OPPOSE SO CALLED "FAIR ELECTION ACT" PUBLIC FINANCE MATCHING SMALL DONORS FUND- DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, RESOUCES BENEFIT "BAD GUYS" AS USUAL. TASKS: TOP PRIORITIES: Society in vicious cycles as in need of revolution, we MUST act: (1). Prosecute, eliminate "MURDER- fraud- crime- injustice networks"= cruel tyranny= robbery machine = ROBBER- ISM; destroying essences of democracy, capitalism; continuing, on-going; relaying, penetrating every segment of our lives (inc. civic non- profit organizations); expanding here domestically to overseas- foreign countries; with threat, coercion, victimization, deprivation, discrimination; unjust practices, manipulation, influence; bad legislative bills; unjust hidden agenda with false/ misleading excuses (inc. private- public partnership, economic development, housing, school construction, transportation, abandonment of properties, maintenance of "paper roads", nonsense grants, programs; …, whatever) to benefit/ facilitate "MURDER-fraud-crime- injustice networks" (inc. officials, judges, developers, lawyers, employees, etc.); expand further unjust operation; endless unlawful-immoral acts; rob/destruct resources (rights, land, properties, home, buildings, assets, accounts, income, pension, documents, evidences; public, private; business, civic, political); frivolous litigation, levies, foreclosures, garnishment, guardianship, power of attorney; improper processing of complaints, procedures, proceedings, docketing, bookkeeping, accounting; cause vicious cycles: socio- political- election-media-budget- legislative- system problems; civil-human rights backwards; people-slave. Examples of problems are provided below: ** (2). Restore: principle, fairness, cost-effectiveness, accountability, reliability, capability; fair election, justice, peace (including civic, non-profit organizations), "check and balance"; Restore: TRUE essence of democracy, fair election process; easy access to government, files, records, transcripts; not unjustly manipulated, influenced, misled by wrong person, information, or "official misconduct- government gang- fraud-crime- injustice networks" = serious causes of socio- political – election –media- budget- legislative problems, which destroy people, families, society, peace, justice, democracy. Based on merits, justification; NO double standards, improper processing of complaints, procedures, proceedings; falsification, false records, tampering of evidence, data; harassment, intimidation (complainant, witnesses); false charges, citation, bond, imprisonment; disparities and improper treatments, etc.; abuse of laws, power, authorities. (3). Promote democracy, fair election, quality, competition, people input (policies, issues, officials, judges); televise public hearings, citizen/candidate forum/debate; maintain, disseminate meaningful accurate information, records, capability, reasoning, good sense of justice, public interest, endurance. Objective screening by meaningful rigorous examinations, evaluations for quality, capability, endurance and public interest. * To capture extended serious problems of "MURDER-fraud- crime- injustice networks" with official misconduct- government gang, please incorporate the following: (A). complaints/ cases: administrative and judicial levels; (B) frequent testimonies before government bodies, official, legislators, law enforcement, committees, public hearings; local – federal; (C) spin-off complaints, improper processing of complaints, procedures, proceedings, accounting, bookkeeping, docketing, etc.; (D) Candidate statements, see Webs and archives. Urge to re-open and investigate Congress.org, DNet (by League of Women Voters), links, etc.; (E) complaints and reports to police, law enforcement, consumer affairs, other authorities/agencies against "fraud- crime- injustice networks"; (F). Numerous TV programs on social issues (Dr. Lih Young: producer, host, speaker). (G). Frequent recommendations/petitions to officials, agencies, law enforcement, local - federal; as individuals or with civic organizations. ** EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS - "MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS"- with official misconduct, government gang-endless unlawful immoral acts: (A): OPM, IRS, DHHS, SSA, DOJ, FBI, DOD, USDA, DOC, USCIS (US citizens/ neutralization services), custom services, various agencies, law enforcement; 3 branches, local – federal- global; National Park Service (Prettyman?), Library of Congress (Neil Gladd); many financial/brokerage/ accounting/ bill-payment processing/ collection institutions/agencies; insurance, car related businesses, utilities…, more; dealers Lakeforest Oldsmobile; phone/utilities/cable, judges, legal/court personnel, detective/ process server/ impersonators, with phony names, or would not provide names even in the court cases (Complainant could not get access to court files; could not even make copies); Leslie Gradet, Tamera Jones, William D Roessler; Offices of Treasury, Comptroller, Attorney Gneral: Joel Jacob/Jacobson, Gail Malle-Davis, Sylvia J. Brokos, Mary Hawse, Linda Tanton, Gerald Langbaum, John Barry, Pamela Porter, Leo F. Partridge, Mark Vulcan, Jamis Riley, James Britt, Audrey Thomas, Jeanne Lippy, Jesse Rosenburger, Ralph Lepson; transcribers Margaret Bauer, Senators: Walter Baker, Barbara Hoffman, Thomas Middleton, Trooper: Marty Sealey, Vincent Mass, State Election Board Ross Goldstein; Maryland DOEd Susan Page, Barbara Smith(?), SSA employees and supervisors (especially in Rockville, Md), and Bullivant (?, probably in N. J.; or other states). Lobbysts/ municipal attorneys/lawyers/affiliates, Paul Glasgow, David Venable, Joseph Stoltz, Jr., Barry Gordon, Stephen Perouka, David Steinberg, Wolpoff & Abramson, Richard D. Mirsky, Poppleton, Garrett & Polott, P.C., accountant Hilda K. Matijevic; Marc Sliffman (Silver Spring, Wheaton area), Samuel White and his law firm and lawyers Shawn Bartley, Daniel Pesachowitz, Laura Jolly (phony person, named as "substitute trustee", but can never be found or contacted even through official agencies); many court personnel and judges (District Court – Court of Special Appeals). Court Auditor Robert Romero. State, county health services organizations/ agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Crisis Center, Jean Burgess (white, female), Marsha Aaron; Department of Aging; Adult Protective Services, Sherry Davis, Suzanne Lord (?), Odick Esq., Bonnie Klem, etc.; Suburban Hospital, physicians, emergency staff; social worker Jody Crecensi (?), case manager Patricia Grafferty (?), Robert Rothstein, M. D. (?), Tipp Woodward; Manor- Care in Potomac Maryland: Cheryl Paulson (?, administrator) and nurses, etc.; forensic services, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Jolie Smith; numerous psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, etc.: Potomac Ridge Steven Israel, Collin,

Gabriel (?); social worker Tracy Lewit; Springfield Hospital Center: forensic services, Kevin Knight, Dr. Valadez (refused to give full name, despite repeated requests); Carla Craville, Francoise Reynolds, Roxanne Heyman, Amy True; Judges James Sasfield, Gary Crawford, Cheryl McCally, etc., prosecutors/government attorneys, e.g., John McCarthy, Nunylny (?), Peter Mitchell (Montgomery County Office of Human Rights); District Court Commission (Rockville, Md) M. Dickerson; Court Personnel T.M. (only initials, no full name available); many judges, clerk of the courts (Jeffrey Ward, Loretta Knight, Bettie Skelton, Molly Rhul, etc.), other court personnel, various counties, states; local – federal; law enforcement, FBI; police e.g., in Rockville, Md. Sgt. Cowell (first name not available), C.P. Sadleson; officer Davis (MCPD); Denis Lewis (Baltimore County); sheriff: R. Lewis (Female, White, Montgomery Countym Md.), K. Naff (white, male, Montgomery County, Md); fire and rescues (abuse, even no fire; conspiracy). (B): The problems are interrelated horizontally and vertically, among all issues, local-global. Clerks of the Circuit Court (Montgomery County, Md.) Loretta Knight, Bettie Skelton, Molly Rhul; District Court Clerk Jeffrey Ward, Administrative Judge Cornelius Vaughey, Sheriff Elliot Tolbert, etc. government attorney John McCarthy, Kristen Bender, court personnel, attorneys (public, private), law enforcement (FBI, sheriff, police, fire/rescue, etc., contractors) are part of the ":fraud- crime- networks: with spying, surveillance, harassment, unlawful search, stealing, robbery, injuries; false arrest, imprisonment, citation, trespass, testimony; withholding witnesses; destroy information, documents, evidence, etc. (C). False/ unjust/ frivolous levies, liens, garnishment, guardianship, power of attorneys, foreclosure, tenant-hold-over- eviction, etc. Thousands of cases are pending in the court systems for years or even decades; believed to be filed by "fraud- crime- networks" to victimize people; without due process, proper services, proceedings; cause homelessness, poverty; not because of the problems of homeowners/citizens, but because of unjust judicial/court/legal personnel, court auditor Robert Romero as part of "official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks". Judges (unjust, irresponsible, judicially disabled) include Warren Donohue, John Debelius, Durk Thumpson, Ann Harrington, Louise Scrivener, Lawrence De Beard, Eric Johnson, James McKenna; District Judge Gary Everngam, Judge Gary Crawford; court personnel/ sheriff, attorneys, affiliated law firms; Sheriffs Earnest Turner, R. Lewis, K. Naff, etc. (E). Problems of privatization, irresponsibility, disabilities of government attorneys and judicial/legal/court personnel are very serious, expanding, local- nationwide- global; exporting injustice overseas; Rockville city, Montgomery County, Maryland state; New Jersey Monmouth County, Judge Robert McLeod (private attorney), Judge Patricia Bueno Cleary, Prosecutor (private attorney) Patrick Healy, police David D'Arcy. (F) Other people committed, conspired with police and fraud- crime- networks: Private attorneys: Robert McCarthy (Bethesda, Md.), Olivia Cammack (Silver Spring, Md.), David Slacker (Bethesda Md.); Ria Rochvarg (assigned as legal assistance provider to certain counties by Md. Department of Health and Mental Highgiene, but she went around the state for various abuses with Sherry Davis, Police Davis, etc. attorneys (public and private), Timonthy Adelman, Esq., (?) and law firms Adelman, Sheff and Smith(?, in Annapolis, Md), Robert McCarthy, Suburban Hospital, etc. Landlord/ landladies e.g., Jiewen Tan (Rockville, Md.) and Chia Yao (Gaithersburg, Md.) had been unjustly influenced/ conspired. (G). MURDER-FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS inc. Montgomery County Council, Md, Nancy Floreen, Roger Berliner, Valerie Ervin; Sonya E. Healy, Esq. Legal counsel/Chief of staff (any relation to Patrick Healy, esq. in New Jersey??), Jackie Steward, council hearing coordinators/substitute; Md General Assembly, Jamie Raskin; U. S. Congress, Senate, legal staff; American U, administrative staff, security guard, students (4801 Massachusetts Ave., NW, DC); Catholic U; US Institute of Peace, conference organizers/ speakers. = = = = = NO WARS ON SYRIA, MIDDLE-EAST, ASIA OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, when the problems are based on lies, profiteering, imperialism; depriving other people's rights, lives, resources, here and overseas. NO WARS, especially no congressional authorization, approval. = = == = Urge to re-open and investigate obstruction, seizure, tampering, denial of access or use of communication like phone, fax, media, equipment, facilities, computers, documents, work, document, websites, voters guides, e.g., Congress.org, DNet (by League of Women Voters), washington -post, vote-md, project-vote-smart, news media, social media, links; ; civic, non-profit, religious, "think tanks",.. more
—Dr Lih Young, Rockville, MD

I have No TV and pay $ 78.99 just for internet From Comcast and you are killing AMERICA
—Alita DeMarco, Ypsilanti, MI

If ISPs are allowed to use selective discrimination to determine bandwidth allocation, the underlying principles on which the world wide web was founded will all but crumble to the ground. The internet is not something to be hoarded or controlled by any company, and the founding fathers of the internet agree it is to be kept open and left unabated. The system it relies upon is not damaged or in any way broken, yet the greedy corporations are paying our government to fix it, the same government which supposed to represent the people, not the corporations. Yes we all benefit from larger corporations providing jobs and economic growth, but at what cost? The internet was set on the premise it did not matter how much money you had, you could produce and deliver competitive content to your user base at the same speeds as the uber-giants, granting anyone with an entrepreneurial spirit the ability to fulfill their dreams. Is that not what the government is supposed to provide? Is that not the American Dream this entire country was founded on? Allowing service providers to accept bribes for faster content will literally kill the dreams any young startup company had. No one will be able to compete with those who have the most, which I know is what they want. It isn't what I was raised to believe this country stood for, so if it turns out to be the case, I hope every education system in the country reflects that this government and its American People have been bought and paid for by lobbyists for giant corporations that wouldn't give a crap about the people they serve so long as they reach their bottom line. I hope, not just for the internet, but for the sake of all of humanity, we can pull ourselves together and realize we are equals not to be treated like another paycheck.
—Nicholas Kelner, Dublin, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul E. Ryan, Napa, CA

How dare you think that making a fast and slow lane for the internet is even remotely acceptable or okay. THIS IS NOT OKAY. The internet is a wonderful tool and you guys are trying to destroy it just to make some money. Greedy and selfish. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Allison Summo, Placentia, CA

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. If internet today is not as important to daily life as phone lines of 30 years ago then what is? Please stop the BS.
—Alexander Kaay, Santa Barbara, CA

Inequality is already a huge problem in the U.S., the Internet should remain a level playing field.
—Jim Newberry, Los Angeles, CA

The biggest danger obviously is that a non-neutral internet can be used by any "power" that can buy, coerce, or "encourage" cooperation of the all-too-few companies that control internet policy, as well as obviously, the powers controlling those companies themselves. It will be possible as a result for true information to be entirely suppressed. It will therefore also be possible for governing powers of this country to suppress any portion of the population. Suppression of information can of course influence if not effectively control the vote. It can mean the end of democracy.
—Kurt Bigler, Berkeley, CA

Net neutrality makes the internet what it is. Why do we have to fight to keep it that way?
—Otto Hunt, Oceanside, CA

Surely this is NOT the best job you can do.
—Edith M. M.Conrad, Asheville, NC

We the people pay taxes to the government to help invent the internet, treat the internet like common carrier like the phone company
—Pedro, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a minority individual, the freedoms that I can exercise are already somewhat limited. It is important to me to feel as though my ability to access information and keep in touch with issues of civil liberty and justice not be further constricted by the impacts of net neutrality. I believe that all individuals should have access to information despite their financial situation (e.g., what carriers and ISP's they can afford) and continuing to constrict these rights and allowing big businesses to dictate what information we have access to further violates what I believe this country is founded to represent. Please do not let money stand in the way of our access and rights to education and communication. Also, please do not fail to recognize how this may impact those individuals with disabilities whose only means of communication may be through the Internet did to physical and even mental health related limitations.
—Tyler Valentine, Dayton, OH

Level the playing field. DON"T KILL STARTUP COMPANIES WITH BIG FEES. IMAGINE IF THE POWER COMPANIES PULL THIS!
—David C Faxon, Kingston, NH

I make my living developing software on the Internet. If big telecom companies like Comcast are allowed to charge a premium for access, it may block my ability to develop new services that require Internet access. Please regulate Internet access as a public utility!
—Tim Schmitz, Washington, DC

Please defend net neutrality, one of the few legislative battlefields where preventing the rise of monopolies remains possible.
—Ted Johnson, Albuquerque, NM

Please do not allow the FCC, headed by Tom Wheeler, former lobbyist for the cable industry, to screw the American people by approving his totally biased rules eliminating net neutrality. The cable industry is already a dangerous monopoly. All the information we have access to will be filtered by speed. Fast speed bought by the wealthy telecommunications companies and slow speed for the independent more honest and reliable small companies. Time Warner and Com Cast are the worst of the lot, with the poorest customer satisfaction ratings. The US pays more than any other country for internet and has the slowest internet in the world. This is before the new rules are approved. How can this be good for America? Yes, it will be great for the big companies. Fire Tom Wheeler and save net neutrality. Shame on President Obama for putting the fox in charge of the henhouse.
—Therese Patton, Black Lake, NM

Because using the Internet is something that Al Gore created, for all Americans and others to freely use without paying for it. Why should the Internet become a pay for usage? That's un-American. The powers that want us to pay for this are already powerful and big industry leaders. We shouldn't be required to pay for the Internet, because some of us pay already to access it through our ISPs. Please keep it free. I for one, won't pay for it.
—Michael JDR Wilson, Ione, WA

It's a democratic and public utility issue, not exclusive to companies and people that can pay more for access.
—Barry Saltzman, Los Angeles, CA

Please do not end net neutrality in favor of supporting, yet again, the giant corporations.
—Charlotte Smith, Albuquerque, NM

This is a terrible idea! The history of corporate monopoly in this country tells us that this would be Bad For Consumers, full stop! Please don't let those already at the table prevent people in the future from getting a chance at a seat.
—Marie Levine, Los Angeles, CA

Public Utilities Businesses that provide the public with necessities, such as water, electricity, natural gas, and telephone and telegraph communication. A public utility is a business that furnishes an everyday necessity to the public at large. THE INTERNET IS A PUBLIC UTILITY AND NEEDS TO BE OPEN AND FREE.
—Carol Bevis, Hanalei, HI

The internet needs to be reclassified as a telecommunications service in order to ensure net neutrality. This is what makes America strong: letting everyone have access to a level playing field to build businesses online which succeed because of merit, not because the already-wealthy and powerful are able to purchase the internet and reserve it for themselves. Stating that there would not be fast and slow lanes as a result of the proposed FCC policy of letting companies pay more for faster access is ridiculous. Of course there would be. We are already seeing evidence of this (http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/2 1376597/). Comcast and Verizon already have too much power and too little competition and this is hurting America. The head of the FCC is a former Telecom & Cable lobbyist and the former FCC chair is now lobbying for this industries. The revolving door that helps corporations own our government is obvious to everyone. The results of this are clear: U.S. companies are more and more profitable, with that money going mainly to investors and management, while workers have their pay go down every year in real dollars, while the quality of service for consumers goes down and prices go up. The US now ranks 19th in broadband quality to price ratio http://www.netindex.com/value/ allcountries/. We are no longer a world leader in anything but corruption, monopolistic practises, and military might which we use to build empire. And it will only get worse until our regulatory agencies stop catering to the already wealthy and powerful corporations and start to remember who their clients really are: the American people. Please do the right thing and regulate the internet to maintain net neutrality and let competition work as it is supposed to, not to further enrich the few at the expense of the many.
—Dr. Melissa Rice, Stanwood, WA

With all the conflicts in to days government, it's clear large corporations are the government. It's clear to government in earlier years monopolies were Bad For Competion in the marketplace. Please keep Internet Net Neutrality. Otherwise the internet will become one more cost that those with less means will be able to afford. You know it's the right thing to do.
—Brian Carlstad, Coeur D Alene, ID

Please Please Please! Do not allow any sort of multi-tier system. Net Neutrality is crucial!
—Kent Smith, Cordova, TN

Everyone should benefit from high speed internet. It should not be monopolized by service providers at the expense of tax payers.
—Kelly Root, Ferndale, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because an open and unobstructed Internet fosters growth for all of us. There is not enough ISP competition to ensure changing the rules of net neutrality will be good for the consumer. FCC please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Aaron Behl, Los Angeles, CA

At it's core America is about everyone's voice and opinion given equal stage. That's what the internet is about. It's done more to spread democracy and equality to the rest of the world than 200 years of wars. Please don't let it be taken it away. We should all be benefiting from the advancement of this technology not just the few companies that have already made it big. Innovation, human connection, and the freedom of knowledge are at a point of growth, the like of which we've never seen. Don't allow any non-public controlled entity to control or constrict that. Please keep our Net Neutral FCC. Thankyou!
—Marcel Bornstein, Forest Hills, NY

cable service should not be a monopoly. We, the consumer, should have a selection of providers. They should be vying for the allowance to earn our hard-earned dollars. I don't want websites to run at different speeds. Cable service is cable service. The content should be irrelevant. That would be like the mailman delivering bills on time but delaying delivery of magazines and birthday cards.
—Melissa Williams, palm beach gardens, FL

Net Neutrality is crucial for all who use it. This most valuable source of information should not be controlled by anyone or anything! The internet must remain as it is to even the playing field between the rich and poor, the educated and the uneducated, and to keep the last vestige of our rights and freedoms to be sustained and protected.
—Carol W. Williams-Freeman, Powell River, AZ

Net Neutrality is VERY important. Not everyone is watching Netflix. And, the internet is not that fast. I would like to see it faster for everyone. There is not enough competition in the field. For example, in my building, I can only get Comcast. I watch a few stations only and yet I have to pay top dollar anyway. It's an expense I would like to do without. When will the US start doing right by its citizens instead of by big business and the bottom line?
—Carolyn White, Cambridge, MA

Is there any part of , "Of the people, by the people and for the people, " that you care about?
—Ray Griswold, Sacramento, CA

Fairpoint has robbed me of decent internet service. In 1993 I was a customer of Galaxy Internet Svc. which gave me stellar service for a good price. Fairpoint pushed all other sellers of internet service out of NH, VT and ME in 2007 or 8 and doubled the price. I have no alternative, and I'm mad. Gratifying cable companies is not in the consumer's best interest.
—Jo Morse, Waterville Valley, NH

Net neutrality is the only way to go for the USA.
—Margo kenney, Santa Barbara, CA

Everything should be the same speed. Stop trying to screw the consumer and benefit your corporate overlords.
—Jeremy Fischer, Durham, NC

You are putting the fox in charge of the hen house. Again.
—Daniel Hooke, Rowville,

EVERY TIME I GET THE BILL FROM VERIZON MY "BUNDLE' SUPPLIER MY BLOOD BOILS. THE ONLY SERVICE THAT DESERVES A PAYMENT IS THE TELEPHONE. CABLE WAS SOLD TO US BY PROMISING "IT WILL BE 'COMMERCIAL FREE'. THAT DID NOT HAPPEN. THE RATES KEEP RISING AND THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS WORTH WATCHING DECREASE.
—Sheila A. Meehan, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jesse Clark, Memphis, TN

Neutrality is very important. If companies such Comcast AT&T and Verizon are allowed to take over the internet, we will lose the huge breadth of information that is currently available. People as individuals would find it harder to join together in campaigns and politics. You need to throw the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—M Maunsell, london,

We NEED Net Neutrality to uphold the 1st Amendment's Free Speech and Free Press! Stop the ISP gatekeepers!
—Elaine Fischer, Roanoke, VA

The idea of charging businesses for a super-charged connection thru an ISP's network is wrong and will harm small businesses and the ability of all businesses to play on an even playing field. On top of that, it will force consumers to choose to connect with vendors that are not necessarily in their best interest. Once you allow ISP's and special interests to dictate which content consumers can see and how you've effectively agreed that certain vendors have the right to choose what I see and when. We don't need anybody telling us how, when, and why we can watch certain things on the Internet. The Internet needs to be free for the people to watch what they want to watch, when they want to watch it, and at speeds that allow that to happen correctly. We, the consumers, are already paying a pretty penny for substandard connection speeds (as compared with the rest of the world) and substandard service; if you allow the end of Net Neutrality what will give these vendors incentive to make any of that better?
—Kevin Martin, Park RIdge, IL

I work in an already beleaguered library. Internet access in libraries is essential if we are to prevent a digital divide of catastrophic proportions. Net neutrality is essential if we are to protect the rights of ordinary people. It is essential to prevent the internet as we know it know becoming the playground of big corporations and wealthy individuals. Please re-think the issue of net neutrality and act to protect it.
—Ellen Sentinella, Bath,

The internet was designed to create an even playing field for all users and to expand access to information. Applying these new rules is another example how big corporations own this country and government, and the citizens have little say about anything anymore. This is getting out of hand when the big corps are pushing us around as well as small businesses. They need equal footing in the internet space since their pockets aren't deep. This is another element that is chipping away on the American Dream and removing the ability to grow a business from the ground-up. This is a bad idea and places the control in the hand of big corporations. Sounds like what Walmart did to small towns.
—James, Seattle, WA

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!
—G Audette, Toa Alta, PR

It's basic freedom of speech.
—Jordan Alexander, Torreon,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the only sure-fire way to prevent them from ending the functionality of the Internet as it now exists. In the area in which I live there are only two companies offering Internet connection, and they don't really compete with each other. Their pricing is virtually identical, and the quality of their service is indistinguishable. We need to create a competitive environment in which they must operate so that more companies can thrive, thereby lowering prices and increasing service quality.
—Roger Overholt, Hemet, CA

Net Neutrality on the Internet has been the golden goose for our economy and it has been a huge boon to access to information. Please don't kill it!
—William W. Lindley, Houston, TX

If this bill passes, what it really shows is that the people have no say anymore; it's all about the big corporations lining the pockets of everyone who makes laws.
—Cameron Wilkins, Falmouth, ME

The death of Net Neutrality would open the way for preferential treatment by ISPs. The rich already have disproportionate power as is, and preferential treatment to any legitimate political or social movement is antithetical to democracy.
—Charles Relyea, Savannah, GA

GOOD EVENING MONSTERS..... IF I CANT HAVE A CONGLOMERATE MONOPOLY, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE EITHER..... CORPORATE COMPETITION GENERATES INNOVATION, GIVES YOU A REASON TO GO TO WORK, A REASON TO DO BETTER THEN THE OTHER GUY. IF YOUR TECHNOLOGY IS SUPERIOR, THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE, THEN THE MONEY YOU EARN IS WELL DESERVED AND HAS MEANING. THE INTERNET AND INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, EXCHANGING ON AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD IS FREEDOM. ANYTHING ELSE IS FLAT WRONG. MANY MANY STEPS BACKWARD. WHEN BUSINESS IS TRANSPARENT, FAIR, AND REASONABLE, WE AS A PEOPLE ONLY GAIN AND GO FORWARD. RESPECTFULLY, ROSE PEER
—Rose Peer, wpb, FL

The only way to protect Net Neutrality is to throow out the new proposed rules and instead reclassify SSTs as common ccarriers.
—Paul De Lair, Tucson, AZ

The internet is a non-discriminatory source of knowledge and information. Restricting it in ways that favor the rich over the poor is a despicable act. Instead of further driving a wedge between people, the internet should be used to bring people together and further acceptance of different cultures. Plus small and start-up businesses that would have trouble paying more fees should be able to reach their customer base through the internet and compete with larger corporations. Please keep the internet a public utility.
—Emleigh Wolf, New York, NY

Please don't let the influence of cable companies dwarf the ability from ordinary citizens to access the same internet speeds as those who can afford to pay more.
—Benjamin R Fox, Cambridge, MA

I am sick…SICK…of this country creating one set of rules for rich people and corporations and another for everybody else. Not just a separate set of rules but one that's deferential to people with money. We're regressing to a feudal society. This proposal to create a two-tiered internet is just the latest example. It's like the carpool lanes, which were intended to reduce traffic by encouraging people to ride together, being converted to express toll lanes, which allow people who can afford it to get out of traffic, leaving us proles stuck in the morass. We pride ourselves on being a democracy. Ending net neutrality would be decidedly undemocratic. Maybe calling it "net democracy" would have more people up-in-arms defending it.
—jeffery dorer, Los Angeles, CA

Full net neutrality is the only way to assure that large internet providers do not ration internet access preferentially to maximize profit. After all their business is to maximize profit. The business of the FCC is to protect equal access for all Americans to vital communications and information. No compromise will be effective or sustainable when it comes to equal internet access and use.
—Michael Griffin, Saint Paul, MN

Do not allow monopoly extension of control over the internet
—Mark Choi, Pittsburgh, PA

I support open internet where policies such as equal treatment of data and open web standards allow those on the internet to easily communicate and conduct business without interference from a third party.
—Frances Schiavone, yonkers, NY

The FCC & federal regulators MUST reclassify broadband service as a public utility, which would allow for the requirement of net neutrality rules. We we want to reclassify ISPs as Title II common carriers. A common carrier is required to provide service in general terms and indiscriminately.
—Bruce Burns, Santa Cruz, CA

I use the Internet daily as a retired history teacher volunteer who has spent 15 years building a website for history teachers and students. I have over 30,000 pictures taken from the teaching slides of UC Davis history faculty. Tom, you need to leave and let me help improve people's knowledge of history!
—Sherrill Futrell, Davis, CA

Don't let corporations determine what our future holds. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shawn Aguglia, Morrisonville, NY

Don't mess with net neutrality
—Alejandro Ahumada, portland, OR

I an an educator in a graduate school / My students and I are completely dependent on quick internet information for research and for communication. I am also a caregiver and need quick access for medical services, supplies and contact with paid caregivers. The internet is public space and net neutrality makes it possible to speak and to receive information without added costs for privileged access
—Marc Pilisuk, Berkeley, CA

the first ammendment in our bill of rights dealt with free speech. It is the fertilizer for democracy. Without it, democracy dies. Net numtrality is essential in preserving free speech. Damage it and risk turning these United States into a clone of Europe before the American revolution.
—William Lorsung, Minneapolis, MN

Dear FCC Ending net neutrality would be a highly un-American thing to do as it would mean that not everyone would get the same opportunity to broadcast content on the internet and America was founded on the principles of equal opportunity to all.
—Karan Singh, Ann Arbor, MI

Internet companies already make tons of money because of the monopoly they have over cable internet (which, lets be honest, is the only internet most of us can get without going satellite, which is terrible). If our government really worked the way it should, this would never make it to a vote. This law does nothing but give the cable companies more money in a sneaky and underhanded way.
—Scott Bernal, santa ana, CA

To: Tom Wheeler, FCC Chairman: What you are proposing is unfair to those who can't afford better internet service, as well as giving certain providers the ability to discriminate against online content and applications. Stop the two-tiered Internet. This would not be a fair system. The Internet should be accessible to everyone in the same way. We need net neutrality. Tina Swaim
—Tina Swaim, Seal Beach, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dan Sherwood, Portland, OR

Don't the giant communication conglomerates i.e. A.T.&T, Comcast, Verizon and others have enough money and power already? Let all of us EQUALLY have High Speed Internet access so we can continue to educate ourselves. I have no money and rely on internet access to look for work, healthcare, housing, and safe, affordable community living. Do the RIGHT thing. Vote AGAINST Tom Wheelers plan. AMERICANS WANT REAL NET NEUTRALITY. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kran Jones, sonoma, CA

Net neutrality is basic to democracy!
—Carla Hervert, Eugene, OR

The net is a utility and an incubator for American creativity. Speed is an essential element of availability and productivity. The providers are close to a monopoly now and should not be given more unlimited power over the American people and businesses. We must stay free and equal and fast!
—Rosalee Greenspon, Westlake Village, CA

I'm adding my voice to this argument because the way telecoms dominate the internet is already uncomfortably one-sided. I relate this to the argument about royalties for visual and audio artists. There's not a lot of payment going on for content but the companies that provide the pipes are continually raising their prices (while, I add, not providing much in the way of better service). I fear that the current proposed FCC rules will only exacerbate this - and other - inequality. Please rethink your plan.
—Aaron Tap, N. Hollywood, CA

Don't fix what ain't broken.
—Joe R, Laredo, TX

The internet is the greatest tool man has ever made. It has been the source and sole reason for much of the most amazing innovation in this country and abroad. It's an open, free system where the best ideas shine, no matter who they come from. The FCC proposal threatens to destroy the open internet. This country has always stood for freedom and equality, which leads me to believe that even our founding fathers would've struck this FCC proposal down. Net Neutrality is the reason we have Facebook and not Myspace. It's the reason I can go to Austin TX and use Airbnb to stay inside a cozy home instead of a crowded, expensive Hilton. There are a ton of examples where the little guy has beaten these big establishments because of this open playing field. The open internet isn't something to be bought and controlled. It is something to be treasured and protected. Please, please consider the implications before you sign anything.
—John Loughrin, Lima, OH

The Net Neutrality threatened by your proposed rule changes is what I rely on to communicate with family members, do online research, and take free online university courses. Reclassify broadband Internet as a public utility. Don't give it away to the communications monopolies as you seem intent on doing.
—Thomas Mora, Leander, TX

Dear FCC, Currently there are very few ISPs in the US. The US internet environment is, for all practical purposes, a monopoly. By creating these separate pathways, you will stifle small business and individual speech and content. You will setup an environment where censorship can take hold. You have already ruined broadcast media by allowing a few corporations to own nearly all the airwaves. Now you are setting up the internet where a few very wealthy individuals can outbid everyone else for the bandwidth. I have no option, but to fight for Net Neutrality. Our country's survival may depend on it.
—Dan Egolf, Hayward, CA

I support Net Neutrality. NOTHING else is acceptable.
—Greta Tracinski, Athol, ID

When is the First time that Telco's, et.al. did anything for the consumers, other than Raise Rates???!!!
—Gerard F Gaudin, Metairie, LA

I use a VoIP telephone. It cannot operate without Internet access. The FCC has the right, and the obligation to regulate any and all telephone providers. If the FCC refuses to classify the Internet as a common carrier subject to enforcement, then the FCC is a useless organization that may as well tell Bell telephone that they can merge together again since the FCC refuses to do the very thing they exist for.
—Bradley Hicks, Fort Worth, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I'm sick and tired of good things being destroyed just so a select few get richer. I've contacted both my state senators and my congressman. I've even called Tom Wheelers office. Is it weird that he was a giant telecommunications lobbyist and now he is charge of the FCC? President Obama promised to keep an open internet back in 2007. I supported him. Where is he on the issue now? He is playing golf with the president of Comcast. These cable companies are making enough money on the common citizen the way it is, and compared to the rest of the world, the service is bad! So whoever is reading this at the FCC please put an end to the greed and corruption. Thank John Oliver, Alexis Ohanian, and Freepress for helping to give me the courage to write this.
—Nick Krupp, Stevens Point, WI

Sirs I rely on the Internet as it is, expensive but fast. My business depends on reliable fast Internet. I do not believe that the FCC has any jurisdiction at all over this service as it is primarily carried by Fiber and copper, not radio. If anything Internet providers are Common Carriers like the wireless telcos. Calling them Common Carriers sounds like a better description and if they must be legislated and controlled by the Government, use that classification. The bottom line is we do not need more regulations that will just destroy service and add more cost. Stay out of it.
—Keith Clark, Saint Petersburg, FL

I'm calling 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.
—Justin Joy, philadelphia, PA

The Internet is supposed to connect us, not disconnect us! While other countries are in the process of improving accessibility to all citizens, our country is going in the opposite direction! Why? Because money rules? That should absolutely not be acceptable in a democratic society!
—Jennifer Young, Columbia, SC

I could write a lot about how ridiculous this proposal to end net neutrality is but you're not stupid,you know exactly what's happening and I know money is a strong incentive to let isp's fuck over the world but be warned people will not just sit back and let this happen.
—Scott Redding, plymouth,

We need competition. Keep the entire internet open so everyone has a chance to participate at an equal level. I don't want to be cut off from services that have always been available to me. I have already lost my progressive radio station on the air and online. The FCC must work for the people, not the corporations. I see this as a political conspiracy. I don't want to be subjected to higher prices to use the internet which I am already paying for thru my already outrageously high subscription prices. Your rules are going to reflect what the corporations want, not what the people want and must have. This is equivalent to the Mafia taking control of everyone.
—Barbara Rosenthal, Los Angeles, CA

Providers of telecommunications services are common carriers and are regulated as such. VoIP is a telecommunications service. VoIP streams over the Internet. Therefore providers of Internet services are common carriers and should be regulated like other telecommunications providers.
—Charles Green, Mesa, AZ

Without Net Neutrality we create an environment that discourages innovation and freedom of data. It would be to easy for companies to control the flow of data for their own advantage. They could limit bandwidth for small start ups that don't have the funds to compete limiting choices for the common person. They could control the information that public can see even going as far as limiting bandwidth to sites with opposing views. Many parts of the control already basically have monopolies on high speed bandwidths due to lack of competition so customers wouldn't even be able to let their money do the talking by using a competitor because there aren't other options. The believe that these companies would not use this as a means of control is absurd. History is full of examples of companies and people with power abusing it for money.
—Jon Ollinger, Pleasant Hill, IA

It is in the best interests of a democratic society for citizens to have equal access to all the information available on the internet. This equal access would most certainly change should ISP's be given an opportunity to start charging more for faster or slower service (beyond what they already do). ISPs should not be in the business of determining which sites are popular and therefore can cost more to access. Net neutrality is purposeful governmental regulation against monopolizing communications corporations.
—Dr. WJ Zack, San Francisco, CA

The Internet is a level playing field for new start-ups. Let's keep it that way.
—Liam, Leeds,

It's the last place the American dream can be achieved without being gouged by banks, if your credit is good enough to be given the opportunity for that to be an option.
—justin misch, kenosha, WI

Do your jobs with integrity. The multi-billion dollar mergers that you're tasked with evaluating must not be approved lest we return to the industrial revolution era robber baron paradigm.
—Zak, Fayetteville, AR

The internet should not be allowed to be tiered and regulated by corporations nor government. The internet should remain a free market; to impose further regulations would stunt the growth of smaller/startup business and widen the gap of economic debt and privilege in our country. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Erin Root, Kansas City, MO

Please protect Net Neutrality. It's only fair.
—Carole Zingeser, San Francisco, CA

The internet should benefit everyone not just the greed mongers like comcast or verizon
—Nee Eagle, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech.
—Kenneth W Johnson, Oakhurst, NJ

Support, proper, true Net Neutrality by scrapping the currently proposed rules that have made headlines recently. Even something seemingly innocuous as allowing content providers to pay for preferential treatment in terms of speed is potentially disastrous as it could dramatically increase costs which would then be passed down to the consumer. In a time when we are all struggling with increased costs due to the likes of Obamacare for instance, having the price of even basic internet or content access shoot up would be the last thing we need. Instead, ideally all broadband should be re-classified as a telecom service, especially considering how internet access is essentially required these days. It should also be free from bandwidth caps, possibly metered and paid for in a manner very similar to electricity. Failing that, the original 2010 Net Neutrality rules should be re-established with solid legal footing, so it would avoid the same fate as what befell it in January.
—Brian Ross Edwards, Fishers, IN

Reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers!
—Carl Berry, Westcliffe, CO

I want the internet to be available to all and free influence by large corporations. I feel this is basic to freedom of speech.
—Peggy Kolar, Tucson, AZ

Giving the large monopolistic cable companies control over internet access, is a extremely bad idea. Keep the internet open and keep net neutrality. This country already pays to much for access, compared to other countries in the world and we have slower speeds.
—David Hucknall, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am concerned that the bigger telecom. companies will control the internet to suit their needs. They will establish faster lanes for themselves while smaller companies and businesses will be delegated to the slower lanes and not benefit their business. I am also concerned that the big telecom. companies are growing larger creating a monopoly so there is no choice for consumers to choose from. Also, we should be improving our internet. The United States has the most expensive internet and the slowest compared to European nations. I'm tired of big companies controlling our country. The internet must remain free and should be improved.
—Cheryl Dzubak, Yardville, NJ

I already pay for service in this country with the worlds 4th slowest internet. What I get is excuses when they have malfunctions, long waits when I want that service...and fees which are not 'really' fees, just 'pretend' add-ons from greedy companies with no intention, demonstrated or planned, to make the USA anywhere in the top five on this, my home planet. Come on... REALLY? The garbage about paying for 'faster' is nonsense, they only PLAN to make it slow for you unless you PAY even more. Here's MY plan: nationalize the entire internet and make it a FREE public utility which is maintained by bid=contracts fulfilled by companies with living wages for employees, a cap on management 'welfare' payments/bonuses and a requirement of meeting AND exceeding deadlines. You know, like a business which CARES about customers.
—K Burch, Oakhurst, CA

The internet is not just a fad or a gimmick. It is now part of everyday life for billions. It is where we fall in love, educate ourselves, practice our hobbies find work and take care of business. It cannot & will not be constrained by global corps for their benefit only. We do not forget, we do not forgive. You should have expected us.
—Ben Harper, Bev Hills, CA

There should NOT be a a two tiered Internet. We need real "net neutrality" The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Miriam Moss, Nothampton,, MA

The changes that are proposed to take away net neutrality are designed to make profits for big corporations at the expense of the American people. If this goes through it will take away much of what the internet was designed for, and I will be disgusted with the corrupt actions of the FCC.
—Curt Lyons, Fort Collins, CO

I support net neutrality because I don't think corporations should be allowed to profit off of faster downloading speeds. I also fear that the FCC is not looking at this issue through an unbiased lens. There is a conflict of interest when your chairman, Tom Wheeler, a former lobbyist for cable companies is writing the rules. Please look at your mission statement, "make available so far as possible, to all the people of the United States, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide wire and radio communication services with adequate facilities at reasonable charges" and realize there is no way you can honor this by allowing a two tiered internet.
—Kay Al, Los Angeles, CA

all of this is krappe! it smacks of censorship and class exclusivity. ISP's should always be classified as common carriers.
—John Smiley, Dixon, CA

We all deserve the opportunity to make our lives and the lives of others better and easier. The open internet has brought the world closer, it has brought hope and encouraged the creativity and problem solving that this world needs to evolve and flourish. We have had so many breakthroughs in conservation, medicine and personal well-being just to name a very few, through the access of open information. The open internet is a lighthouse in a storm of oppression that takes on many forms. A place to share ideas, vent, heal and encourage. To restrict access to these freedoms restricts humanities very essence of existence. This is an infringement of our personal right to express ourselves and communicate freely without money buying favor. You will never be able to suppress the spirit of community, thought, freedom or innovation. If you drop a stone in a stream of water, it will find another path. I am a creative thinker and I have passion, there are many more just like me and we will stand to uphold truth, integrity and light the way to a clear path of human transcendence. It is absolutely vital that we keep the internet, one of our finest accomplishments, free, fast and equal.
—Jennifer James, Philadelphia, PA

Classify the Internet and ISPs as common carriers to preserve the free flow of information.
—Jorge Torres, North Wales, PA

I am against the plan proposed by the chairman tom wheeler because this act of greed will destroy the integrity of the web and all it was designed to help us with. With out a free and open global telecommunications structure future generations will be influenced by cable providers in ways we cannot even currently imagine. DO NOT IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY PLEASE!
—Chris Galletto, Houston, DE

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Betty Jo Armstead, Denver, CO

The internet was built using tax payer dollars. The internet to the people not corporations. The FCC should protect the internet for the tax payer not corporations! There should be free & open access to all who want to use the internet. Corporations, like cable co. & wireless providers, should not decide who gets what information or how fast.
—Michael Bourke, Butler, KS

The FFC should reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications (or "Common carrier") service. Anything else is allowing ISPs to commit legal extortion.
—Dom Gibson, Sutton, Ely,

Dear Chairman Wheeler: We insist that you stop supporting the ongoing corporate attack on net neutrality. A large majority of internet users do not want fast and slow lanes on the internet; broadband providers should be common carriers and nothing more. Do corporations control the FCC or do the people control it?
—Robert and Jean Pollock, Roseburg, OR

We cannot let the few large companies with the most money control the access to the internet by way of money and monopoly - stand up for Net Neutrality!
—Leonard D Dietsch, Evanston, IL

Net Neutrality is very important, it allows fair competition and and an even playing field. Please support Net Neutrality.
—John C Padrutt, Tucson, AZ

Please stop this law, this is nothing more then the cable companies controlling IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) so to make more profits on the backs of us middle and lower class end users. If this law is implemented, it would mean higher costs to us, the end users. Suppliers of Free IPTV such as RoKu would have to start charging for their services or go out of business. Comcast, Verizon and other cable companies already charge too much for their services, they are trying to stop lower cost or Free IPTV services to maintain their monopolies. IPTV is a new and growing service that the cable companies do not want, as it cuts into their profits. PLEASE, I ask to not implement this law, the cable companies should not have the monopoly to control and raise the rates on us, as a retired person, living on a limited S.S. income, I cannot afford to loose my free and low cost entertainment just so the cable companies make more profits.
—Gary Zarzycki, Tucson, AZ

We have already undone all of the benefits of the anti-trust breakup of Ma Bell in the 70s and now we're about to hand the keys to the internet to only a few providers. It will be the end of freedom on the web, and the beginning of corporate censorship and persecution of those they don't agree with or simply compete against!
—John Kearney, Acworth, GA

Mr. Obama, Firing FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler and keeping the internet as a Net Neutral system would go a long way to help the American People know that you have not sold us out to the large corporations. Right now I have no confidence in your administration. It appears that you no longer consider the opinions of the majority of the American People as worth your time in making decisions. I helped elect you and I am so disappointed in you and your administration. Please keep the internet net neutral. Yes, I do know this comment is going to the FCC. You should resign Mr. Wheeler, you are clearly owned by the corporation(s). To prove me wrong...throw out the FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as the majority of the American People want. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Sherry Evans-Carmichael, Los Alamos, NM

I remember that pay for cable would be commercial free. How did that work out?
—James Dibenedetto, Glenmoore, PA

Democracy demands it!!
—Virginia Melick, Doylestown, PA

I like having choices and living in a free society. I mean really free though!
—Michael Fiedler, Seattle, WA

I have been an internet customer of Verizon for more than 10 years. The service has gotten more and more expensive, the quality poorer (call them for repair and see how long it takes to get something fixed), and now they want to expand the range of their monopoly and make even more money at my expense. I would have changed my ISP long ago but there was no alternative that offered anything better than Verizon's expensive and mediocre service. The internet is a public utility using the publicly-owned airwaves for which the public should be compensated, not penalized. Compare Verizon quality and prices with that of the rest of the world. Mediocre or worse at relatively high prices. And now the FCC is going to allow it to make even more money for doing nothing better. Net neutrality is essential if good service at reasonable prices is to be provided the American public.
—John Bennett, Alexandria, VA

There is nothing wrong with the internet as it is . Don't try to fix things that are not broken . Things should be equal for all users .
—Mrs L Leon Trumpp, Seedalia, MO

Net neutrality is what allows the internet to grow and remain relevant. Getting rid of it would slow the progress of technology as we know it.
—Timothy DeLuise, Bel Air, MD

Keep the Internet as is out of the control of big money, and free of their manipulations.
—DJ Lipton Weide, Napa, CA

What is wrong with U FCC? How could U allow this monopoly? This is the day and age of the internet The American people need it to find jobs create jobs homework for the kids and to get real news that the sorry media isn't reporting. We are paying double in gas prices food prices and Now U want The internet providers to make it impossible for us to have equal access cause they want to not only control who will be successful and who won't .Stop trying to make us pay more for the internet we are paying to much for everyday items like gas food lights. Have the Americans people's back for once and stop letting the cooperations screw over the people who elected U the position U were given.
—Alex scott, Detroit, MI

It's not broke so don't fix it.
—Forrest Robleto, Cherry Hill, NJ

It is outrageous that the net could be taken away from average citizens by cable providers
—Michael Aman, syracuse, NY

Net neutrality is important to everyone including you. People make online businesses, buy, sell, go to college, bank, talk to friends and family online. The internet works perfectly for those people now. There's no need to change that. Please don't change the internet. Thank you.
—Adam, Rock Island, IL

Throw out the current and proposed rules regarding the Internet, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, which is what they really are. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality. I don't want a two tiered Internet.
—Edward LeBlanc, Santa Fe, NM

Democracy thrives when ideas can be quickly and easily exchanged. An internet which is available to everyone is just as important to our democracy as the US Postal Service has been since the beginning of this country. This is why the US Postal Service is one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the United States Constitution. If you fail to protect and maintain net neutrality, the consiquences will be dire. Backlash may result in a constitutional amendment ensconsing a neutral and open internet in the same way that the USPS has been constitutionally protected for 238 years. If the founding fathers had access to the modern internet, you can be certain that they would view this service as critical to the wellbeing of democracy. Please, do your job. Protect net nutrality.
—Keven Johansen, Salt Lake City, UT

All businesses should have equal access to getting their information out when someone searches. Monopolies are wrong. There are no two ways about it.
—Ruth Farthing, Columbus, OH

Net neutrality maintains a level playing field. Obviously you are already in the pocket of corporate America & do not care,
—Marlyn Haber, Altadena, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Annette Windham, Palm Bay, FL

The Net belongs to the PUBLIC not corporations. It was developed and funded by my tax dollars. The ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Jerry Matsui, Seattle, WA

I believe that business is our future, and that goes a hundred-fold for big business. Do you know why? Because the way it's going, it's inevitable. They already control most government decision-making, while creating "limited" (and I use that term VERY loosely) monopolies, scenarios in which the typical consumer has no real choice/option, then copy each other's products and services (not to mention pricing structures) to such an extent as to make choice a joke. But that's what Americans want. I know that, because they keep electing the same jokers back into office over and over and over. Specific to the FCC, net neutrality is just stupid. Comcast, AT&T, ... whoever, really, didn't I just say they're essentially indistinguishable? ... should definitely have a say in which websites, TV channels, and other content providers I do and do not get to interact with for my many hundreds of dollars per year. And have the freedom to charge me more to access additional content-providers, and/or commute my service bill if I agree to get my content from only their partners. Because -that- makes sense. And I haven't even gotten started on the double-dipping concept of charging for both bandwidth AND data volume. I already can't run a paltry Minecraft server out of my house, for the entertainment of my friends and family, because Comcast blocks most ports unless I upgrade to "Business Class." But that's OK, that's what hosted virtual servers are for, so I can pay somebody else to do it for me. See? Like the big execs of the big access providers, I "have people for that." And of course, in addition to paying a hosting service, I STILL have to pay for access to the internet out of my home, both for a desired "ideal" amount of bandwidth which is never actually guaranteed to be available, and presumably in the very near future also for amount of data moved. And maybe to access my own hosted server, if it isn't on the approved partner-list of my access-provider(s). So keep up the good work of selling America to the highest bidder. With luck, we'll be back to the days of the late-1800s robber barons within the next decade.
—Dave Florek, San Mateo, CA

Giving up net neutrality will only worsen the online experience. Please don't give into money. Keep the net neutral.
—Travis Taylor, Salem, OR

The internet offers a level playing field for all users. Please do not mess with it by creating a two-tiered system. I support Net Neutrality. It isn't broken, so don't fix it.
—Lynda Leigh, santa cruz, CA

The internet was developed by the U. S. Government using taxpayer monies. It is part of the world-wide common. As such, it must be protected in the same manner that radio frequencies are protected and preserved. It must not be sold to the highest bidder for their personal pleasure. Everyone in this Country of ours must have an equal chance to prove themselves and by privatizing the internet this ability to achieve one's dreams will be quashed. Implement Net Neutrality NOW (and for the long run). This is what is in the best interests of EVERYONE in this Country.
—Roger Hancock, Aurora, IL

As an internet consumer I think it is important to preserve net neutrality. Consumers need to have access to a wider variety of services than what would be available if neutrality isn't preserved. If the telecoms are allowed to create an internet environment that favors only large corporations, then creativity and business will be stifled or shut down completely. Then we all lose.
—Dawn Leuchtmann, Camdenton, MO

It is unfair, and would be bad for the economy for let smaller business not be able to have full speed, either because they can't afford it, or their customers can't. The USA is based on freedom, we have had many freedoms taken away, some were warranted, and some were because of corporations wanting more money. Corporations need to make more money from smarter business planes and better business ethics, not crooked business practices that allow the owners to be lazy and in turn steal from the economy. I am 31, and grew up initially thinking that America truly is the best place to live, but as I have grown older I have lost faith in our country. There is no point in asking what I can do for my country, when my country lets corporations run the country, and hurt small businesses, and its people.
—Kaleb Prichard, Birmingham, AL

Eliminating Net Neutrality will essentially kill any technological growth in the United States forever. Internet service is the backbone to developing new and exciting applications, technologies, and products. If small businesses, or start-ups are unable to afford equal (i.e. faster) internet service, we'll essentially be squashing any hope of moving and innovating into the next century. We are at a crossroads: does the government of the United States allow a few large corporations to own our business development future, or will they decree fairness for all? The American way was built on fairness. It would be a sad day to see that taken away by a federal regulating agency.
—Melissa Urbanski, Chicago, IL

Information should be freely, or at least easily, accessible to anyone, anywhere. It doesn't matter what kind of information it is or who who's looking for it. Big businesses controlling the flow of information undermines the whole point of the Internet.
—Sheblon Cotten, Clarksdale, MS

Do your job. Keep information free flowing for people, not corporate interests.
—Steve Hersch, Kenmore, WA

Please keep the net as fair and as neutral as possible. This country is founded on the "One man, one vote" principle. Keep it that way. Do not let money become our ruler!
—Mr. Gene Shapiro, Miami Beach, FL

If everyone is against this, how is it even possible that it's happening? Please listen to the people you represent and not to the cable industries who will ultimately make the consumer suffer. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality!
—Jonathan Boehman, Frederick, MD

it is an outrage that we are even having to tell the FCC to keep net neutrality. we all need a level playing field - keep the internet open to all - no two-tiered system.
—Linda Byrne, New York, NY

I've lived long enough to go through the one sided control of Ma Bell when the AT&T monopoly ruled phone communication. I do not in any way want to see the FCC appprove the two tier Internet rules promoted by its Chairman, Mr. Wheeler who was, I believe, a lobbyist for Comcast. One does not hire the fox to guard the hen house. The revised rules should be dumped and the ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. We should learn from history, not repeat it in cycles.
—Barbara Hodik, Flat Rock, NC

So, the only way I can hope to stop a former cable lobbyist from giving the cable oligopolists everything they want--and what no citizen of the US and no company using the internet wants--is to write a comment hoping it will persuade the FCC? The deck is stacked very high against me. Yet it has to be possible that government would consider the needs of the people as having some small significance compared with the profits of two corporations. Please--protect net neutrality. No fast lanes, tiered pricing, or letting the transmission network hijack what's transmitted.
—Alex Brown, East Montpelier, VT

Classify ISPs as common carriers now, and stop this two-lane pandering. The internet belongs to all of us.
—Rebecca Kerr, Cedar Park, TX

We are constantly being hit with new taxes, an incompetent IRS, a healthcare system that is crumbling due to Obamacare, a shameless veterans administration that treats our veterans with gross disrespect, and now another government agency wants to ruin it for our citizens by charging for the net. Yes, we know the costs will trickle down to us. LEAVE THE NET ALONE. Your greed is obvious and contemptible.
—Carol E Rowe, Sugar Hill, GA

The internet is NOT a utility. It is something we pay for and having someone govern the connection I pay for is rubbish. If I pay my $39.95 a month and watch netflix so be it. If I pay to surf craigslist so be it. Keeping it an open market place is the whole point. Keep your noses out of what WE pay for. 1 price for all and premiums to get to the content we want is slight of hand theft.
—Jeffrey Noell, Aurora, CO

Net neutrality is essential to a country that historically has protected free speech in the form of free press. I can not trust large communications such as AT&T and Time Warner to deliver my communications in an affordable and reliable manner, and do not wish to see them holding the American public at financial gunpoint. Keep the playing field level. The American dream is at risk.
—Sharon Ewing, Columbia, SC

I don't want the ISP companies deciding what content i get faster than other content. A two-tier speed internet will harm innovation and choice. Thank you.
—EmaMugue Mugue, Jeffersonville, IN

As a senior, sometimes relegated to home so that communication with others is confined to the Internet, it is an essential tool for me that should not be restricted by extra cost, arbitrary barriers of any kind if I am to afford using it without undue censorship or excessive cost for the high-speed process I currently enjoy. Work to maintain neutrality not unfair utilization. Thanks!
—Elton G. Grunden, Wilmington, DE

It a real shame that the lobbyists for the big companies have more pull with the FCC than the American Public who pays their salaries. Don't give the upper hand to these big companies FCC! Don't do it!!!!!
—Linda Mullins, Conroe, TX

reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet open
—David Balam, ontario, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I care about small businesses that have the ability to start up on an open internet with an even playing field.
—Stephen Douglas Thomas, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The internet ought to be available for each person equally. There is already too much inequality in the U.S.
—Florence Steichen, St. Paul, MN 55116, MN

I do not want internet service providers to be able to determine what is easier to be seen on the internet. The internet should be a free system without the binds of corporate interests. I want net neutrality. The FCC has to make the right choice for the American people and not for big business interests.
—Daniel Melewski, Altamont, NY

Everybody should have equal access to the internet. There should be no extra charge for better internet. Everyone should get the same rate and the same ability to access everything on the internet. Thank you for listening!
—Roxanne Meek, Brewer, ME

As a small business owner looking to get on the world wide web net neutrality is vital to our future.
—Scott Cottrill, Albuquerque, NM

This is horribly disgusting. Please don't actually do this. We deserve better than to be Comcast's anal stimulator.
—Enrique Espinoza, Buena Park, CA

To be honest, I like the net the way it is. I truly wouldn't like it any other way, and nor would any of the people I know. This entire thing is basically a way to make more money, which is bullcrap, considering how many people simply don't have more money to give. All it does is help the rich and kick the poor. So please, if you're not a bunch of sniveling idiots that are interested only in pleasing the few who can afford it, then DON'T destroy net neutrality! And to Tom Wheeler- You sir, are an idiot. Truly, an idiot. Too long, didn't read? Basically, throw out your shitty plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers before carrying out an incredibly idiotic and ass-hatted plan.
—Luke Pivato, Commerce, MI

I am sick and tired of having what's left of my C.O.L.A.less Social Security diverted to the accounts of Time Warner Cable officers while they throttle the speed with which I can even check news and weather; pay my bills; deal with Medicare and find affordable Part D insurers; keep in touch with friends, family, and the world; and learn all sides of issues. Much of the world enjoys unhampered broadband for all at a fraction of the price. "The people's airwaves," radio and TV have already been stolen by monopoly and no longer serve any of these functions. Today, communication and transportation are as necessary as shelter, healthcare, food, and water; and We the People have a right to provide these necessities to ourselves by using our pooled taxes. Laissez faire capitalism has run amok long enough! Start our recovery by adding broadband to Title II and reforming that regulatory process.
—Mabel McElhaney, Hillsborough, NC

Attempting to manipulate in any way my ability to use the internet with my own personal resources in a fashion that is not directly prohibited by current non-internet oriented laws is a violation of my unalienable rights.
—Aaron Centeno, Albuquerque, NM

The Internet is a beautiful place, it needs to remain equal to all users. Not for the benefit of big corporations.
—Wyatt Wilson, Markleysburg, PA

The internet is a place where we as a civilization can gather in a virtual setting and exchange services and spread ideas on a level playing field. We should keep this as it is and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Maitland Wiren, PARK CITY, UT

We believe the internet, like the post office and the telephone system, is really a public utility and its being open and neutral, not owned by anyone, is vital to having an open and informed society. No one, and no company (they're NOT people!), should be able to control the access of all of us to whatever we choose to view on the internet.
—Dr. Michael C. Richard B. Ford and Marks, Watsonville, CA

Please, retain net neutrality! Throw out those rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cathi Moore, Memphis, TN

When can we have government for the people return??? Net Neutrality is VERY important to me and I will fight to keep it.
—Christopher Roskelley, Lava Hot Springs, ID

Because you shouldn't have to pay more money to get the websites you want to visit to load at reasonable speed, and those websites should not have to pay money to corporations to have their sites not be sluggardly. I already pay for high speed internet, I will not pay even more to maintain the current speed for only certain websites who pay of the internet service providers. I will cancel my service plan first and go without internet rather than pay an exorbitant fee for exceptionally biased Chinese style internet service.
—Susan Yeske, COLLINSVILLE, MS

Go fuck yourself
—Jim Halpert, summerside,

THE INTERNET BELONGS TO WE THE PEOPLE AND OBAMA HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE....IT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM....TO MAKE SUCH DECISIONS.
—JB Marks, Tehachapi, CA

Because we need the freedom to rein in corporate greed monsters like the one that is currently heading up the FCC.
—James, Croton, NY

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. thanks, Janna Morrison
—Janna Morrison, windham, NY

Democracy itself is under mortal threat. This is not hyperbole, it's the truth. Net neutrality is absolutely essential for the internet to remain a tool that enables people to mobilize and counterbalance the massive power of money. There is nothing else but net neutrality that can stop the rich and powerful from gutting our democracy and controlling our lives. Nothing is more important.
—Jerry Cayford, Brunswick, MD

keep your f@#king hands off
—Philip Gordon, london, VA

The internet is a forum for everyone, equally, as it should be. If we let Net Neutrality die then we are giving yet another of our freedoms to the elite.
—Ambre Armstrong, Lexington, KY

In a country where we are quickly dividing into "the haves" and "the have nots," net neutrality will help to slow this trend.
—Deirdre Gawne, Framingham, MA

I want the internet to remain open and fair for everyone!!
—Todd Dmitruk, Selkirk,

Without net neutrality it becomes discriminatory. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers
—Kate Peterson, Stevenson, WA

The very essence of the internet is to level the playing field.A corporation's size and cash can be used to build a better website,but not better ,favored access.
—Charles Kemper, Burlington, VT

FREEdom of speech is paramount to Net Neutrality, as well as keeping Big Business from treating the internet as it's own free "Wild West" with which they can pillage as the profit.
—Suzanne Mongillo-Marquis, Middletown, CT

To prevent more monopolies from taking control of the Internet!
—Beth Bennion, McKinleyville, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I deserve the same access to the internet as those who can pay large amounts of money. I don't believe those who say this will not affect current services. It is a slippery slope when we start giving special privileges to corporations and I think it is time we stop. The internet has become a great equalizer. Let's keep it that way. Mary Zenker
—Mary Zenker, Sauk City, WI

Absolutely - the internet can not be for sale !! FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Teri Dignazio, Oxford, PA

I live in an unincorporated area. It is very hard and expensive to get good internet service. Please protect internet neutrality.
—Cathy Cretser, Vacaville, CA

The internet is for everyone and should not be hijacked by the people who have the most money. Giving preference to big companies only manipulates the working public to shell out more money for services that were previously included in the normal fee for internet services. This would be a complete disservice to the American public and a disgraceful act by Congress if it was allowed to be passed into law.
—Christopher Buttery, Lees Summit, MO

Net neutrality eliminates bully tactics, forcing ISP's to figure out how to actually innovate, research, and develop products and services that are valuable and desirable to society.
—Banister Murray, Acworth, GA

ISP companies should not be allowed to exercise power hungry, money grubbing, practices that create a tier of second class customers without need. This is not acceptable. As a stockholder in companies such as AT&T and Verizon, an America taxpayer, and, obviously, an internet user, I am firmly against the proposed rules that would discriminate against a majority of the population in the sole interest of making money. Please reject these rules. Thank you for your attention.
—Heather Fox, wilmington, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I value equality of opportunity and disagree with monopolies. I consider this a clear win for the people if we are allowed to keep net neutrality.
—Lora Allbritton, chicago, IL

Big corporations should not run the world, the voting citizens should have a voice. Isn't that why you are here?
—Damian Salib, Coon Rapids, MN

Save net neutrality! It's my right as a consumer to choose what I spend my bandwidth on! Ending net neutrality will stifle all the progress made via virtual presence in education to healthcare. This will affect all sectors of our economy!
—Divya, Austin, TX

It's our First Amendment rights!
—George Reuben Johnson, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality needs to stay. Why mess with something that is not broken? Why are you going to bring in greed and capitalism to the equal and accessible speed that is currently the standard? Don't give in to large corporations! Leave the internet data system alone! Thank you, Nikky Kuykendall
—Nikky Kuykendall, Lehi, UT

Total ultimate CONTROL of the internet....a very dangerous direction we are headed in.
—Belinda Dodd, Eugene, OR

Enough of letting corporations have their way with everything!. ENOUGH ALREADY!!
—Ana P, Miami, FL

I believe that everyone should have equal Internet access at the same speed. There should not be differential speeds based upon financial affordability. The digital divide is already creating and has created its own set of social problems. Increasing the gap in educational privileges due to economic and social standing will be the result of ridding the U.S. of net neutrality. The Internet plays a large role in enabling individuals to education themselves concerning a variety of issues and information.
—Miranda Reinhard, College Station, TX

I am wholeheartedly in favor of net neutrality. I urge the FCC to throw out its new rules and instead reclassify internet service providers as COMMON CARRIERS. Thank-you for this opportunity to express my opinion.
—Steven Cook, methuen, MA

Net Neutrality is vital to the health of the 1st Amendment to our Constitution, and to our American democracy. The internet has become a crucial public resource, lease don't let powerful corporations take control of it for their own gain.
—Nickolas Pittman, Oak Park, MI

Really, this is so important to the future. Previously, being literate and having access to dissemination of ideas was something that only the rich could partake in. This led to inequality. We fought that by insisting on free public education for everyone. With a free Internet, we can, at a very low cost, ensure that everyone has access to information. Think about what this could mean. An educated populous who can create and disseminate information to the world. We really have the chance to be at the forefront of this next wave. What I believe strongly will happen is that countries that choose to allow a free and neutral Internet are going to speed past those that try to hinder it. Your choice, I guess.
—Wendy Kelly, Nelson,

It is the foundation of modern content. The internet is so successful because of net neutrality. It is unfortunate how in the pockets of big money the FCC is. Why not actually do something that is right for the people and forget the money you all stand to gain if the deal goes through. I guess that is just wishful thinking on my part.
—Lucio Anaya, Frostproof, FL

Tom Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Elizabeth Schwartz, Astoria, NY

The rules you are proposing would destroy net neutrality. It discriminates against everyone without the means to pay the extra fees service providers would require. That is not neutrality. This plan must not be implemented.
—Lynn Nelson, Port Orange, FL

Your proposed Internet rules just don’t make good common sense! Service providers were never intended to have the power to control the Internet. I suggest a quick return to the drawing board.
—Dave W. Rice, Glenview, IL

Net neutrality is important for keeping this a free society.
—Tina Tine', Knoxville, TN

I'm a small business and I want to be able to continue to compete in the marketplace. Please keep the net neutral and do not allow multi-tiered speed pricing to develop.
—Gary Stipe, El Paso, TX

A democracy depends on information and free access,
—Jayson Beem, Lafayette, LA

It's a disgrace that U.S. consumers are completely over a barrel with respect to internet services. We took the wrong path years ago, and now we have no competition and pay exhorbitant prices for ISP services. We should have gone the route Europe did, and that is still possible. The two-tier, or fast-lane, proposal currently under consideration is a disaster. Forget this idea! Keep the internet open and neutral.
—Helen Geyer, Bellbrook, OH

Net Neutrality is not only important to me, but to everyone. Without it, telecommunications companies are given special privileges to potentially censor the content of the internet. If telecommunications companies are given rights to be the regulators of broadband speeds, what is to stop them from favoring content (or partners, search engines, streaming services, ect.) that they might financially benefit from? This is a recipe for the potential monopolization of the internet similar to the monopolization of cable television. It is unacceptable and will stifle the kind of innovations that have made the internet what it is today. Large cable companies cannot be trusted to decide what is in the best interest of the general public, only the general public may have that power. The internet should be equally available to all users if we want a healthy, competitive market. So please, listen to the people that wish to preserve the internet as it should be. Please reconsider the new rules of tiered broadband services and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Izaiah Medina, Surprise, AZ

Net Neutrality is all about freedom & opportunity. It is NOT supposed to be about greed & control. This is a historic moment, don't blow it.
—Marianne Larkins-Strawn, Vancouver, WA

the internet was created by us taxdolllars...not by businesses. Other countries see it as an integral basic for communication, learning, etc and keep rates low so it may be accessed by all citizens..only the usa of corporate america insists that its people pay for the development of medicines, scuences, etc then gives it to companies to charge us citiezens the highest prices on earth to have access to them while giving the same companies tax breaks to outsource the jobs. enough. Lets just nationalize all transportation, sommunication, etc., etc and bring safety and security back to the usa.
—Dinda Evans, san diego, CA

Dear FCC Let's pretend that we actually do have a democracy. Lets pretend that you care that our citizens believe in what is good for the primary users of the internet. Please consider actually making a fair decision for real people when you look on one side of your justice scale and see the dollars possibly rolling into your retirement fund and then pick the other side where you can feel good about making the fair decision. Vote to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and you actually will be preserving Net Neutrality. Please, please consider pure fairness. It's that simple, easy, and a very good decision. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Carmon Marshall, Xenia, OH

The Internet needs to be equal, the new rules will undoubtedly be used by Comcast, to just squeeze more short term profit out of consumers, and long term will have a horrible effect on innovation. Do you want the leaders in internet innovation to come from Europe and China? Cause that is what is going to happen.....
—Dave Kephart, Portland, OR

You have the power to keep the internet equal for all - regardless of how much money anyone has. If you sell it to the highest bidder, what have you done for the future of the world?
—Bradley W Graham, Jersey City, NJ

Net neutrality! Do not let the cable company charge customers more money for the same service & give others less service what they pay now. This is discrimination - one level of service for all
—John Davis, Greensboro, NC

We need real choice. We need a healthy place for many voices and many businesses, old or new, small or large to flourish and have an equal chance of getting started. We need to prevent censorship and smothering of competition. We need to break up monopolies and let the free market be truly free. We need to allow different perspectives and information to have a place without corporations deciding what we should or should not read or hear. We should get the internet speeds we pay for regardless of what website we are visiting or whether the ISP approves of it, or whether they have double-dipped to greedily gain more profit from that website. Stand with the people for a free and open internet.
—A C. McGarry, Belleville, MI

Dear FCC, The internet is a medium in which citizens from all walks of life have a voice. It gives everyone, from the startup to the corporate giant, an opportunity to succeed. It would be a huge disservice to society to give the "Big Guys" a huge advantage in this playing field by creating fast lanes only large corporations can afford. I'm sure the idea goes over well with the large Internet Service Providers who stand to profit off the higher fees as well as the corporate giants who will essentially be paying a fee to weed out the competition, but I can tell you it doesn't sit well with the average citizen. The Internet is another forum for citizens to exercise their First Amendment rights. The basic component of the First Amendment is the right to freedom of speech which allows individual citizens to express themselves without interference or constraint by the government. Giving the "Big Guys" a much more powerful microphone could very well be considered an infringement upon these rights. Thank you for taking the time hear my thoughts on the issue of Net Neutrality. I hope you'll seriously consider the effect it will have before going forward with Chairman Wheeler's plan.
—William J. Hollowell, CAPE CANAVERAL, FL

Please reclassify All ISPs as common carriers. I wish to have net neutrality and your current proposed rules would defeat that.
—Len Moser, Mount Prospect, IL

Here is another example of how the American public gets screwed by big corporations and government!!! This really isn't rocket science here folks. Wasn't the whole idea of cable tv supposed to be you paid for it so you wouldn't have commercials? Now look at the mess. You can't bundle a cell phone. Prices are outrageous. Time to just read a book and go for a walk. I am so tired of being lied to and mis treated by corporate and government assholes!
—Carrie Blake, smithfield, RI

LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE. THE OLD SAYING, IF IT'S NOT BROKE, DON'T FIX IT. This applies in the case.
—Ilene Moir, Carlsbad, CA

DON'T TOUCH THE INTERNET -- NOT NOW, NOT EVER! THE CORPORATIONS ALREADY WIELD MORE POWER THAN IS SAFE FOR THE COUNTRY OR GOOD FOR DEMOCRACY. DO NOT GIVE IN! THE DAMAGE TO OUR DEMOCRACY WOULD BE INCALCULABLE, PERMANENT, AND TRULY DISASTROUS. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! REMIND YOURSELVES OF THE PROMISES MADE TO CONGRESS, THE FCC, AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WHEN CABLE COMPANIES WERE FIRST SEEKING APPROVALS. NOT ONE PROMISE HAS BEEN KEPT. MOST OF THOSE COMPANIES NO LONGER EXIST, EVEN IF THEY WERE INCLINED TO KEEP THEIR PROMISES. THAT'S THEIR TRACK RECORD. THEIR ONLY RECORD. ALSO REMEMBER THAT A CORPORATION'S FIRST DUTY IS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS, NOT THE PUBLIC. YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM CORPORATE OVER-REACH. SO JUST DO YOUR JOB AND NEVER EVER, EVER, TOUCH THE NEUTRALITY OF THE INTERNET. NEVER!
—Sheila Sullivan, Santa Fe, NM

These rules would align companies and diminish competition for better content and services. And you're good with that? I AM NOT.
—Jon Childs, Carbondale, CO

The internet MUST remain free. The web represents a ticket out of ignorance and poverty, available to all (even if you don't have a computer, you can go to a library), and without fees, which would inevitably be passed down to customers, rendering the internet out of reach to poor folks. Keep the web NEUTRAL.
—Natalie Kravetz, Prescott, AZ

Keep the Internet FREE!!! for the innovators of tomorrow that will be shut out of yet to be companies, inventions, and new technologies that will NOT have fair and equal access to the people that they will serve if you do not keep the "Net" neutral and everyone on an equal playing field.
—Rodney Perdew, New Castle, IN

We all know why net neutrality is important - it provides the basis upon which a democratic distribution of content is maintained. I would just like to say that the American people are starting to understand, perhaps for the first time on such a scale, how the interests of corporate America and those of the rest of America are not always aligned. Corporate America at some point must have this realization as well, which inevitable will cause an existential crisis of purpose. The next step in achieving a truly civilized society will involve corporate leaders realizing the true weight of their role in this nation, and that sometimes that role will involve putting principle above profitability. US laws are not a venue for chasing astronomical economic gains; they are the realm of the people, to be used for the betterment of the people. When this country was founded, there was fear that another seemingly omnipotent entity would hold a similar control over the government - the church. Safeguards were put in place that prevented the church from exerting its grip over government; today there are no safeguards against corporations influencing public policy, and that is why people are in a panic over net neutrality. As our lives become more and more entwined with the internet, so must we ensure that our democracy and rights are entwined with it.
—Dorian Walker, Moorhead, MN

STOP CABLE COMPANY MONOPOLIES! Let's keep access to the net equal for everyone. Net neutrality is essential for the growth of smaller companies.
—Susan-Rose Slatkoff, VICTORIA,

System dynamics is an approach to understanding the behavior of complex systems over time. It deals with internal feedback loops and time delays that affect the behavior of the entire system. What makes using system dynamics different from other approaches to studying complex systems is the use of feedback loops and stocks and flows. These elements help describe how even seemingly simple systems display baffling nonlinearity. When you attempt to steer towards a monopolistic system on the internet dire consequences will heavily affect not only the basic consumer, but slow down productivity for business. We cannot possibly perceive what consequences will happen if cable and telecommunications are allowed to essentially control the internet. We can, though refer to history; this is could be perceived as a repeat of the telecommunication incident of 1984.. We as a nation must ban together in order to preserve the free market, which includes the separation of overly large cable companies, in order to create competition! It does not take an intellect to see the corruption that cable companies partake in. Please help millions of families and the business' that hire them by preventing segregation of the internet.
—Matthew Morcaldi, Oakland, CA

No Two tier system!!!!!!! Keep the Net neutral!!!!! Leave the internet alone!!!!!
—Joshua Ratliff, Seymour, IN

We need net neutrality because not everyone who is on top stays on top. Think about how irritated you get when something loads slowly. It will only get worse if you end net neutrality.
—Veronica Alvarez, Honolulu, HI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Robert Welker, Ypsilanti, MI

Competition works only when there are competitors. At my location, TWC is the only viable broadband. DSL is hardly broadband anymore and ATT U-Verse does not service my area. Comcast and TWC brag that a merger does not reduce competition because they do not compete in the same markets. A merger guarantees they never will. In the absence of competition, it falls to regulation to ensure we do not abandon the value the internet brings us. Even the talk of slow lanes has made VC cut back on innovative startups. Keep the net neutral. Designate ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Godley, Durham, NC

The FCC should reclassiffy the internet as a telecommunications or "common carrier" service. I believe that the only real freedom those that are on the internet will achieve is through a "free market" and a "net neutral" approach. The only other option is to give the cable companies the ability to exploit not only individuals as they have done for years but also exploit all of the companies that use their services. That is wrong. Help solve this wrong with me!
—Austin Upton, Keller, TX

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Kathleen Klinkenberg, minneapolis, MN

I could list literally a billion reasons why Net Neutrality is so important to people like me and many others, but let's take a step back and take a look at what this means for you guys. You know what Benito Mussolini once defined fascism as? A merger between state and corporate power. Unless you want to go down in history as an aid to fascism, I'd suggest you wise up and give the people what they're demanding immediately.
—Shane Cassidy, Simpsonville, SC

Please protect net neutrality by rejecting the requests and rules proposed by the big corporate cable providers (who really do a very poor job for high cost anyways).
—Sohrab Ismail-Beigi, New Haven, CT

The internet is for everyone. Keep a level playing field and end corporate monopolies and greed.
—Mr. Andy Cohen, Los Angeles, CA

COMMON CARRIER! Stop taking dirty money from the internet service providers. There can be no fast lane without a slow lane. It isn't possible no matter how you try and spin it. Please listen to the people and make the internet service providers Common Carriers. thank you
—Anthony Gomez, Fullerton, CA

The FCC's proposal to gut Net Neutrality would stifle innovation on the internet. The big ISPs would use it to crush any threat of competition from startups. The internet would eventually cease to exist as a meaningful communications tool - all in the name of short-term corporate profit. Do the right thing, do your job, rebel against your corporate masters if you can, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—George Riley, Sandisfield, MA

Because I'm having trouble watching a download of TV show Last Week Tonight where the host is talking about net neutrality and it has to keep buffering and out of sync!
—Jim Kerner, Bergenfield, NJ

PLEASE DON'T LET THE LAND OF THE FREE BE BEATEN TO THE GROUND TO NEVER STAND TALL AGAIN!! NET NEUTRALITY HAS TO PREVAIL! THE CITIZENS OF THIS GLORIOUS COUNTRY DESERVE THE BEST, OPEN NETWORK TO BE ABLE TO THINK DIFFERENT. NET NEUTRALITY GIVES EVERY SINGLE PERSON THE SAME CHANCE TO CHANGE THE WORLD, PLEASE DON'T SWIPE IT AWAY!
—Paul B Farrell, Walworth, NY

Net Neutrality is necessary for the continued growth of knowledge and free speech. To destroy it is nothing more than corporate greed and one of the most idiotic and self-serving actions I have heard of in this country in a while. Anyone supporting this is obviously a corporate puppet and should be removed from any place of power in the government immediately. But I'm sure you'll remove net neutrality in deference to your corporate overlords, you spineless boot-licking lackeys. When you do, I want you to keep one thing in mind. How much longer do you think the general population will stand for this sort of treatment? When they've finally had enough, they will remove the blight that our federal government become. I just hope I live long enough to celebrate it.
—Justin Hobart, Houston, TX

Just to get my email and to read articles from US or EU I need constant power and regular speed.which is all the Net Neutrality act is asking for. Also, the speed needs to be the same for all but the prices on use must have ceilings. The only reason I use AT&T is because it happens to be $100 cheaper for each month that Comcast. But I would have more trouble with Comcast if they were the same since Comcast doesn't like people like me that use only the minimum activities on TV in particular. Since I ignored their movies that I would have to pay extra for, Comcast blanked my TV screen on all stations after 10pm--No Jon Stewart then. When I complained, she said it had to be my TV but the banner for each channel came up regularly, just no picture. There was nothing wrong w/ my TV just their attitudes toward their customers. It still is bad as is AT&T.
—Patricia Wilson, San Jose, CA

My work, as does that of many people now, depends on internet access. I also depend on it for social relationships, news, communication with family members, and information that enables me to better exercise my rights as a citizen. It is vital that you throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers to avoid what would allow rampant discrimination online.
—Michele Waldinger, Madison, WI

Rampant discrimination online. THIS is what it comes down to. Those who can pay BIG $$ can get a faster stream than we "common" Americans. I am paying for Internet service and I believe that we have the right to use it Equally. I am being "Squeezed" off and "Bottlenecked" by my ISP, AT&T. STOP IT. All our "Fat Cats" care about now is HOW RICH they can get. I am SICK of MY Government.
—John Demyon, Lincoln Park, MI

I whole heartedly support net neutrality. There is already far too little competition among service providers; permitting them to exploit this lack of competition to shake down content providers for decent service would be egregious. It would have a chilling effect on small or new content providers, and it would benefit only service providers at the expense of all other parties (including both content providers and consumers). There is a reason service providers spend as much on lobbying as defense contractors.
—Justin Thaler, Baltimore, MD

Hello FCC; I'm a mass media communications student and producer whois also in the business of computer programming and web design. With all my certainty I can say Net Neutrality is indispensable for a better future society. And the two tier Internet division will only affect negatively in our abilities to organize and communicate through the network. I ask you and you and representatives to protect Net Neutrality as we know it! We can all benefit from an Internet of freedom.
—Javier Oscar Cordero Pérez, Aguadilla,

Please maintain one internet, a level playing field, with equal access to all. Do not permit tiers to stifle competition and innovation. Thank you
—Deborah Silver, Cooper City, FL

The FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers! It's the only way to protect what is being called "Net Neutrality." The citizens of the United States have limited options when it comes to ISPs and there is cooperation between these corporations. This situation is not good and it hurts regular people. The FCC must fix this problem!
—Luke Honnen, Lincoln, NE

Make 'em play fair; maintain net neurality.
—rosalind McKevitt, Long Beach, NY

I 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.
—Kelly Lahr, DECATUR, GA

Please do not break the internet. It works
—Mike Tolleson, Webster, NY

Don't ruin the one thing we have good going for us. These new proposals are a product of corporate GREED.
—Tony Thorbjornsen, Wappingers Falls, NY

The fact that we even have to write a letter to complain about this is disappointing. America is about an "equal" opportunity for all. Its being able to start your own company, and grow it from the ground up, like companies like Google, Facebook, Amazon, the list goes on did, with no restrictions. That is what makes America the greatest country in the world. By allowing internet providers to discriminate against companies it effects consumers and small businesses, which is the heart of America. The ONLY people benefiting from this law is the cable companies. Why would we ever even consider hurting every consumer and business in the United States except the cable companies? Technology is only going to be more prevalent in our future, please do no hamper the United States' ability to grow our economy thru technology. We are the leaders in technology and we must maintain that.
—Ryan, Overland Park, KS

John Oliver was dead on when he called Chairman, Tom Wheeler (read: TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOBBYIST) out on his FCC / CABLE COMPANY FUCKERY. THE FCC HAS BECOME A CORPORATE TOOL AND IS FAST LOSING ALL CREDIBILITY... DESERVES NO AUTHORITY OR RESPECT.
—Larry Bell, Abiquiu, NM

FCC, please throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lindsay Kelkres, Southbury, CT

Creating 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 is wrong an underminds the hole point of the internt, to have a place to go and get access to products and services. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. I don't know how you can take a perfectly working thing and shove your greasy corporate hands into with such ease.
—Shayne, rochester, NY

My wife and I own and run a small business in which we employ between 5 and 20 people (depending on the time of year). Internet access is crucial to our business! Without a "level playing field" we will be unable to stay in business. It is that simple. Likely we would relocate overseas to someplace like Singapore where we can get low cost and unrestricted Internet access. We would do this with great reluctance sine my wife and I are both Americans, and our extended family all live in the Phoenix area. We are fortunate that we ran our business from Singapore in 2005-2006 so we know exactly what to expect - a truly "pro-business" climate that is not oriented to preserving outdated business models of a few powerful interests. Singapore runs their backbone Internet service as a utility through SIngTel, allowing third parties to resell the actual ISP hookups. In essence the proposed rule will export many jobs overseas. I suspect that there are many hundreds of small businesses like mine that simply will not be able to buy "fast lane" access and remain profitable.
—Mike Waters, Tempe, AZ

We need Net Neutrality as a democartiImg influence so that we are all on a level playing field for sharing our products and our ideas.
—Mary Tinich, Chicago, IL

As a heavy media streamer, gamer and net user I won't pay more for my usage and I shouldn't have to either. This is about pure greed. All the bloated ISP'S want is more money. That's what this is all about. It's sickening to see just how selfish these guys are just to maximize profit. Good old US home of big business and greed...
—John Lagoa, New York, NY

protecting Net Neutrality is protecting basic rights we should uphold, freedom of speech and freedom of choice. Also It is just stupid and idiotic that the US government would make the current US economic situation worse.
—Sun Hee Kim, New York, NY

Please preserve net neutrality by throwing out the tiered system. The system is working today (almost) and would be much better if there were more competition. If you need to make changes to this system, open up competition between network providers.
—George Allen, san Marcos, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I support having a open and free internet to help promote innovation. Monopolies keep smaller businesses from offering choices to the masses. Having a choice allows one to choose something that best firs their needs.
—David Lee, Los Angeles, CA

If you end Net Neutrality as we know it now, American businesses, even people like the Koch brothers, will starve in the "slow lane." The fastest service will be owned by China. China has unlimited wealth. Ending true Net Neutrality could turn out to make Edward Snowden's damage to our country look paultry and insignificant by comparison.
—Robert Watson, Tallahassee, FL

The Net is becoming the new way to access the news. If the Net doesn't stay neutral, we will be locked into information systems that won't give us the whole picture. We'll be at the mercy of a small number of controlled opinions.
—Judith Deverell, Champaign, IL

Obviously allowing internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to dominate the internet is wrong. Why would you permit creating a two-tiered Internet? Do we really have to explain to you why this is a terrible idea? Please tell me how it is fair for some people to have "fast lanes" and the for the rest of us to have slow internet? With all the extra fees...there is no way this is equal or fair for everyone. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Is that really what you want? I thought this country was supposed to be a democracy....please reconsider and do not let the internet be dominated and controlled by corporations.
—Mariah Van Wyk, sterling heights, MI

I have Comcast and though I may benefit in a small part from the speed increase in Netflix it is absolutely intolerable that a company is allowed to charge fees for so called "fast lanes". This is very destructive behavior where only the most wealthy media companies and organizations win. E-business start-ups struggling to compete against media giants will be choked out. This will only serve to work against innovation and growth in a free market. Please, FCC, put an end to this! It is your duty to protect the internet so that all may share equally in a free and open internet. Sincerely –concerned Kenneth M. Marks
—Kenneth M. Marks, East Falmouth, MA

Your currently proposed rules would effectively "kill" the experience of Net Neutrality as internet users have come to know it. Rhetoric aside, Everyone informed about this issue is Adamantly Opposed to the FCC proposal to allow providers to created what would become a two-tiered system (at the least). The backlash would be Formidable, as internet users are united in their Fervency over the concept of Net Neutrality. Categorizing internet providers as utilities would be the Smartest and Fairest thing to do. Otherwise, it will simply appear that your Chair's background as a cable industry insider has enabled them to Buy You Off !
—Bobbi Browne, Oak Ridge, TN

To Mr. Wheeler and the FCC, I am writing to you today on a matter I deem immensely urgent. I send this letter from my residents in Melbourne, Australia. I send this message across the Pacific Ocean to say loudly and boldly that Net Neutrality is not a right that you can consider but a necessity that you must protect. Net Neutrality is one of the last even keels that this world has left. Here competition and innovation are the governing bodies, not greed nor monopolies. Net Neutrality promotes the following: -No Restrictions: Currently, there are no restrictions on what parts of the Internet that people can access, except for what local governments decide. For example, there are no restrictions or preferences over emailing, file sharing, instant messaging (IM), Voice over IP (VoIP), Video Conferencing, Podcasts, blogs, RSS feeds, USENET, etc. -No Throttling: Currently, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) can not change the download or upload transfer rates depending on what people are accessing. No Censorship: There are no restrictions on what or how much anyone can upload or download besides connection rates. -Capitalism: Net Neutrality promotes a level playing field for competing companies, and allows start-ups easier access to new potential customers. Net Neutrality is equated to a free market. You will not take the last free market we have away from us. The hour is getting too late for key decisions to be made by irrationalists, by those who would steer the ship of state not by a moral compass but greed and envy. It is obvious that Net Neutrality strongly favors people while the alternative favours corporations. If you side for Net Bias and submit to the will of the lobbyists, you will see the resolve of your opposition. You will not win this without a fight. You will not win this without a fight. You will not win this. Sincerely Christopher
—Christopher Gazdowicz, Melbourne,

The proposed plan would create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes only for those who can afford the extra fees, and it would give big ISPs the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC should abandon the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Chuck Falzone, Morton Grove, IL

The Internet is the LAST FREE ZONE of creative start-ups, allowing a single genius to move forward, even tho competing with giants. Please vote for in favor of the creative American start-up genius, one genius who may, YET AGAIN, change the technology world as we know it today.....and continue to allow that genius the opportunity to compete, regardless of power or dollars or Washington connections.....simply compete on the VALUE of their idea and/or their platform. leave the internet alone
—Jill Rogers, Naples, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I run a small business I don't feel that allowing fat cat corporations who are already a monopoly to have even more monopolistic abilities. Your not fooling anyone it is completely unfair and I wouldn't be surprised if your being paid off to do so. Why don't you make a choice for the people unless you really want a huge riot on your hands.
—Danielle Kelly, ithaca, NY

The internet is the last bastion of democracy in the country.
—Dan Buckles, Concord, CA

We must keep the internet a viable level playing field if we are ever to have any hope of moving this country in the right direction (ie, access to knowledge to ALL people, not just those that have money!!).
—Anastasia Fabing, Jonestown, TX

I believe Net Neutrality is important because it will allow the internet to remain available to non-commercial sources. If commercial sources are allowed to buy up the internet then it will become a wasteland like television and people will no longer be able to show off their individual creativity.
—Royal Graves, Wethersfield, CT

The internet providers are billionaires WHY DO THEY NEED ANY MORE MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Jacob Murphy, Hartforn, CT

The internet is the goose that laid the golden egg. I would not doubt that the economy would be half what it is without the internet. Do you really want to go down in history as the people who killed the golden goose for a little cash or power?
—Steven Berge, Martinez, CA

Please keep the Net neutral for everyone's sake. Without the net, I will not be able to keep in touch with my family living around the world. The net has been a blessing for us to hear the children's voices and see what they are doing. Have a heart and keep neutrality.
—Paula Fougere, Seabrook, NH

There is no reason for cable companies to need a two tiered system. It is just promoting the haves and have-nots to benefit the cable companies CEOs. Please, please, please, do not let these few people ruin a great equalizer like the internet.
—Jenny Moeller, Minneapolis, MN

I can't believe Congress is being so openly swayed by those who pay for their campaigns, I would have hoped they would at least two attempts to maintain some resemblance of representing the people. Killing net neutrality is potentially the worst decision that congress has ever thought of when it comes to the Internet. If the suppose it representatives of the people vote for these new rules allowing cable companies to shakedown Internet users and companies for even more money I hope they will be disgraced out of politics forever.
—Maria Dickmann, Davenport, IA

Access to information is critical for democracy to exist. Giving some people faster access than others is not acceptable.
—Ah-li Monahan, Columbia Heights, MN

I don't want my content throttled because I'm not paying for a package service.
—Mr. Alec Ingulsrud, Santa Clara, CA

The Internet's capacity to function as a truly open forum is crucial to its ability to foster open discourse and disseminate knowledge.
—Mark Gomer, Charleston, SC

We all depend on the internet for current on going information about world and current events. What we don't need is an internet controlled by service providers who want to limit access to information. The internet should be open to all opinions, those that we agree with and those that we do not. If we are offended we can stop the offence by one click of the mouse. Do not allow At&t , Comcast, and Verizon control our choices. THROW OUT YOUR CURRENT RULES AND INSTEAD RECLASIFY IPSs AS COMMON CARRIERS. GIVE US NET NEUTRALITY. From a 80 yr old who cares.
—Emma Waner, DEWEY, AZ

The Sherman Act ? The Federal Trade Commission Act ?? The Clayton Act ??? "Rule of Law" ? Anyone ?!?
—R Johnson, granada hills, CA

Dear FCC officers, By letting the big internet companies such as ATT and Verizon to have the right to do such thing, it will create a lot of trouble... You are basicly giving them the control to the internet as a monopolizer; It will also create unhealthy inside business comptetion in the industry. I urge to FCC to think twice on performing net neutralty, for the sake of everyone who uses the internet. Sincerely Concerned fellow American.
—Fei Cao, San Antonio, TX

Keep the INTERNET FREE! and ISPs as common carriers. This bill stops innovation and startups. Thanks
—Cesar, Victoria, TX

Maintain net neutrality.
—Alton Smith, Wolcott, VT

dont you dare end net neutrality you scumbag government pieces of shit.
—Sean Stoner, rochester hills, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is essential to the democratic way of life. The internet is one of the new "commons" in our society and it needs to be equally accessible to all.
—Carol, Forest Grove, OR

Equality for all web traffic is fundamental to the new inter-connected world. Without the basic principles of net neutrality this new world risks becoming a dystopian farce of paid advertisers and corporate interests. Please save our future!
—William Tucker, Dallas, TX

We need to keep net neutrality to ensure that there is equal access for all websites. No website should be given priority depending on how much money they are will to pay.
—Ronald Forthofer, Longmont, CO

Members of the FCC specially Chairman Tom Wheeler; the internet is a utility service. We don't want fast and slow internet based on what I am being charge. WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY!
—Digna B. Escudero, Pasadena, CA

If I had more than one option for legit high-speed Internet access, I might be less inclined to care. While I realize that these companies have spent billions to build out the physical Internet, so did Ma Bell when they build our POTS system. Maybe if President Obama didn't appoint Mr. Wheeler in a laughable conflict of interest... The FCC should reclassify broadband as Title II and make it a common carrier. I'm not a fan of a ton of regulations. Here's all I'd like: treat all data the same. No slow-lane, no fast-lane. Just the Internet.
—Jay Rubin, North Hollywood, CA

Don't try to fix what is not broken! Having a former lobbyist heading up the FCC is a sad reality of our current political climate. The credibility gap between Mr. Wheeler's proposal and his previous occupation (President of NCTA) makes it impossible for concerned citizens to support his initiative to update Net Neutrality rules. If Mr. Wheeler wants to improve the lives of all it's citizenry and not just the bottom-lines of a handful of corporations then he should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Respectfully, Sevag Koundakjian
—Sevag Koundakjian, Glendale, CA

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such. An open internet allows for free flow of information, entrepreneurship and advancement in education and research. To have it controlled by a few mega companies who decide who can pay enough for the fast lane is a real threat to our democracy. Many countries in the world are ahead of us already. Net Neutrality is essential to giving us a chance to keep up.
—Lynn Demitrieus, New York, NY

Net neutrality will save innovation! If you allow the carriers to control the flow of data, then the big will get bigger and the small will have no chance!
—Michael metcalfe, Kennebunkport, ME

Fast and slow Internet lanes amounts to censorship, pure and simple. Allowing corporations to control access to ALL voices on the web means another perk for the rich and another "Screw you" to the rest of us.
—Cynthia von Hendricks, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality keeps the internet from being a class based system and spurs start-up creativity. Keep net neutrality.
—Jennifer Damiani, Forest Grove, OR

Please reclassify the internet as a utility. This will ensure that high quality and high speed services are delivered to all Americans no matter what their income or location. We did this with phone and electric services in order to bring remote and rural areas the same services as urban centers at the beginning of the 20th century. We need to do the same for the internet in this century.
—Kevin Prange, St. Louis, MO

This outrage by the FCC's cable industry lobbyist of a President will not stand. This is the most egregious and obvious example of corruption I have ever seen. Mr. Wheeler should be ashamed of himself. President Obama should be deeply ashamed of himself. I am thoroughly disgusted.
—Joseph Urla, New York, NY

To the Federal Communications Commission, I am an American voting citizen who believes in democracy. In our country a person is privileged to carry on the idea that someone, with hard work and support from the community, can build a business that will provide for them a living. This is ideal if, in turn, this business also benefits the community. Net Neutrality not only means EVERYONE has an equal chance to sustain their business, but ensures the FREEDOM to market whatever will be profitable to the business and the public. If you change the rules for a only a margin of the services users, YOU CAN GUARANTEE YOU WILL FAIL. I've been told another option would be to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is THE ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality. For the people of the FUTURE. For the people TODAY. For everyone who fought for our constitution in the PAST. You can do it. Make it happen.
—Emerald Cumberland, Eugene, OR

Please save Net Neutrality. The American people are not as dumb as you think. Everyone believes this is a horribly corrupt business practice. It would be yet another example of big business controlling the government that is supposed to be for the people.
—Mona Babineau, Westford, MA

Corporations should never be given the power to control the internet! Shame on you for allowing this FCC!
—Alex Silverio, San Jose, CA

This is so important for me. Why? Because I use it all the time and if it becomes unequal, I'll have my rights limited and it truly doesn't feel right. I feel that this is so important and that I'm not doing this just for myself, but I'm doing it for others. If my information or my friend's information is not treated equally, I wouldn't feel right at all.
—Nathan, Toronto, Canada,

The Internet was developed to increase our ability to communicate with each other. Now big corporations want to steal that away from us, and demand huge profits. Meanwhile their corporate cronies will get lower cost opportunities to flood our in-boxes with their "JUNK"!
—Clair R. Touby, Saranac Lake, NY

net neutrality is needed to keep fair and equal for all.
—Patrick Scarry, o'fallon, MO

This is absolutely unacceptable. These companies have enough control over our lives. The internet MUST remain equal and open to all on an even playing field.
—Bryan Nelson, Yelm, WA

The FCC needs to reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Many of us depend heavily on the internet for information, communication and shopping. It has become a necessity for us. Please don't allow the bandwidth necessary for this vital utility to be sold to the highest bidder. Please reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Thank you.
—James Costa, Albuquerque, NM

Entrepreneurship built America. Small businesses create more jobs than large corporations. We need net neutrality to allow small tech companies to thrive and create jobs.
—Will Martin, Oakland, CA

I would rather live in a democracy than a plutocracy.
—Roderic & Amy Sorrell, Truth or Consequences, NM

The idea of the internet is for worldwide equality. Everybody should have equal access to the internet. A two-tiered internet would destroy the access of the poorest people. It would discriminate against small companies and allow large companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to have faster service & dominate online content and applications. Only the wealthiest people and companies would be able to afford extra fees. The internet needs to stay affordable for everybody in the world. That is how it functions best.
—Lainie Klein, Schoolcraft, MI

Net neutrality is essential for the internet, which was founded on an egalitarian ethos where content from wealthier providers wasn't more easily accessible than that from smaller entities. Such openness must be protected. Internet access is a public necessity. Cable providers are basically monopolies. Removing net neutrality will basically give them license to charge both content providers and users additional amounts of money.
—Andrew Mendelson, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is important because the Internet is supposed to be a free and level playing field for all. If we change this, then once again something that is meant to provide equal rights has failed.
—Sharon B., Ithaca, NY

FCC: The Internet is not broken. The ISPs who do virtually none of the work of carrying data to and from consumers should not have the ability to prioritize content from deep-pocketed companies — and as a result, degrade data from those who don’t or can’t pay.
—Carl Bradley, Orlando, FL

It's ridiculous to give even more power to these companies that are essentially monopolies.
—Jaclyn Martorelli, Meriden, CT

Net Neutrality is vital! Without it, small and start-up internet businesses won't be able to get a foothold and will be drowned out by big internet businesses that can afford the "fast lane" premium. Democracy will also be hurt if we don't have strong Net Neutrality laws. Big internet providers will be able to prevent an open exchange of ideas and opinions but slowing down sites they don't like or by blocking them altogether. Don't let this happen!!!!!
—Sandra Gagnon, Manchester, NH

It is unconscionable that you are considering allowing communications companies the ability to tiered data delivery systems. We must preserve Net Neutrality. For once, do something to protect American citizens instead of catering to the communications companies that are clearly exerting undue influence on this matter!
—Cecilia Ball, Manhattan Beach, CA

If everyone on the internet knew both sides of the argument, then this petition should be signed by everyone with an IQ score not in the single digits.
—Michael Q Schultz, Pittsburgh, PA

I think it should be open to all people when they want to share things and speak out.
—Sybil Gallant, saint eugene de ladriere,

We are already slaves to the wealthy oligarchs. Do not add to the inequality by adding media oligarchy to the mix.
—JASON Hays, Evanston, IL

RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS!!
—Sean Richard, Encino, CA

Net neutrality is important to everyone who doesn't happen to be selfish enough to be insanely rich. And since that man named Jesus said something like: "Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." So if you don't support net neutrality or if you aim to weaken or eliminate itby whatever devious means and sneaky lies, I certainly hope you don't go to church or pretend to pray, you hypocrite.
—Christian Kunig, Smyrna, DE

I don't like getting fucked. Stop fucking me and the free and open internet,
—Chris Barr, Aurora, CO

Level playing field is key for innovation. Innovation is key to healthy economy. Competition is key to our whole system! I'm really upset that the gov't is even THINKING of allowing huge conglomerates to smother start-ups with the weight of their wealth. NET NEUTRALITY IS A MUST!!!
—Kathleen Sommer-Elliott, Mayville, NY

The Internet is wonderful thing that does not need anyone to interfere with it so others can make a dollar off of it. The regulations put forth by the FCC would only make it possible for Corporations to put their message of what they want out there and hide what they don't. To me that is very Un-American and shouldn't be even given a thought of consideration. The Internet needs to be FREE! Because of the Internet I have reunited with old friends learned new and exiting things and opened up a world of new ways of thinking that would not happen as it did if someone or something was choking or "regulating" what was aloud to be seen on any website that I decided to go to. We need Net Neutrality! DO NOT GO THROUGH WITH YOUR NEW RULES!!!
—Nick Lindberg, Santa Clara, CA

Stop and reverse the rise of fascism in America! Stop and reverse the rise of the American fascist military/police state! Preserve net neutrality!
—John and Martha Stoltenberg, Elkhart Lake, WI

NO corporation discrimination/filtering/censo rship! The ONLY things that should be shoved offline into a "slow lane" are porn/obscenity/hate/terrorism sites!
—Jen H, email only, FL

It is absolutely essential for the internet to remain an open and level playing field. A tiered system works for no one other than major corporations that want to maintain monopolies over the market. America's internet is already behind many other nations in speed and capability. To limit it even further would hinder the progress of our society. Please consider the disadvantage it creates for those who cannot pay for the top tier. There is simply no reason for this.
—Corrie Hulse, Brush Prairie, WA

Please don't destroy the internet. Please don't side with the cable companies. Net Neutrality is the only hope for democracy that still remains.
—Dr. Zoe Alexander, Haiku, HI

Throw out the rules we need Net Neutrality so we can enjoy everyone freely.
—Cynthia D McFadden, Baltimore, MD

Whether it has been against SOPA or ACTA,the citizens of the United States have spoken out in droves, countless times, against the attempted impalements of net neutrality. To continue to push this action further, against our consent, is frankly an egregious insult to our nation.
—Kate McAfee, Duxbury, MA

The playing field isn't level, but this proposal makes any sort of competition impossible. Killing net neutrality means killing new ideas. You can't believe that we can't get any better. New ideas must play a role in shaping our country. Don't limit us to the status quo. Instead of simply backing today's best players, remember that it is a fact that there is always something better out there. At least let those possibilities have a fighting chance.
—Rebecca Lund, Greenwood, IN

The net is not broken. It works fine and should remain that way for everyone. I am tired of greed running this country. It is time to stop it.
—Marcia Berkall, South China, ME

We need a level playing field to encourage business startups and creative idea sharing. This is 2014 and not 1914, and big business needs to stop stomping on the little guy.
—Peggy Kriebel, Soldiers Grove, WI

Net neutrality is important to me and others, because we want to keep the COST down, keep our independence of what we watch, and not have Big brother Corporations dictate to us. Speed from you is not even in the equation, can you believe that? ISPs are common carriers. Sincerely, Jean Keller
—Jebkeller Jean Keller, Silver Cliff, CO

it is meant to be a democratic common carrier instrument for public discourse, information, goods and services, and research.
—Katlyn Stranger, San Rafael, CA

I believe that net neutrality should be kept in place in order to protect access to the internet and freedom of speech on the internet by continuing to treat it as common carrier.
—Blake Motl, Santee, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me to secure my human right to know. All data has to be treated equally, as The Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19 reads, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and TO SEEK, RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY MEDIA and regardless of frontiers." The FCC must protect me from paid information, commercials, and entertainment corporations, so I can gather the information I need and not get lost in the World Wide Web. These days, the right to know depends on the speed of the connection, access to the media resources such as connection to cable or wi-fi, not filtered, manipulated, or limited by "key players" in the industry, corporations, authoritative governments, and many other interests. Net neutrality also means controlling service companies with sole monopolies to protect customers, and having the government take part in the righteous administration of the media for the people, and not the opposite.
—Melania Suarez, Worcester, MA

Don't break the internet by getting rid of net neutrality. It's an important part of the economy, and life in the 21st century. Don't fuck it up.
—Dan Regan, Santa Cruz, CA

To All Parties Concerned, We know that you are giving deep thought to the issue of net neutrality; however please continue to consider the deep repercussions of this bill. Affecting access to data in any way whether through internet speeds or fees will have a dramatic affect on the flow of information. The ramifications of allowing companies to overly influence the flow of data will not just target a select group. Every income level and culture group will be subject to the abuses that are inevitable when monetary interests are at stake. Please consider your part in history and the well being of your fellow citizens in this ruling. The flow of data is a gift that not only advantages this country as a whole but allows the innate gifts of our citizens to flourish. We sincerely and respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal. The effects of this plan will alter destiny and reality for millions of Americans.
—Waellzly Milton, Royal Palm Beach, FL

FCC: You need to throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is the only way to protect real net neutrality.
—Levi Kastner, Lafayette, LA

I deserve to know what's happening in the world! Television is already ruined by huge corporations. Please don't let this happen to the internet too.
—Paige Higerd, Corpus Christi, TX

In the spirit of freedom. Net Neutrality has allowed the average american to support freedom around the world. Limiting this may and will make the average american subject to Telecommunication initiatives and stop us from searching and learning. Further why do companies deserve protections an individual does not have.
—Malcolm Howard, Newark, NJ

Dear FCC, Please don't allow cable companies to screw us over any more than they already do. I was recently in Romania and helped my grandparents buy internet and cable TV for a quarter of the price I pay in Chicago for worse service. However much money they are offering you, it's not worth it. Yours sincerely, Bogdan Tira.
—Bogdan Vlad Tira, Chicago, IL

The Internet should be equally available for everyone and anybody. It is the world's number one source of knowledge. I fear for the people of future generations who may have slowed (read: limited) access to this knowledge while others with wealth on their side enjoy unlimited access. I implore the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect net neutrality and preserve the Internet as it is for present and future generations.
—Jessica Dempsey, Dixon, IL

Allowing for fast lanes paves the way for monopolies among cable companies and select services. It grants far too many benefits to the few who control the infrastructure behind the web -- and far too many restrictions and handicaps to those who use these pipes to create applications that have such vast impact on our lives.
—John O'Neill, Brooklyn, NY

Okay, listen up. The Internet is a forum. It's a place to spread information. A place to spread and discuss opinions. A place to find support, a place to find friends, a place to cry in the arms of strangers and cry about the arms of strangers (do you know how many message boards are dedicated to Michelle Obama's godly biceps? I don't either, actually, but I'm willing to bet there's at least one. Probably.) The Internet is a place for porn and cat gifs, but it's also an incredibly important tool for the dissemination of unbiased information (or at least information from multiple biases, which amounts to the same thing if you can sort through it.) Basically, what I'm saying is the Internet is a place for FREEDOM. Don't you dare take that away from us, or put a price tag on it. Don't you fucking dare.
—Dana S., Lombard, IL

I am a retired person actually bringing in a little extra money through internet companies that could certainly not afford the 'fast lane'. I also cherish the freedom of expression available when ALL citizen comments, including Facebook and Twitter, are readily available. I DO NOT WANT TO BE SWAMPED WITH CORPORATE CONTENT!
—Catherine Hill, Nashville, TN

Hey FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Amrit Singh Khalsa, redondo beach, CA

Take away net neutrality, take away free speech.
—Adam Turnis, cedar rapids, IA

This internet is a utility like water, and electricity - and it needs to be regulated as such. Allowing preferential treatment of traffic would be akin to electric companies charging Apple or Dell for plugging in my laptop at home, or charging GE for my use of the light-bulbs. In most locations, there is only one option for internet connectivity - a monopoly such as Comcast or Time Warner. If my ISP decides to slow down my connection to a competing service provider (which Comcast did to Netflix) then I have no option to move to another service provider - I can't vote with my dollars because I have no where else to spend them. What is clear is that the pricing model that ISPs currently have is broken - not the internet. If, as an internet subscriber, I am asked to pay for what I use 'a la carte' just like electricity, then this should be the way forward.
—Justen Walker, Jersey City, NJ

I have one question for you at this very goddamn moment. Are you out of your half fried minds?!! It's pretty obvious you don't grasp the concept of how important net neutrality is!! Like fucking shit, dude. THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS WHY EVERYONE WHO ISN'T SOME BIG ASS MONOPOLY NEEDS THIS SHIT, simply because we don't have cash floating out of our asses unlike some people!! There are people who barely make shit for money and use the internet as a way to learn and better themselves to better our future and when you take away net neutrality for those people, their doors slam in their face and cannot help improve this future because you decided your company was not rich enough. Smooth. Like butter on a hot day smooth. LIKE HONESTLY, it is unjust for those who aren't rich and unjust for everyone else who ends up suffering because of the end of net neutrality. You will be closing off so many communication lines for those people who use them because they can't afford enough, making our internet even fucking slower while giving those rich ones the quicker speed. Un. Fucking. Fair. Quite honestly I do hope you get the message that you should not do such a dick move because you will only end up upsetting so many people and making it harder for everyone to be equal to freedom of information online. Good one. A+, really.
—Jessica Fontaine, Feeding Hills, MA

If America is to remain the land of opportunity, the little guy needs to be able to compete on a level playing field with the established and the wealthy. Granting the privileged favors is a great way to bring about a stagnant economy, and make people feel even more that they have no chance in this world.
—David Wyatt, Columbus, OH

Net neutrality keeps the internet an even playing field and encourages the American dream. As an even playing field, anyone from a corporation to a one person run website has the same opportunity to make a new, popular online service or site. Without Net Neutrality, many online services that are part of everyday life for many Americans would have had problems getting started or finding their audience. Ending Net Neutrality would hurt American ingenuity and start up businesses which all help the American economy.
—Andrew Bowen, Jacksonville, FL

I feel Net Neutrality is important because without it, it screws over all the non-giant businesses, websites, etc that don't have Washington in their pocket. This also charges us, the public, with whom the Internet was originally funded and continues to be maintained. Net Neutrality monoploizes the UTILITY that the internet is (it isn't just some pass time to play games, or watch cat videos you know, it is work for many of us, it is bills, it is many things and to have that both controlled in what we can/can't see, to have services we want/need to be jacked to ridiculous prices when we are the ones who funded the damn thing...no) for the select few. We both need and deserve real Net Neutrality. No fast lanes, slow lanes, no bs charges for sites that happen to be popular so the rich continuously get richer while people like me are paying double, having sites I like being blocked because my provider has one like it and wants to pigeon hole me into using their's unless I am willingly to pay extra for using the competition. Greedy, greedy, greedy. Stop. Just stop already. It isn't fair and sometimes, yes, things are meant to be fair.
—Amber Gilbert, Canterbury, CT

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shervin Fazel, Los Angeles, CA

hey asshole go fuck your self i hope you lose you damn job stop fucking with the net were not fucking china .
—James Forster, paradise, CA

The FCC must reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. Having an equal (not fast and faster) internet available to all people and websites is the only way to maintain a free and open internet. ISPs are Common Carriers, and should be classified as such. This would help regulate ISPs the way telecommunications have been regulated for years, to ensure similar protections for citizens.
—Amy B Weidner-LaSala, Woodside, NY

ISPs *ARE* common carriers; the internet *IS* a utility, and should be regulated/administered as such. The only people who pretend not to understand this are ... people who could make a lot of money by denying it.
—Mr. Michaelangelo Allocca, Chicago, IL

A vibrant world requires essential freedoms for all creatures. The net is as essential as oxygen or water. If we cannot access the world we live in, then we cannot breathe. Without vibrant humans, there is no future. The 1% is not enough to support this world, much less make it inviting. Make us all free and vibrant. Free the NET for all.
—LiChun Sabik, Atlanta, GA

I want to browse freely. I want my right to free speech to be upheld. I will not stand a breach of those rights. Net Neutrality wards off censorship. I will not be silenced.
—Cora Traut, Ny, NY

Don't fix what's not broken. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Fire Tom Wheeler.
—James Bennett, N Caldwell, NJ

In this country and in California we already have enough taxes. I already pay for the Internet please don't make it more costly. Thank you. Benjamin Nettleton
—Benjamin Nettleton, Roseville, CA

Net Neutrality allows for competitive prices. ISP's already have a monopoly in a lot of places, getting rid of Net Neutrality will only make it work.
—Alex Roberson, Huntsville, AL

Everyone should have the same ability to use the internet. There should be no one getting faster service for a fee.
—Susan Boorsma, Duluth, MN

I am an experimental filmmaker and for the first time in 35 years it looks like I may have a reasonable way to distribute my films. Without a level playing field, where everyone's content can move at the same speed, I will once again be sidelined from reaching an audience. The internet has been wonderful for me. Don't change the possibility of adding real culture to the world just so that cable companies can make some more money. Thank you.
—Diana Mckenzie, Berkeley, CA

I am saying NO to a two tiered internet! There is already enough distinction amongst those giant corporations who have money to pay for a higher tier in Everything, and startups / "the little guys" who may not. Enough is enough - Do Not Do This!
—Lisa Yakuboff, Brooklyn, NY

Throw out the proposed internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Rita Carlson, Eureka, CA

Net neutrality would keep the country from becoming a total oligarchy. There is enough of that as it is. I pay for my Internet. I should be allowed to pick out what I want to view, not a privileged few.
—Mary K Whitely, Summerville, SC

Net neutrality or Brave New World? Are we at a threshold with the NSA spying on Americans scandal? You betcha!
—Larry Naron, Temecula, CA

What happened to..."with Liberty and Justice for all"? I am an internet user, as are millions of Americans and we deserve service and equality in the form of Net Neutrality. Large corporations should not be entitled to a two tiered Internet that favors them over us.
—Sonja Brown-Clarke, Bronx, New York, NY

Equality for all! The internet belongs to everyone equally. No one should have priority to unequal access.
—Christopher O'Connor, Sun City, AZ

The idea that big money and connections in Washington would buy you just about anything in this country should not be any surprise. However, the resulting death of actual freedoms to the American people without the FCC even acknowledging that any wrongdoing is taking place is appalling. I support Net Neutrality, along the millions of other internet users.
—Sara Steed, Lake Odessa, MI

Access to internet is no different than access to electricity.
—Eric Parker, Boston, MA

Access to data is as essential as access to public television and newspapers was in days past. Please allow the internet to flow freely as energy, water, medicine, and other essential items do that enrich human life, encourage entrepreneurship, and inspire the citizens of the United States.
—Kenneth Pearl, Glenview, IL

Keep the internet open and equal. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not allow private companies to create a multi-tiered internet.
—Jeff Whitney, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is not broken. It does not need to be fixed in any way. The proposed rules certainly will prevent users from easily accessing the online content they are seeking. The only winners if net neutrality is destroyed would be a few corporations who get to increase their profits at the expense of the entire American public. Protect our right to net neutrality.
—Deborah May, Wappingers Falls, NY

Big business and big money ruins individuality and freedom. The top 2% should not always be allowed to control our lives just because they can afford to.
—Edward Bell, Ruston, LA

The internet is a utility. Everyone deserves equal access. It's as simple as that.
—Kevin Michael, Arlington Heights, IL

If you remove net neutrality, little companies will not be able to compete.
—Jess Olson, St. Paul, MN

Net Neutrality is important because it gives everybody a fair chance to have share what they know and opinions, have their voice heard, to realize their dreams, to create new services that we don't know we need, to challenge the monopolistic companies that provides mediocre products and basically steals from their customer without providing reliable excellent by charging them ridiculous amounts of money.
—Desmond Ng, Austin, TX

Do not change the rules and make the Internet a two tiered system. It is only in the interest of the telecom industry and not the American public. Broadband must be designated as a telecommunications service under the law.
—Elizabeth Ketcham, East Berne, NY

Why should AT&T, Comcast and Verizon decide their material goes on the fast track and the rest of ours goes on the slow track. This is not fair. Just because they have more money and lobbyists doesn't mean they should have privileges. Everyone should move at the same speed. You, Tom Wheeler, can solve this problem. Just make the internet a utility. Be fairminded. Eliminate the mean spirit. Money should not rule!!!
—Joanne Kaus, Grafton, WI

Please discard the plans to set up new internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Otherwise, the internet will be crippled. Protect Net Neutrality and the interests of the PEOPLE of America, not the Corporations. Thank you.
—Jessica Augustson, Danville, IL

I value fair competition between the rich and the creative.
—Rick Theis, Brooklyn, NY

The Honorable Thomas E. Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 May __, 2014 Dear Chairman Wheeler: I have been following with interest your ongoing proceeding on how best to re-implement the “net neutrality” rules. Like you, I believe it is critical that we maintain a free and open Internet, where consumers are not blocked from accessing the websites of their choice and providers do not use their control over the last mile to stifle competition. As you consider how best to move forward to achieve these goals, I write to share my concerns with reports that the Commission may be considering achieving these goals by reclassifying broadband Internet access service as a “Title II” common carrier service. In the years that broadband service has been subjected to relatively little regulation, investment and deployment have flourished and broadband competition has increased, all to the benefit of consumers and the American economy. While we still have further to go to ensure that the benefits of broadband reach all Americans, I am concerned that opening the door to subjecting broadband service to a wide array of regulatory burdens and restrictions, including imposing Title II, might halt this progress. I respectfully urge you to consider the effect that regressing to a Title II approach might have on private companies’ ability to attract capital and their continued incentives to invest and innovate, as well as the potentially negative impact on job creation that might result from any reduction in funding or investment. I share your goals of keeping the Internet open to all. I do not believe that a Title II approach is the best means of achieving this goal for our country. Thank you for your work on this very important issue. Sincerely,
—Akash Jangle, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ

Net Neutrality is as important as it was to save land for the national parks and not sell it off to the richest members of society. The net has become our town square, our public road to shopping. It is an open forum for new ideas and must remain as open to new business and low income people as it is to the wealthy. We already pay more for internet access and get less for it than many major countries. The breaking up of AT&T into the baby bells and the growth of services by new startup phone companies is what is at stake here. Tiered services will bring back the stagnant control that AT&T had and is bad for everyone.
—Matt Fuller, Manhattan, KS

The internet is a level playing ground for innovative ideas and start up businesses. What you are trying to impose seems to be the privilege of a monopoly for those who are willing to line the FCC's pockets.
—Fiona Richardson, Oro Valley, AZ

The Internet was created by all of us, and we all have a right to equal access to our creation.
—Mr. Clay Toombs, Los Angeles, CA

We pay to get internet service. Then we have deal with bad internet speeds. Now ISPs want to charge website more money if they want fast connections to your house? This is not fair - this is not acceptable. This must not be allowed.
—Justin Belleau, Glendale, AZ

For goodness sakes, why should two huge companies control the internet? This is insane. What happened to free enterprise? How much $$$$ do you need? How much power do you need? Get your mitts off the internet and let it be free and accessible. What the heck? How can a start up even have a fighting chance? Estonia is ahead of us! in this department.This is crazy. FCC stop this silly business of letting a few powerful companies control the internet.
—Vicki Scott, Lino Lakes, MN

I believe the internet should remain free and open, and that there should not be a fast and slow lane based on money. The internet is a wonderful tool and a way for people all over the world to communicate and innovate, to come up with new ideas and new companies to fill new niches. It's important that the large corporations who provide most of this country with internet service do not have carte blanche to sell fast service to the highest bidder. Please keep the internet free and open.
—Volney Fitzgerald, Divide, CO

Yes Yes Yes. Net Neutrality is a win. Why would I pay my internet provider for mbps without it???
—George Georgalis, Mountain View, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No more monopolies in our country.
—Bob Scott, fayetteville, TN

If even the internet monopolies are against the measures posed by the FCC, there's probably a reason. Don't destroy internet neutrality, dicks.
—Ian C Tanttari, Saint Paul, MN

I am appalled that the repeal of Net Neutrality is even being considered. Why would any citizen of the U.S. feel it is in the best interest of our democracy to restrict equal access to communication. It is a scarey prospect indeed, and I am fearful of those who wish to undermine our freedom. So to those giant communications companies who are for this horrid idea, SHAME ON ALL OF YOU!
—Cheri Weisshaut, Cooper City, FL

I am a small business owner. Net neutrality is VITAL to my business. I also consider it vital to democracy!
—Charissa Murray, Wayne, NJ

FCC and Chairman Tom Wheeler, Net Neutrality is a must for every citizen of the U.S.A. (and globally as well) for freedom of speech purposes!! The internet is NOT just for large corporations and a few elites. The Bill of Rights guarantees that the people of the United States of America have the right of free speech and communication. What is happening to Democracy in our country? The FCC must throw out its ridiculous rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kathleen Kerner, Valencia, CA

this is supposed to be AMERICA, HOME OF THE FREE-- this proprosed plan is like a monopoly of the three big conglomerates that many of us have numerous problems with. it's not fair to the average American. not free. not good for Americans!!!!!!!
—Holly Strauchh-Heemsoth, Battle Creek, MI

I have been involved in the software industry for 20 years and have seen the free and open internet provide amazing advances in communication and technology because it allows all people to provide content equally. This has contributed to toppling restrictive governments, medical breakthroughs and shining light on crimes that would have remained hidden without the ability to share things on the world wide web. Modifying the rules to allow internet providers to choose which content will be delivered faster would break the protocol that enabled these improvements to happen. The internet needs to be equal for everyone and not only available to those with the most money.
—Benjamin Martin, Wallingford, CT

I make a living by working for a company that makes online video games and media and if Net Neutrality is destroyed then the company I work for runs the risk of loosing customers and thus I get laid off and end up living on the street.
—Corey Stephens, Austin, TX

You must understand that by creating an enquality in internet networking IS making one slower than the other. Please revoke andmaintain the current neutral internet we experience today.
—Brian McDonald, Gardiner, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mike J. Vanlandingham, Shawnee, KS

The Internet is the most important advancement in social technology in the last century. Largely because it is a platform free of the influence of corporate and political interests. Restricting access to some media simply because it originates from an unwealthy source would be the most dispicable act of censorship enacted by a first world nation since the Smith Act.
—Whitney Altine, decatur, GA

Keep the internet free. It's really quite simple to do THE RIGHT THING. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Rhonda Kingman, San Francisco, CA

What I'm about to discuss is only one topic that we will have to deal with if net neutrality were ended. As a student, the internet is a major source for researching data and materials for class in order to further my educational career. If this plan to get rid of Net Neutrality were to get passed, students around the country would get slower internet connection because not everyone is fortunate enough to pay a 'fee' for fast internet. Now, this may seem like a small problem at first, but think about the problem in a larger sense of view. With less access to information, the teaching and learning process' efficiency decreases as well (with frusteration increasing in the process). You may be thinking, oh, well, students can go get some exercise and research data at the library, but this may not be necessarily so. Going back to the fact that I had previously stated, not even every adult, let alone children, have access to a nearby library and building libraries throughout the country won't help as well (since quite a few libraries require a monthly subscription in order to use their data resources). Over time, as the rate of increased learning decreases and anger increases, the entire country's children population will become more inadequete to the education level that the rest of the world's children will have. The country will have no choice but to hire people from other countries to work and, as you know, the rate of this occuring can easily be decreased if you make the right choices today and save the future of the USA. Besides, who else is going to (attempt to) pay for all the benefits that retired people get? Not the immigrants since they'll only work here for a while and then leave (unless they decide to stay here, which would be great). But other than that, the future can only lead to a downhill slope if the present choices of today are made incorrectly. You have the ability to change it for the better and getting rid of net neutrality is definitely not the right decision.
—Susan, Simi Valley, CA

Don't try to pretend to "fix" something that is not broken. Let Net Neutrality survive to support the democracy we all like to say we love so much.
—Lois Upham, Covington, GA

Equality is the basis of life in America: there are no Kings. Do not start a two-tiered Internet, which would end Internet equality in America. This is important! Please retain Net Neutrality.
—Roger Keith, Albuquerque, NM

Because I already pay a ridiculous amount for cable and internet. And you will upset the Internet cat meme world.
—Hannah, Houston, TX

To the FCC: When you privatize the internet you limit access to the greater percentage of people who benefit from unlimited access. This is the same idea as opening a library and charging an extra fee or only allowing certain individuals access to the books and materials. The internet is a tool for education and a view of the whole world for anyone and everyone who has access to it. Please don't turn it over to the greedy few who stand to make a profit through constraint and privilege.
—Matt Taylor, Stockton, CA

Net neutrality is important for our democracy. Due to the Supreme Court's recent rulings on Citizen's United and McCutcheon, the wealthy in our country are having more and more influence over our political process. We must not allow the Internet to be similarly taken over by corporations and other wealthy interests.
—Sharon Nolting, New York, NY

The internet is the last bastion of free exchange of ideas. The media is bought and paid for - but you know that, you're part of it. Leave the internet for the people. We won't stand for the government and corporations feeding us their propaganda as the only means of information. Tom Wheeler and other cronyists would love to control the world. I for one am fed up with government interference with my life.
—Lorilyn Harper, Atlanta, GA

No slow lanes should be allowed in the internet. Comcast, Verizon and all internet providers shouldn't be allowed to discriminate and slow internet traffic. Comcast and Verizon should be classified as common carriers. The internet has been a source of growth and innovation in the United States. Please don't let monopolies like Comcast and Verizon to stop this growth engine.
—Dr. Paulo Andre MD, Sudbury, MA

Net neutrality is the preserving my job. The internet is a utility that is important for our economy.
—Jonathan Jackson, Iowa City, IA

I do not support the new rules purposed by the FCC. I do not support a two tiered system. I support net neutrality. The internet is one of the few things truly working in this country and I believe this would damage it.This is the first time I have ever writen a government institution. To allow companies like Comcast to charge for different tiers and exercise even more monopoly power is a travesty. I would and will vote against any candidate that supports these new rules regardless of party. This is an affront on competition and freedom. Please throw out these rules.
—Raymond Lewis, Murfreesboro, TN

I am the President of an exceedingly small non-profit arts organization for artists with mental illnesses. We depend on people being able to find us on the web, between our website, facebook group and page. We cannot afford to pay any more money, and we do not want to be stuck in the slow lane. Please do not allow the big cable/telecoms companies to create a fast and slow lane. It will hurt us more than you could possibly know.
—Irene O'Neill, Wheaton, IL

Please keep net neutrality and do not approve regulations that would allow internet service providers to create a two-tiered internet.
—Elisa Redish, Highland Park, IL

One of the most powerful attributes of the Internet is that it is an equal playing field. Please, let's keep it that way.
—Leann Sommers-Templeman, Albuquerque, NM

Preserve Net Neutrality by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunication service. PLEASE ALLOW INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE CLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS!
—Kam Yuk Tam, Markham,

We need an even playing field
—Jeff Kremer, Mt Prospect, IL

With the poor service we get from cable companies along with the high cost of having no competition among cable companies mean with no neutrality, the consumer gets screwed again . Get rid of the stupid rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Schilb, green valley, AZ

Not cool, dude. Not cool. |8C
—Raizel Ingersoll, Orillia,

I'm a 58 year old woman who is part of the 1%. At this point in life it seems apparent that government is selling out the American people because the individuals' with decision making powers have been bought. For once prove me wrong and protect net neutrality.
—Teresa Magaram, Nashville, TN

it helps everyone the ability to not only afford to pay for service in a fair and balanced way, but also helps new and up-coming web IPs to establish themselves in the world. with the fall of net neutrality, we will all have to reach FAR DEEPER in our pockets to be able to watch, read or even listen to anything and anyone who wants to build a future on the web will suffer the same fate while trying to compete with other web IPs that are already in the "fast lane". i beg you, as an American voter, as a human being: PLEASE! help keep it fair and balanced for everyone.
—Carlos J. Quintero, dorchester, MA

Net Neutrality is essential and critical for providing an even playing field for all net users. Do not provide the opportunity for censorship and discrimination by wealthier players--that is so contrary to the intention of the internet! Please do everything in your power to prevent this from happening. Thank you. Suzanne James
—Suzanne James, St. Helena, CA

Do ya'll REALLY need more money/power? Is there an actual reason behind why we need to get rid of freedom on the internet? Are you bored? Do you have nothing else better to do than ruin one of the most powerful technologies in the history of Ever? The FCC is being a bully. That's all this is; you haven't ruined anyone's life in a while, so now you gotta bring everyone down with a bang. No. Don't.
—Skylar Cote, Oak Lawn, IL

A two-tier system would create two-tired system of internet 'haves' and 'have nots'. Everyone who can access the internet should have the same connection speed. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time.
—Sergio Acena, Portland, OR

If Net Neutrality is thrown out, my school work will not get to my teachers as fast because of only 600 people on our school sight, when compared to the daily users other sights have.
—Tristan Elliott, Homosassa, FL

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrea Pennisi, nyc, NY

Impeach Wheeler. Throw out your horrid rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Stop the bribed BS.
—William Peyton White, Rock Hill, SC

Please don't allow the ISP's to create fast and slow lanes. If you pass a law that treats all data equally, it will prevent massive amounts of corruption and the slow destruction of the open internet as we know it. Please please please. This is so essential. We stand to gain nothing with the current rules that the FCC has proposed.
—Andrew W Rozendal, Granada Hills, CA

Preserving Net Neutrality is essential for American's to maintain faith in the Government. We need to preserve the Net's blind ignorance of data's author so as to allow Goliath like small business and individuals compete against and be heard amid a world of behemoth corporations on Celebrities of almost mythic status. I don't want to believe that my government is always selling out to big business. Please protect the Web. Don't feel broadband to the highest bidder.
—Emma Whitmore-Buck, New York, NY

Net neutrality is vital to ensuring academic research and information is made available to the public and academics without the throttling of data. Internet fast lanes will perpetuate the dumbing down of the nation as entertainment and private corporate entities will be the only ones able to pay for faster speeds. Net Neutrality ensures that everyone has the same ability to tell there story and find the information they need. Net Neutrality is necessary to ensure elections can't be bought, as easily, considering many already are, don't fuck this up too.
—Hunter Brown, Seattle, WA

Keep the corporate interests from destroying the Internet. It's too important to turn control over to those who would exploit it for their own purposes. Your role in the FCC is to serve the interests of the public at large. Please act with that obligation in mind. Thank you.
—Robert J. Olness, Livermore, CA

I do not want government making decisions that encroach on my freedom and ultimately make it hard for me to make a choice I choose to.
—Rosalie McCormick, Brady, MT

Why wouldn't it be important to me? This idea is stupid, anyway, it's capitalism at its goddamn worst. It's censorship and pure unadulterated greed, like thanks yeah I really wanted to have to pay twenty extra bucks to load an image faster just so I can look at this picture of a cat doing something not even remotely funny in a timely manner. These rules are going to stifle so many voices. The internet is a place for everyone to come together and share, but apparently not anymore. No, now it's just for upperclass, (probably) white citizens. This is the most pretentious thing ever. It's all centered around greed. These companies want more money, and you're going to give it to them, as well as give them the power to censor whatever they don't like. Don't do this. Keep Net Neutrality. Keep ISPs as common carriers, the way they've always been. It's not broken, don't fix it.
—Amanda Richerson, Boonville, MO

Once again the government is messing around with something that is functioning just fine, leave well enough alone. I understand that the FCC Chairman was a lobbyist for the cable network companies and is would appear that he is still holding that position as well as the FCC Chairman. His plan is certainly going to benefit the cable companies giving them the control of speed and cost along with a monopoly as the have with the Cable TV. Very bad plan and it should be dumped, another government interference where it is not necessary.
—John Nelson, San Diego, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Niall Heffernan, Brooklyn, NY

ARE YOU EVEN KIDDING ME
—Bro Strider, Columbia, MO

We need to keep everyone on the same playing field when it comes to the internet. The beauty of the internet is that no one's voice is louder than anyone else's. Everyone has the opportunity to be heard. Please don't allow anyone to buy louder voices (i.e. faster speeds).
—Amy Sehayek, Issaquah, WA

This would be the end of the internet as we have come to know it. It would also demonstrate that the FCC are merley corporate puppets. WE HAVE TO KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL OR WE RISK LOSING A CROWING HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT DOWN THE ABYSS OF CAPITALISM.
—Adam taylor, Lancaster, CA

Any type of "tiered" internet would be a betrayal of it's purpose and limit its usefulness. The internet was created for all, not for the benefit of communications monopolies.
—Michael Olcsvary, Lynnwood, WA

We here in a rural area desperately need to keep net neutrality, first to keep fees in line and speed of access reasonable . We need to have our local news available and not be duped into getting the same old programming on every news media. Please do not cave in to the lobbying from the big cable companies. We need the convenience, necessity and information of the net. We also need cable choice. How stupid to pay for so much unwanted inferior programming. Please do what the FCC is there for. See that the airways serve the common good. Thank You Carmen A Miller, Kennebec SD 57544 .
—Carmen Miller, Kennebec, SD

I live in a remote part of Texas where we have very little choice of Internet Providers. They are highly overpriced for crappy speeds and forget about service. It's practically non-existent. Up until now we've at least had net neutrality, but if you allow this to happen, you will be approving a monopoly who writes the rules. The rest of us have to suffer from their greed. If you want a revolution, you're going in the right direction.
—Lyle Waddill, Mason, TX

The ISP's should be treated the same as phone companies. I pay for a certain amount of bandwidth from my isp and they should not get to decide how fast the information I want to see should be delivered to me. It should be delivered as fast as it can. We all ready have some of the slowest broadband in the 1st world. Allowing ISP's to give preferred treatment to some sites would only make the service worse.
—Jeremy L Huber, Vancouver, WA

A beatiful thing about these United States of America is the spirit of ingenuity, where competition breeds innovation with hard work and determination. A free and open Internet is an extremely fertile breeding ground for this innovation. If an ISP can pick and choose which content to support and to slow down the rest, then these fascist actions will stifle competition (and thus innovation) and erode the American spirit until it dies.
—Dan Aurian-Bl, Bellingham, MA

Net neutrality keeps the internet uncensored so that companies can make extra money for throttled services and added fees. The already absurd fees that are being charged for internet service will just get higher if Net Neutrality is not preserved and held to a higher standard than it already is.
—Travis Baron, Long Beach, CA

It's all about the money. Keep it free!!
—Holly Badgley, Mill Valley, CA

The removal of net neutrality may very well be the most hazardous infringement onto the internet as a whole, beaten only marginally by direct internet censorship. If internet providers are granted the ability to speed up access to certain websites or are allowed to force others to pay more for premium internet speed when compared to those on the current system then those that are restricted will inevitably be slowed simply because the premium users/sites would have more computing resources dedicated to them, leaving less to everyone else. Competition amongst providers for customers would not even help in this matter either because majority of Americans only have access to a small amount of internet providers in any given location. This is not even a political issue as it both infringes on the personal freedoms of the customers by forcing them to pay more money to keep up and can practically render any smaller website not preferred by a provider useless due to the sheer amount of internet traffic they would lose. This country was built specifically with freedom and equal opportunity in mind but the destruction of net neutrality directly conflicts with this view and is no different than if the government itself tried to take control of the internet.
—Ethan Wickline, Homosassa, FL

Don't let the cable company lobbyists buy your votes. Internet rates are already astronomical. Stop the TimeWarner-Comcast merger. Stop the cable companies from screwing over the American people
—Laurie Barron, Erdenheim, PA

We are a nation built on entrepreneurs, in the future I hope to be one of them. Not allowing equal internet access can hinder access to these small business sites which create jobs and allow for innovation. Limiting one of the greatest tools of mankind could have irreversible detrimental effects on us and the rest of the world.
—Rb, Saint Louis, MO

We need net neutrality. Do not allow the FCC and Tom Wheeler to destroy our free internet!
—Peter Gomez, Carlsbad, CA

The internet should be treated as other communications. To allow a few conglomerates to restrict access would stifle new business ventures.
—Deborah Hosie, tacoma, WA

Dear Federal Chicken Chips, Shut the Cluck up and leave the internet neutral. Give more than beak-service to support for new and smaller businesses.
—Howard Ennes, Ft. Bragg, CA

Dear FCC, I am not wealthy, yet I feel I deserve the opportunities as everyone else in this country. I, like everyone else in this country, deserve a shot at the American dream, which is why Net Neutrality is important to me. I don't want to live in a country where Internet Service Providers decide which businesses succeed, which fail and what information I can access. I do not wish for them to have a monopoly on information. Please do something to combat this. Please keep the American dream alive. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anthony Valletta, Long Beach, CA

Equal internet access for all!
—Christa Occhiogrosso, Santa Monica, CA

A utility that empowers a higher standard of discourse than has ever been achieved amongst the citizenry of the most developed nation in the history of the world is well worth regulating, for the benefit of said citizenry, to ensure that simple material wealth & attendant individual power/influence does not enable fascism or worse.
—Damien Corr, Brooklyn, NY

The internet belongs to everybody. It is the last objective, independent means of communication (we have already lost the independence of newspapers, radio & TV to rich individuals and large business interests). Democracy dies when openness is denied. You are supposed to represent all of us (not the large corporations, and rich individuals). DO YOU JOB!
—Barry Hantman, Matthews, NC

In a political system that seems to increasingly favor money over logic and corporations over citizens, please leave the internet as a space equally accessibly to everyone. Maintain net neutrality. Thank you.
—Anne Dwyer, Shorewood, WI

Not having net neutrality will prevent small companies from being able to afford running costs. Not only only will we have a monopoly in IP providers, but tech companies as well. The loss of the small business owner to the giant corporation is exactly what the U.S. is not about. These IP providers will have too much power. Who knows where they will stop? I expect a move such as this to be a major blow against our country and a definite reason for the world's brightest minds to no longer study and reside here. My vote will not be going for any politician who supports this.
—Shannon Veerkamp, los angeles, CA

The internet is a utility, in the same way as the voice phone network was in the last century. It needs to offer non-discriminitory, universal service. Many rural areas in the US still don't even get broadband, much less get speeds anywhere close to what the rest of the world takes for granted. Stop coddling our ISPs!
—Neal Macklin, Menlo Park, CA

PRESIDENT OBAMA PLEASE REMOVE TOM WHEELER AND COMCAST FROM YOUR BACK POCKET AND KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY INTERNET. TOM WHEELER PLEASE
—Angry American, roseville, MI

Keep net neutrality from being abolished.
—Iain Bryden, Rowlett, TX

I work from home. But not as an internet tech mogul, or a well-paid software developer, I'm just barely above minimum wage customer support. The internet is my highway to work. Net neutrality protects me from being discriminated against by my ISP based on the servers I need to access to maintain a connection. The state of internet in the United States is already much worse than where it really should be and net neutrality will only allow the greedy ISPs to become even more bloated and ineffective. Already they provide end-users with garbage equipment and inefficient support. The corporations only care about seeing their return on their investment and given the chance they will begin to treat their most basic customers with zero respect and no priority.
—Skyler Evans, South Shore, KY

Because I use the internet a lot, and I want to be able to still find the sites I most use. Even if they aren't the ones the corporations want me to use.
—Sharon Tompkins, Asheville, NC

Please preserve Net Neutrality. It is important so that We the People have our freedom of speech, not just those who are favored by Internet service providers. Please keep in mind that we already do pay handsomely for our internet service. Please do not ground the Net Neutrality rules. Our freedom of speech should not be abridged.
—Suzana Li, Culver City, CA

Hi the fact that this is even an issue is just as ridiculous as the fact that American groceries are often laced with what other countries have labeled toxic and unsafe in an effort to sucker consumers in the cheapest shade of orange for their junk food and stems from the same type of corruption in the system. Please refrain from shoving our country further down the hole and even further from anything resembling equality by continuing net neutrality. Thank you, A Concerned Citizen
—Ashley Swaney, Martinez, CA

I urge you to protect net neutrality and classify the internet as a public utility. The internet belongs to everybody all content should be treated the same.
—Geoff Leavell, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA

I'd like to add my comment on the Future of the Internet. I'd like to suggest that the FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We don't need rampant discrimination by the big ISPs, who would create a two-tiered Internet with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees, and slow lanes for the rest of us. We need an Open, Neutral, Internet, as it was originally intended.
—Bruce Rutherford, Steubenville, OH

The internet in this country is so slow now, that any slower we will just quit using it, and develop something more "user friendly".
—Fyou Wheeler, Coos Bay, OR

What are you about to do? Stand up for the people who you're supposed to be serving, not the corporations who contribute to political parties to get what they want. NET NEUTRALITY, NET NEUTRALITY, NET NEUTRALITY, DAMMIT!! Don't be corporate whores!!
—Lawrence Duff, Santa Barbara, CA

Keep the internet neutral. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Jean Ballantyne, Santa Barbara, CA

Isp's should not determine the structure and use of the internet for the singular purpose of maximizing profits at the expense of the quality and access to the high speed flow of information. To do so would make the US a second class nation in communication services. I strongly feel that the future economic, educational and political standing of the US with regards to the rest of the world will be compromised if the ISP's compromise the internet in the US in it's current form.
—Kevin Welcsh, Canton, OH

ISP's must be classified as common carriers. The new rules must be thrown out. Spend your time demanding higher speeds, and more reasonable prices for we the consumers and the people of the Republic that you serve. Stop serving the corporate interests over the peoples.
—Clayton Johnson, Gilroy, CA

The Internet is and always has been a free environment for people to speak freely and for creative ideas and projects to start. I cannot fathom why you would want to increase the lining on your pockets even more by taking away that freedom. People, no matter what their income, should be able to access the internet. Why don't you focus on doing something useful to improve the world, rather than restrict our freedom and try and line your pockets a bit more.
—Rachel, Austin, TX

Discriminating Against Competitors' Services: A provider could make sure that preferred content or applications load faster and more efficiently while competing services are slow or spotty. That would effectively create a tiered Internet - with a fast lane for those who will pay, and a slow lane for everyone else. Limiting Diversity of Content: A provider can enhance its own web content and services by featuring prominent menus, program guides, start screens, etc. while systematically excluding competing content. Favoring Commercial Services: The nonprofit and noncommercial sector could be distinguished from the for-profit sector of the online community in terms of services offered, and would suffer because they cannot compete in an environment where they have to pay for better service. Restricting Internet Telephone: Services that allow you to make low-cost, long-distance telephone calls using a high-speed Internet connection (sometimes called VoIP, or Voice over Internet Protocol) are becoming more and more popular. But traditional phone companies who are now getting into the Internet business don't want to lose their customers to Internet phone companies like Vonage and Skype. However, there is nothing stopping them from blocking their competition from using their network. I own a small business and I sell my products online. This will be a death sentence for me.
—Mary Johnston, Kenmore, WA

A free and open Internet allows for the spread of ideas, promotes innovation, and prevents unfair package pricing by big corporate ISPs. . Please do your part to keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.
—Alana Pfister, Ventura, CA

Maintaining net neutrality is more important than a profit increase for service providers.
—Ian McCabe, Bellflower, CA

The internet is a utility that has become necessary to daily life. It needs to be kept free and open for all users.
—Lida Holloway, Anaheim, CA

How much more power are we going to give to big money in this country? We're all sick of this. Leave the internet alone.
—Sarita Freedman, Agoura Hills, CA

The consumer should have a fair playing ground
—Stephanie, Fremont, CA

It's absolutely necessary for the continuance of fair online business growth!
—Amy Goldberg, New Orleans, LA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Monia Pezzi, Paradise, CA

Net Neutrality is the only way that is fair to everyone.
—Julie Cain, Sturgis, MS

Elimination of Net Neutrality through the FCC's plans will ruin the best part of the Internet -- for all to have their message heard quickly, loudly and clearly, regardless of the size of their pockets.
—James Dempsey, Sunnyvale, CA

It's the only clear way we can ensure innovation for the future.
—Gary Elshaw, Wellington,

Reclassify ISP'S as common carriers and throw out your current purposed rule changes. The internet must remain as it is with NET NEUTRALITY for the good of all those who use it and not just the rich or powerful!
—Mrs. and Roger Erbe, Lansing, MI

This isn't the dark ages! Information and knowledge should be accessible to everyone! how can you put a price or a limitation to other peoples thoughts, discoveries, and connections?
—Ethan Wilson, Monmouth, OR

I believe it is important to preserve the neutrality of our communications infrastructure by prohibiting the richest amongst us to simply buy faster access. Degrading net neutrality provisions will further erode the democratic necessity of free and open access to information as well as lead us further down the path of monopoly in our telecommunications industry. I really with the FCC would do its job to advocate for the public good rather than bowing to the few corporate powers which control the vast majority of infrastructure. Rather than allowing these giants to consolidate power, it is time again to break up the monopolies - once again.
—Erik Hopp, Berkeley, CA

It's really unbelievable that We the People have to explain why we think net neutrality is important. We get nickeled and dimed for everything this day and age. The internet should be fully accessible for everyone and access shouldn't hindered or pseudo-regulated by money hungry companies that are only interested in forcing people to use their services. We already pay for internet access. Without net neutrality it's like getting charged for the access we want and deserve a second time. Why should we be forced to do what the companies like Comcast want? What about what we want? ISP's need to be classified as common carriers. They shouldn't be able to limit anyone's access. The FCC needs to throw away this ridiculous proposal and design one that protects the consumer and NOT these behemoths that are only concerned with railroading the public into paying more and forcing us to use their products. Get real.
—Holly Grigg, Lincoln City, OR

Hello I am a frequent visitor and user of the internet, and my career of choice will require the usage of free internet if I am to become successful. I feel that if the free internet is threatened, many people already struggling to afford the very basic needs of their career or job will be put out of work which will perpetuate this horrifying economic state we have already been straggling in. Please, free internet is the right thing to do, and making it any more expensive will put more money into the pockets of the people who don't need it. Don't ruin a right thing for the wrong reason.
—Matt Wimer, Placentia, CA

Hey, Stop it
—Dashiell Sarnoff, mountain view, CA

Leave the internet alone please.
—ken Wylie, Margaret River,

No discrimination on the internet. Leave the internet alone please.
—Anna Matson, Karratha,

The internet was founded on the notion of equal access for all. If you take that away and create a monster which panders to the haves and shuns the have-nots, you WILL destroy it - AND the world as we know it today. Don't do it!
—Laurie Fox, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality provides equality dfor everyone on the internet not just isp service providers who would control content and profits without it.
—Jeffrey Shuben, phila., PA

Preserve net neutrality!!!!!!! If the FCC is even considering essentially handing over the ownership of the internet in the U.S, to a select few corporations, there is a blatant conflict of interest on the part of the FCC.
—Tod Cheney, Oelwein, IA

Many salutations, Federal Communications Commission!!! A few months ago, I turned my back on my long-standing Internet service provider Time Warner upon learning of its plans to merge with Comcast and being rather annoyed by my broadband Internet abruptly dropping out once too often -- particularly when a monthly payment of $60-$70 is asked of me for the privilege of prowling cyber-space. I was given all kinds of excuses for why that happened -- it being too hot outside in the summer, the winter cold ... quite frankly, I have heard a bellyful and seriously believe that Time Warner wishes for me to calmly accept unreliable broadband and willfully ignore that Time Warner could quite easily upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure. I have done the circus with my city council about visiting unto the electrical and telecommunications distribution a below-ground alignment -- which would help insulate the cables from the elements ... only for the powers-that-be to behave toward me as an absolute loon. Let me start the foray to the feature presentation with a very simple fact: I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING PERSECUTED AS AND BEING BEHAVED TOWARD AS A LOONY CASH COW!!! Comcast raises some serious red flags because of its hostility toward downloading files and streaming videos -- both of which it has a lengthy prologue of unilaterally interfering while ignoring the fact that both of those activities have a finite turnaround time that has no viable detours. Buffering the video prior to it being streamed is a necessary evil and cannot be rushed -- as is the case with downloading a large file. Throttling the connection in question only serves to anger that end user who will either keep at it until the job is done or withdraw his repeat commerce; either way, Comcast loses big. Net Neutrality is a relatively simple and straightforward concept; still, in order to explain its significance, some background data is necessary. The Internet is a vast place where ANYONE can offer up the content that he has created without having to comply any particular requirements aside from some ethical principles defined by various statutes. We need to have as many people as possible creating and contributing content to the Internet; still, having just said that, there is a problem. What is that problem, you ask? Let us draw upon our old friend Time Warner for that. Time Warner has a lengthy prologue of channeling many different kinds of content over its cable television service along with its telephone service and its broadband Internet service; while impressive, the only fly in the ointment is that Time Warner has its own preferences as far as content goes -- likely because it brings in a lot of money from certain deep-pocketed vendors. There is a significant moral hazard for Time Warner to channel that lucrative content even if ... no, when .. it goes against the wishes of its subscribers. Time Warner (and this also applies to its brethren) needs to understand that the rationale for an end user to purchase a subscription is for it to be the end user's choice about what content he wishes to have channeled to him and that this decision is to be honored immediately without fail. Even without this protracted recession, it makes no sense to pay an ISP like Time Warner to make my web browsing decisions for me when I have firmly in mind what content I seek. Net Neutrality is very important because the end user needs to have the capability to make it clear to the Internet service provider that its function is to channel the content requested by the end user and to keep all the telecommunications equipment in working order. You would not tolerate your automobile deciding for a protracted siesta when you wish to initiate your work commute or when you wish to leave a bad part of town since the whole purpose of an automobile is to transport you to a destination of your choice at the moment of your choice along with prosecuting a journey of your choice. What if your subordinates suddenly decided to ignore the required hours or to give you cheek when charged a routine task during the work day ... would you keep them on your payroll? No, of course not!!!
—Damon Mason, Balcones Heights, TX

freedom of speech, freedom of press, protection of Public Trust resources....too many reasons to stop the FCC from creating fast lanes for the corporate rich and slow ones for the other 99%.
—Janice Palma-Glennie, Kailua Kona, HI

Regarding the issue of net neutrality, the FCC has a responsibility as a federal agency to ensure an equal playing field for all firms, private individuals and associations that use the internet. This is the most flexible, dynamic, and democratic infrastructure our country currently maintains and its contributions to our public life, commerce and culture are indisputable. Therefore, government must see to it that access to the internet is safeguarded and expanded, not contracted. If the FCC allows the monopolistic logic of our precious few internet providers to restructure internet access and ultimately also internet content, the agency would be working against the interests of the US citizens it is supposed to protect. I support a robust internet communications policy that protects First Amendment rights by aiming at enhanced access speeds and low cost access. Such a goal is best served by fostering the competition of as many service providers in as many markets as possible, not allowing a two-tier system to emerge in the US.
—Jesse McClelland, Roseville, MN

Please reconsider maintaining net neutrality. Equal and open access is vital to a healthy marketplace and democracy. Corporations should NOT be allowed to purchase priority! Do the right thing for American citizens!
—Christopher C. Kirby, Spokane, WA

It is very scary to me that you are considering ending net neutrality and it is also very clear to anyone with half a brain that the driving force behind this consideration is the large internet service providers such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast whom will benefit by being able to charge more for their service and exclude competition from smaller companies at the same time. Please keep the internet level and neutral for everyone and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Matthew Lyons, Los Angeles, CA

Please protect net neutrality. Government should serve the people, not be the puppet of corporations that openly corrupt the mechanics that the Founding Fathers established. Do not allow these companies to have their way. We are pleading our politicians to do their jobs and listen to the people they are meant to represent. It is obvious that corporate money has slipped into the pockets of our congress men and women. I implore you to do the right thing and save net neutrality. "No government can continue good but under the control of the people; and . . . . their minds are to be informed by education what is right and what wrong; to be encouraged in habits of virtue and to be deterred from those of vice . . . . These are the inculcations necessary to render the people a sure basis for the structure and order of government." Thomas Jefferson.
—Ziam Ghaznavi, Sugar Land, TX

There shouldn't be any kind of discrimination on how network traffic performs. Society cannot allow cable companies to throttle how the network traffic of one site compares to another, as it would lead to discrimination in the fairness of what the traffic delivers, which may include sales, services, and solutions. The current proposal laid out is allowing companies like Comcast and Time Warner the ability to drive socialist principles in the way content is delivered amongst end users. The consumer shouldn't have to be tied to a throttled speed when accessing any form of content. The Internet rules defined are simply not strong enough and easily allow strong ISP's to take advantage of how the Internet is governed. The FCC needs to comprehend net neutrality and ensure that Internet speeds are not compromised for all of its users.
—Tim Chen, Boise, ID

It's important to keep all communications open to all people.
—Rob Mayhue, Hudson, FL

because i want to start a company one day and don't want to be restricted by a comcast controlled government
—Jared Phillips, Sydney,

I do not want bland corporate content as the only thing that I can access quickly enough to give me time to watch it. Please keep the internet neutral!
—Lidia, montpellier,

Capitalism at it's best again. Anything that can be ruined will be ruined and milked for profit. I vote against it, but these donkeys always get their way.
—Donkey King, London,

Good morning, On the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System I wrote: Wheeler' s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. and then I got this: could not insert: [gov.fcc.ecfs.beans.Submission]; SQL [insert into SUBMISSION (city, intl_address, address_line_1, address_line_2, postal_code, id_state, zip_code, applicant_name, author_name, brief_comment_flag, bureau_id_num, confirmation_number, browser, path_info, remote_addr, remote_host, remote_ident, remote_user, server_name, contact_name, delagated_authority_number, date_accepted, date_comment_period, date_disseminated, date_filed, date_pn_ex_parte, date_rcpt, date_released, date_reply_comment, date_submission, date_transmission_completed, id_edocs, contact_email_id, exparte_late_filed, fcc_record, file_number, filed_from, lawfirm_name, date_modified, id_proceeding, reg_flex_analysis, report_number, small_business_impact, id_submission_status, total_page_count, id_submission_type, id_user, viewing_status) values (?, ?) select @@identity]; nested exception is org.hibernate.exception.LockAc quisitionException: could not insert: [gov.fcc.ecfs.beans.Submission] Are comments being intentionally blocked? Kirby
—Kirby Omalley, mission viejo, CA

To the FCC: I am a quadriplegic on a ventilation machine that breathes for me. I type this to you with a mouth mouse from my bed where I spend just about all of my time. The Internet is very precious to me. It is my connection to the outside world. It's where I socialize. It's how I get to see and talk to my brother who lives over seas. It is how I get work, transferring files for video editing and graphic design. It's where I spend most of my day, chatting with friends and making new ones around the world, reading the news and watching videos, or just browsing places like Imgur and Reddit; sometimes I just take a drive with Google Maps. It is the most important thing in my life because it allows me access to the most important people in my life. Please do not give control of such a powerful and beautiful thing that the Internet is over to some corporations that are only focused on profit margins. These corporations may hinder or even cut off the websites that give me access to my family and friends or work just so they can squeeze every penny from that site's owner. This isn't just about business, this about people and how it affects us. These corporations don't care about people. They care about money. It's up to you to act for the people. This is where my life is, where I have found freedom and where I pursue happiness. Please don't let some company put a price tag on my unalienable rights. The government has been letting corporations of all kinds off the leash, letting them run loose with their profit-driven schemes. They have shit all over basic business ethnics, good business practices and the American way of life. Now you are letting corporations have their way with the Internet, the greatest source of information and free speech the world has ever known. These are only a few corporations representing a small portion of the American lifestyle, but many Americans (such as myself) have based their livelihoods on it. This is the source of their income, their social life, their own pursuit of happiness and a connection to the world that would be otherwise non-existent. To impede on these things is to impede on the liberties that made this country great. Don't let these corporations corrupt the Internet, like they have corrupted so many other things. The FCC and the government has let them trample all over our politics, our economy, our environment, our healthcare, our food, our medicine, our news, even our prisons. Now we stand (figuratively because I can't stand) for our Internet. The Internet makes it possible for me to send these words out. What happens when these companies decided to shut down access to sites like this? What if they decide to close access anybody who speaks out against them? This is the only way I can make myself heard, otherwise I would be stuck in this bed, on this breathing machine, in this room, lying still with my voice silenced. John Brewer
—John Brewer, Westlake Village, CA

Net Neutrality is important for America's future. It is necessary for our economy & our freedom of speech.
—Maren McConnell-Collins, San Diego, CA

Isn't it obvious? Net neutrality is more important than trying to make a quick buck for already rich people. Get your head out of your arses; we're not living in the 1960s anymore.
—Kyle Brown, Baldivis,

Net Neutrality creates a level playing field which enables all voices to be heard despite whether they are rich or poor. Ending Net Neutrality will adversely affect those who already struggle on low wages whilst giving further advantage/power to the already wealthy and large corporate media. What would Jesus do???
—Xanthe Butcher, TUNBRIDGE WELLS,

Please vote for the people, not for corporations. We believed in you when president Obama put you in office to protect us. Now is your time to prove that you went into office for the right reasons, to protect the American people rights to know the truth of what is happening in America! We do not need another china that shows their people only what they want them to know! You are an American first!!
—Joan PJ Sullivan, Ventura, CA

We all have to be equal using the internet - that is vital!!!
—Kathy van Praag, Oxford, UK,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v =k-xSP_T0VqU
—Sean Brookes, kidderminster,

Net neutrality is about equal opportunity. Isn't that one of the basic tenets of our Constitution? To allow tiered Internet access is unconscionable.
—Susan Avery, Leominster, MA

I want the internet to remain open, accessible, and fair. I am worried that proposed laws will allow large ISPs to shake-down companies, restrict content, and destroy access to an open and free internet. I understand that large cable companies flex a lot of muscle and money, please don't cave into this pressure.
—Daniel E Teti, Dayton, OH

Leave the internet alone and let it be what it is intended to be-free and open for alone. Step up and do the right thing once and for all for the GOOD of all the people. Look yourself in the mirror and be honest once and for all. Is this what you want to be remembered for-the oppression of free and open communication? Shame on yourselves for even considering it.
—Paula Hutts, Hartland, MI

My wife and I have paid our ISP bill faithfully for over 20 plus years. We have never abused or taken more than bandwidth than what is needed. We consider ourselves as just one of the millions that have help build the internet to the fair service and level playing field it is today. We would hate to think that just because our GREEDY ISPs want to collect MORE money that they would take our bandwidth away from us and sell it to others while still charging us the same or more. The ISP needs to be true to it's first and real customer base. LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE! It is the only thing that has worked without the government messing with it.
—Peter Mercure, Kennesaw, GA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and others bribed or blackmailed you? You kissed their ass? Leave Net Neutrality alone! Net Neutrality is very important to people what no matter if they are poor or rich. BE EQUAL TO EVERYONE!
—James Queen, Oceanside, CA

Net neutrality is simply one of those vital concepts that helps keep the playing field level for everyone. Altering this and favoring certain operators/users over others will in fact stifle innovation (which could in turn limit our economy, for those of us who think about that sort of thing) as well as simply reduce the overall positive impact the internet has in MANY ways, on MANY lives. Please, listen NOT to the few who have dollars, listen to the many who deserve fairness! Keep it simple, keep it fair, keep it neutral. Thanks!
—Peter Jacobs, Stamford, CT

I believe the purpose of the internet should be the access of information to everyone. Ending Net Neutrality is effectively placing a censorship on what people have access to. People already pay providers to get access to the internet. The internet is not a commodity owned by a few, it is the accumulation of many. Placing a few private companies in charge of a resource that is so powerful is unethical. Their desire is for wealth and power. This will not spread freedom or happiness, both of which are our "God" given rights, but will instead create resentment and fear in an already dysfunctional system. It's a big mistake.
—Natacha Reed, El Cajon, CA

If the present worldwide web cannot remain neutral people will find a way of creating a new one. It really is that simple!
—John Coombes, Sevenoaks,

Forget about me! I'll tell you why is SHOULD be important to every Ultra right wing GOP Fascist trying to overturn it. The reason is very simple, they will be voted out of office for making that choice, so do the right thing and make the internet part of the public commons and designate it as part of the common carrier telco lines that have served us very efficiently over the years!
—Mr. Paul Ginnetti, Lackawanna, NY

Keep the internet democratic!
—Thomas O'Malley, Downer,

When it comes to the net, all users should be treated equally. Shunting common users to a slower lane to benefit the rich and powerful is unAmerican.
—Janis Thompson, Las Cruces, NM

This sounds a lot like history repeating itself; didn't we run into this already with a Monsanto representative 'taking care' of looking into and legally okaying genetically modified foods? I'm sorry, but I thought our modern government was supposed to favor people over money, which is why we have things like anti-trust laws and copyrights to break corporate iron grip over the majority of people. Net Neutrality kind of falls in the same place in that making money is barrier is a high threat to those not already swimming in money.
—Jason Carlisle, Indianapolis, IN

Cable companies and mobile phone providers already charge so much for their 'services' that this is eating into more of a families expenses than food on a monthly and annual basis. Further, allowing the providers the basis to block or charge further surcharges for popular websites would be the same as communist countries not allowing outside media. I thought the US of A was the greatest country in the universe. Keep it that way by keeping Net Neutrality a key priority and limiting what the 'providers' can do to block the general public's access to the internet. Next thing you know, if you talk bad of Comcast or Verizon, they will cancel your service for no given reason.
—Robert Marx, Madison Heights, MI

We cannot have cable companies doing this monopoly type business. The little guy will be left behind AGAIN. Stop the ruining of,our internet!! Keep NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!
—Kathleen Cseri, Reedsburg, WI

Destroying net neutrality is another scheme of the plutocrats that run the oligarchy that the United States has become. We are a democracy in name only. Please do not succumb to this latest attack on what's left of fairness and equality for all citizens.
—Frederik and Judith M. Rusch Rusch, New York, NY

I believe in a free Internet and not one that is run by those with the deepest pockets.
—Karen Baouche, Ellington, CT

Discrimination of any kind is wrong. The internet is vital to our American culture. By saying what/who is/isn't important, you are taking away basic rights to every citizen to be informed, which is atrocious. I cannot imagine a world where the government can control the internet; terrifying. Freedom of speech means equality. Make the right call; leave the internet alone.
—Amanda Collins, Ellicott City, MD

Please reclassify the internet as common carriers.
—Kathleen Ragan, Alexandria, VA

I enjoy my freedom to surf the internet without restrictions (within reason). Allowing companies to control the internet defies the very reason the internet exists. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Raumsin Golani, Livonia, MI

Mr. Wheeler: Ultimately your duty is to serve the people. "We The People", NOT "We the ISPs". The Internet is a gift for the citizens of the world. The proposed Internet rules will prove to be a hugh mistake. Preserve Net Neutrality; reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
Stephen Draxl
—Stephen Draxl, Naples, NY

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lisa Sture, bideford,

Maintain current net neutrality
—Jana Klingbeil, Zephyrhills, FL

Allowing some companies faster access to internet users is the same as controlling content. I do not want money and power to decide what information I am going to see first. Keep the internet neutral!
—Damian Pezzano, Verplanck, NY

Making a slow and a fast lane, will have huge consequence for buissness,free market, activisme, free information, freedom of speach. its only the cable companies that are gaining money from this, its just like they aply an extra tax that wasen not needed before and they do it because they can. everyone will have to pay more for high speed internet. and not get a better product.
—Martin Wozniak, copenhagen,

To discriminate online is to limit equal access of information to all people. It's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Claudia Bruce, Hudson, NY

Free to be ME
—Lynn Jones, Bristol,

Net Neutrality is the one thing that the mega corporations, so far, haven't been able to control and ruin. I am dropping my cable subscription and going to free TV because they have managed to make it valueless. I have had to pay for 300 channels because there were a few that we liked to watch, that were actually worth watching, History Channel 2, and the Military Channel, Nat Geo Wild, etc. But they split these shows up so that you have to buy a bunch of garbage just to watch them. After doing the math, I realized that we were only watching approx. 7% of what we have been paying through the nose for. I was raised in a time when your product and integrity meant something. If you paid for a pound you received a pound. Now everything is about their bottom line and they pat themselves on the back, and give multi-million dollar bonuses, for thinking up ways to screw John Q Public. I don't know what political gain the President received for naming Tom Wheeler (the top lobbyist for the communication industry) chairman of the FCC but I know for a fact that the man is a liar, because I got an email from him after signing a petition, that said he was all about Net Neutrality, when actually he was one of the top authors of the proposed fast lane for the internet. If this goes through, we will have been screwed again, and Corporate American will have their way with us, and totally ruin the best thing to ever happen to the communication industry. It will totally ruin my faith in America as the home of the free, and I will know for sure that these agencies that are supposed to protect us are just a sham.
—John D Peele, Portsmouth, VA

Innovation is the key to the internet. I'm concerned with innovation, and the ability for small companies to reach a broad audience quickly. As an American deeply committed to the freedom of the internet. Allowing Telecomm companies like Comcast, Cox, Verizon or Time Warner to create "fast lanes" for companies that can pay, over those that cannot, makes the internet an inherently unfair playing field.
—Brad Ferris, Granger, IN

I am a small business owner who creates and sells software services which depend upon the internet to provide timely, reliable information. We have spent a great deal of time and effort working on our cost model to provide customers an affordable service at a price which keeps us competitive and profitable. I have a great many competitors so I must constantly work to provide value for the amount charged. A single tier internet means both myself and my competitors have equal access to opportunities. A two tier system creates the opportunity for inequality among what would otherwise be equals. This would destroy an entire business eco-system and drive innovation out of a segment of the internet world where it now thrives. Don't do this.
—Jeff Collins, Tampa, FL

Passing this would be an abomination. Please do this country and its people justice.
—Emilio Cueto, Northridge, CA

My family deserves to be able to stay connected - this is essential to our current way of life.
—Karen Fraley, Bradenton, FL

Competition is necessary to keep service levels high and costs to the consumer under control. Big corporations need more oversight not less and the FCC needs to step up and help the average consumer.
—Jim Preston, Centerville, MA

Removing net neutrality is a step in empowering national and international tyrannies, and pretty much everyone knows it. -And corporate lobbyists should not be be in charge of regulating the media.
—Frank Schwartz, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important in its current, not altered shape and way. As end users it is up to us to select what to search, watch or buy in the internet. Introduction of fast lanes is unacceptable as it will definitely will privilege some internet content from others. It would also kill start-up spirit which makes America the most competitive place for e-commerce and services. As a concerned citizen and tax payer, i do demand our voices to be heard .
—Elkhan Yusubov, Windsor Mill, MD

You are taking away people's rights for corporate self interest. This should be against our constitutional rights if it isn't already. How dare you!
—Michelle Sanville-Seebold, Fond du Lac, WI

Please protect net neutrality! Without it, internet providers would be able to essentially censor - making it cost prohibitive for those who can't afford the extra fees; or they could discriminate against certain online content. Don't make the internet political. Leave it as a free and open space for content! Please please please, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Emily Rothman, Albuquerque, NM

If Net Neutrality is taken away we, this includes everyone but specifically those at the FCC/Comcast/and our unfortunate elected officials, will be part of what will be historically acknowledged as the act that ruined not only our country but our civilization as we knew it. It will not take us forward but backward one step closer, if not complete the journey, to 1984. Please ask yourself is money worth it? What is the gain, and who really stands to gain, overall? The answer is a handful of people will only gain monetarily for a while and then die... leaving the rest of us with a mess that never needed to happen and will be near impossible to resolve. This is why I implore the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Martina Hughel, Indianapolis, IN

The web should be free. Democracy is at stake!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike Raymond, Shelby Township, MI

This is pure bullshit! When you think Google+ was the worst, hanging on Youtube like a parasit, here comes the next one: a new (FUCKING BAD) rule for the whole Internet! You can't do that, Net Neutrality is important! It's already difficult for me to download at a regular speed, and you want to make the Internet even slower?! And for who?! The big societies?! This is, I swear, a form of discrimanation! Don't do that, please! Be Wise! Let the Internet be the way he is now! Don't think with your wallet, think with your brain!
—Desitter, Tessancourt-sur-aubette,

I strongly support net neutrality and believe the FCC should do everything in their powers to protect this principle, including reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Lucius Kahng, Arlington, VA

As a small business owner, the ability to have access to an equal ability to access the internet is extremely important to me. In a time when big money seems to be buying up all resources, I call upon you to have the courage to take a stand for the people.
—Sylvia Donnelly, Hartsburg, MO

Please keep Net Neutrality. I love visiting my favorite, small-time web pages and blogs and I'm more than sure they wouldn't be able to afford the fees, thus rendering them useless!
—Debra Gonzalez, Waco, TX

The Internet providers/Cable Companies are already a monopoly, now they want to choose who can even use the Internet. This is wrong, un-democratic and un-American.
—Hellen, Garland, TX

Please for the sake of technical innovation please do not repeal Net Neutrality! I am a former employee of Time Warner Cable and I quit because of the lack of actual innovation.
—James Coppens, Brooklyn, NY

The internet must remain neutral!!!! We cannot have cable companies coming in and taking over and squeezing out those that are smaller. They need to be stopped from boring and bullying the people into letting them have their way. This should be an open and closed case. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL !!!!
—Angela LaRochelle, Hampden, ME

Net Neutrality, if seriously maintained, will prevent sidetracking of messagers who do not have the money to pay for the top tier speed. It throttles freedom of speech.
—Paul Hoekstra, ARLINGTON, VA

The Internet should not be about profits and especially should never be about some having access to higher speeds and quality while others do not. This is the one place in the world where everyone is equal, please keep it that way. Once it is gone, it can never be brought back.
—Carolyn Myres, Cleburne, TX

Because you KNOW it's in the PUBLIC'S best interest!
—Craig Dean, Tampa, FL

The internet is functionally a utility -- people use it to pay bills and gather crucial information, and on the other end, companies encourage people to switch to online-only account management and bill payment (just think of all those 'go paperless' initiatives) and use their websites as their primary vehicle for communicating with their customers. It's such a crucial part of everyday life that it's effectively a utility, and that's how it should be classified. But even if you don't classify it as a utility, at least preserve net neutrality. The only reason to NOT preserve it is corruption -- I'm looking at you, Tom Wheeler. And stop pitching this crap about how 'you won't slow anything down' -- a relative slowdown as the speed of other sites increases is still a slowdown.
—Sonali Mishra, Ann Arbor, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want our children, and our children's children to have the same opportunities as us. I want data to be free and not controlled by greedy corporations. I don't want to destroy one of the greatest inventions of mankind just to line the pockets of the few while the many are taken advantage of. Save net neutrality and keep our market competitive with the rest of the world. Save Net Neutrality for America. Save it for the world.
—James Monte, St. Louis Park, MN

NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Bernhard Wahr, O Brien, TX

Do not allow tiered services on the internet. It would just open a door for ISPs to favor the big corporations with big pockets preventing startups like youtube, google, facebook, twitter from becoming a reality!.
—Tuyen Ngo, Brooklyn, NY

I teach online classes at a university and a slow lane would either increase educational expenses or limit our capacity. Please keep the internet equal.
—Michael Funke, St. Petersburg, FL

Keeping the internet fair and giving people equal opportunities is important for innovation to flourish.
—Callum Finlayson, New York, NY

I don't want my sources for internet content to be controlled by the ISP's by the what corporation that pays the most. That will lead to monopoly, and a 'pay to use' foreign websites' model, that will ensue immediately afterwards.
—Justin Morgan, Campbell, CA

I support Net Neutrality.
—Donna Grossman, New York, NY

Please keep the Internet totally neutral. There should be no tiers of service. All content providers should be treated equally. It's well known that Comcast has already shaken down Netflix by throttling their service down until Netflix agreed to their terms. This blatant act of aggression has only hurt the end users. Cable and other Internet providers should not have that ability.
—Rolando Palacios, Oak PArk, IL

The telecoms are the worst. This will kill startups. I rely on the internet every day for stuff from small businesses, credit unions, colleges--these places don't have money to pay telecoms for faster speed. This will BREAK the internet.
—Celia Mellinger, Greenbelt, MD

This would be a big mistake that would hurt consumers and small businesses, with the potential to do real harm to the internet.
—Angela Heather, San Francisco, CA

I believe it is a public trust. Corporations should not be able to capitalize on it.
—Net Net NeutralityNow, Chicago, IL

Do you think Mr Rogers would approve of this?
—Peter, Hershey, PA

This is a completely unfair monopoly. Keep net Neutrality!
—Rachel Burgos, Philadelphia, PA

As a physician, this is very important to the future of internet commerce. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers to avoid creation of a two-tiered Internet.
—Indranil Debnath, Saint Louis, MO

You should not be making money and allowing other companies to make money off the internet being used at different speeds. Should we allow companies to sell us cars which can use the fast lanes on the interstate when others cannot?
—Leo Edwards, Raleigh, NC

Free markets can only exist on a level playing field. Allowing the "big guns" to have privileges available only because they have the capital to pay for it goes against all concepts of fair trade and fair play. Net neutrality must not be impinged by governmental interference that favors the corporate entity over the individual entrepreneur.
—Catherine Fox, Strafford, MO

Cable companies should build out more fiber channel to accommodate increased bandwidth demands and maintain equal access for all users. Keep net neutrality.
—david rossi, Harrisville, RI

Freedom of information is freedom of speech. Don't hamper this based. Corporations control us enough already.
—Scott Pagliaroni, Cudahy, WI

Internet providers are profit motivated and motivation for improvement in service comes only from competition keeping them honest. A multiple tier service and pricing system leaves them in a position to degrade service and then subsequently offer to provide an improvement for an increased fee. They should be regulated as other public service businesses are to provide services without discrimination.
—Roy Bartlett, San Clemente, CA

Please do not continue with the rules set in place and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We value NET neutrality
—Sachiyo, San Diego, CA

If we are a "free" country, let's keep it free by never ever submitting to rule by a Cable monopoly. When is the government going to realize that this country is the "People" not the "Company" or "1%". Companies that this will benefit agree with Net Neutrality. America, Land of the Free, Home of the Brave!
—Chris Garlen, corbin, KY

It is one of the only true freedoms that we have left.
—Steve, Ardmore, PA

Civil liberties are more important to anyone's present and future (including your personal one) than anything else. Net neutrality is a necessity, just as language neutrality, media neutrality and thought neutrality.
—Bert Zandwijk, Utrecht,

Please protect net neutrality. A change in the regulations would be not benefit the American consumer or America's online businesses. It would benefit only a handful of already powerful cable companies. I do not support this change.
—Sarah Piccini, Washington, DC

Hi Tom (et al), I'd really appreciate it if you didn't let the cable companies dictate the way I use the Internet. And also, if you didn't let them buy their way around the regulatory system. That would be pretty sweet. Thanks.
—Dan Wanamaker, Eau Claire, WI

The internet has become the great equalizer, second only to public education, as a means for everyone to have a chance at learning and reaching their potential. Corporate interests should not be advantaged in this process. Please keep the internet open and equal for everyone.
—Ms. Mary Rita Luecke, Evanston, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because I use it to get to do research, look for jobs, and to be entertained. Stop trying to sell us out!
—Steven Byrd, Ball Ground, GA

For our democracy to thrive, we need equal access to the internet.
—Ueli Stadler, Lake Oswego, OR

Please make ISPs common carriers. We'll be paying attention. The free and open internet is the most important communications innovation since the telephone.
—Levi Barnes, Hillsboro, OR

There are already a great many ways to eliminate the general public's influence via money, we don't need another.
—Carlos Ortiz, Hillsborough, NJ

I depend on the internet for my information. Please keep the internet providers from filtering what I can access. Slow access is no access!
—George Ellis Grant, Toms River, NJ

Free, and unfettered access to the internet utility for all will guarantee a true democracy, or is that what scares you?
—Gary Overby, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is one of the most important issue of our generation
—Darby Beck, San Francisco, CA

Right now I'm in a pitched battle with AT&T. It seems that the internet package I purchased 2 years ago is no longer "up to date" with whatever it is AT&T is now offering. My internet is now so slow, it feels like 1995 all over again. Naturally, AT&T has been generous enough to offer me an updated device which will speed up my internet experience…but it's gonna cost me. If the FCC approves these new rules, my experience with AT&T is going to seem like a walk in the park. These corporations are looking to squeeze every cent they can out of the Internet, and there is going to be a very noticeable "Two Tier" effect if these rules are approved. Your Internet is going to run super fast ($$$$$) or super slow ($). We've seen this kind of thing before, we will see it this time as well. The Internet is not broken…I repeat THE INTERNET IS NOT BROKEN! Please don't approve these new Internet rules. Lets preserve the Internet landscape for the purpose it was intended for: an equal, level playing field for everyone.
—Craig Colton, Burbank, CA

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Marlene, ,

I'm a software engineer who understands the need for packets to be free from inspection and the arrogance of cable providers to somehow tell everyone that they somehow need more money from servers because the money we as consumers give them somehow isn't enough. Make them a common carrier and be done with this, do not allow their oligopoly to grow any stronger.
—Michael Bastos, San Diego, CA

We need you to stand up for real Net Neutrality, not prohibit it. Rep. Bob Latta's bill, H.R. 4752, would prevent the Federal Communications Commission from putting broadband Internet service providers back under Title II of the Communications Act, but that's the only way to protect Net Neutrality. I urge you not to support this dangerous bill. A vote for this bill is a vote against the open Internet.
—Sarah Peterson, Bothell, WA

We need a to maintain Net Neutrality and not allow the privatization of the Net for the profit of the large corporations.
—Ms. Laura Goldberg, Arlington, WA

Internet providers should not get to hijack the Internet. They are providers, not regulators. We don't pay for Internet access to some sites and not others, or for better access to some sites and worse access to others. We pay for Internet access. The practice of selling speed to the highest bidders, which is already in the works, goes against the basic principles of the Internet and threatens the innovation and entrepreneurship that is facilitated by the Internet. Open access. Equal access. Period. Anything else is unacceptable. Providers already monopolize the market in the areas they "serve". Don't make the situation worse; do not pass the proposed rules. Do reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet serves many purposes, primary among which is communication. Thank you.
—D S, Ocala, FL

This Net Neutrality is a monopoly on the internet stopping small companies from gaining a foot hold in the internet world. If I had a wonderful idea for a website I would never be able to make that idea a realty in my current financial situation. This will kill a lot of dreams from ever happening.
—Ashley Massey, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is very important. It provides an even playing field for anyone and everyone wanting to do business involving the internet. The service providers should not be given more power and monopoly than they already have. Winners and loser should naturally develop and not be chosen by the service providers. As a software engineer and web developer changing the system to favor the providers discriminating and making more money would cripple small business and smaller entrepreneurs. Please keep the net neutral.
—William Freeman, Smyrna, GA

Reclassify broadband as a common carrier under title II of the telecommunications act. Do not support the economic ambitions of a few corporations at the expense of the free speech rights of all Americans.
—Fred Hickler, Chicago, IL

The Internet was designed to be a means for free exchange of information, ideas and thoughts. To commercialize it would be to impede that purpose and reduce the internet to an advertising medium (who beyond the age of five believes that anything but advertising will receive top bandwidth?) Totalitarian regimes like China and Russia censor and limit internet traffic. Not only is monitoring and metering contrary to the very purpose of the internet, it is a strong first step to promote what we already have in place: surveillance and recording of internet communications and site visitation.
—Steven Robbins, Londonderry, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is and has always been a cyberspace where information is treated equally. Also, the rich folks have already taken enough from the people.
—Selene, Johnstown, CO

The fact that Tom Wheeler was a lobbyist for the telecommunications companies and now is the FCC chairman just shows the corruption in this country. The telecommunications industry have too much power. Net Neutrality is important to keep everyone on the internet equal. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Tammi Hvozda, crofton, MD

Keep the Net an even playing field! Better services to those who pay exorbitantly would be an extreme disservice to democracy.
—Ellen E Barfield, Baltimore, MD

John Oliver is amazing and on the money. My dear Congressmen and Senators listen to John Oliver. You will never catch the course of the 3 Spirits if you do. Do not listen to him, the following is what happen to you First, you will have a bounce of money. Second, as a result of the first Spirit your pants will be full of s..t. Because you knew that was wrong. Third and last Spirit, if that does not work on you it will work on your next generation of somebody dear to you because they know what worked for you may work for them and that is the trap. The course will work.
—Ercole Vitalone, Saugus, MA

Seriously, net neutrality is important and giving internet providers complete control is stupid, everyone would get screwed over in the worst ways. The internet needs to stay free in order to grow and improve.
—Marie Hunter, Newtownards,

A two tiered Internet would be DISCRIMINATION. One net for all. Come on. Leave Net Neutrality alone. One net for all. Everyone should have access to the same of everything. Why do those who have always want more at the expense of the have nots?
—Deborah Jackson, Bronx, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because internet speeds are already slow enough, and the FCC's proposed Internet rules creating a two-tiered system only paves the way for big companies who can afford a "top-tier" Internet speed to monopolize the Internet while leaving smaller companies and those of us who can't afford those fees stuck with slower, more limited, and infinitely more frustrating Internet access. Your proposed rules would incentivize Internet service providers to stall progress on current Internet speeds, or even decrease those speeds unless the content providers pay a fee. I've paid for my internet traffic to reach me. Netflix has paid for internet access for its data to reach me. I should not have to pay an additional fee passed on by Netflix or another computing service provider for CERTAIN traffic to reach me. This will stifle innovation in application services going into the future. The Internet should not be a monopoly; it should be a level playing field for providers and consumers. Please throw out your proposed rules and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Rosslyn Read, Jackson, WY

You are completely in the pockets of TWC, Comcast, et al. I do not believe for a second that you or the President (who I voted for twice!) give a damn about regular folks or about free speech. This two-tiered internet idea would silence the vast majority of us who can already barely afford to pay for internet access (which is already basically a TWC monopoly in my tiny town of Los Angeles, CA.) None of us believes the rhetoric from you or these corporations. If you go ahead with this, all doubt about how disconnected DC is from Americans will be removed (and I am not some idiot teabagger.) Don't do it. I doubt you give a damn.
—Eric Larkin, Los Angeles, CA

There should be no difference between what speeds are used between any entity that uses the internet. No one should get preferential speeds-PERIOD! Net Neutrality is an issue of freedom in the old sense and should not be given to monopolistic corporations to further manipulate communications.
—Vincent M. Nicoletti, Littleton, CO

The internet should remain a forum open to all without further rules that allow favoritism of content.
—Joan Merlo, St Louis, MO

When I see this level of greed and coruption proudly displayed before the world, I can't help thinging that my country is wildly overvalued. I mean the FCC would just stop all modern inovation and future jobs so one person can can make a little more. Does Wheeler even know the difference between millions and billions?
—Robert Davis, Lexington, KY

I strongly support net neutrality and I encourage you to discard your proposed two-tier "paid prioritization" rules. Please reclassify ISPs as a common carrier, the equivalent of a normal utility. The Internet should be regarded under the Title II common carrier rules of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Furthermore, Chairman Tom Wheeler should resign his position immediately. There is a clear conflict of interest when he proposes rules that disproportionately benefit huge telecoms (read: and their profits) at the expense of American consumers and the public interest. The Internet is the property of the American people. It is a utility we all must use to conduct our daily lives and business. As stewards of a public utility, those who provide Internet access (ISPs) must be constrained to serve the public interest. Enough of the bullshit Mr. Wheeler the American public is on to you and the mega telecoms. Either propose fair and strong rules that strengthen, protect and enforce Net Neutrality or resign because your lobbying for these very same huge, monopolies called telecoms is corrupting and a gross conflict of interest.
—Lynne Schrupp, Troy, MI

Just like walmart besting out all the Mom and Pop businesses nationwide so would verizon and comcast do the same to all content etc the money would talk and enterprise would be castrated journalism would be sterile. Dont let them be the bullies and big dogs of the net everyone else would be the fire hydrant and you guys of the Fcc wouldnt be able to put the fire out.
—M Whitehead, Lakewood, CO

Prevent start up companies from competing with bigger business. Small business growth is important for a fair and juste business world.
—Rodolfo Jancan, Plano, TX

Net neutrality allows a level playing field for everyone, regardless of rank, social class, political partisanship or personal opinions - that's freedom of speech and expression. An internet with a "fast lane" would destroy this chance for people to express themselves freely, making it effectively a place for only the wealthy. PLEASE don't go this route. Reclassify the Internet as a public utility and protect Net Neutrality!
—Elisa Dell Amico, Ridgewood, NJ

Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jeanne Long, Westlake, OH

Net neutrality is vital - why do you want to let bigger companies who can pay have the advantage when they already do in every other area?????
—Jennifer Victor, Decatur, GA

Net neutrality is what's right and fair. I'm amazed that you could see it any differently.
—Julia Payne-Funk, Ellicott city, MD

Just reclassify internet service providers as common carriers !
—Janet R. Peacock, Palo Alto, CA

Freedom of information folks, keep it real please Support Net Neutrality!
—Holly Collins Kahn, Bainbridge Island, WA

The cable industry is a virtual monopoly and allowing them to prioritize internet traffic based on ability to pay is ludicrous. They should be treated like any other public utility and regulated as common carriers. How can Tom Wheeler be counted on to provide unbiased decisions when he is a former, and I'm sure current, lap-dog for the cable industry. He should resign because of this conflict of interest. Obama should have never appointed him in the first place and this just shows how even the POTUS can be bought and corrupted by the power wielded and and money shelled out by the too-big Internet compnies.
—Gordon Kay, Bountiful, UT

What made our country so great was that the little guy could take on the big corporations as long as the playing field was (almost) level. If we lose net neutrality you will take away the little guys voice in favor of the big corporations. We want a level playing field !!!!
—Frank Pedersen, Dunedin, FL

The internet, and its ISP's, should be reclassified as common carriers. Period. Please stop this greed and divisiveness of the have's and have not's that this pay-to-play stratosphere of fast/slow speeds will cause.
—Terrie C. Williams, Vidor, TX

Please live up to my expectations of american democracy. Please be the exception in a corrupt dirty world and prove us that there is still hope for politics and democracies else where.
—Helena Fernandes Marrana, Matosinhos,

If a car suddenly dropped to 20 miles per hour when driving to a store the car manufacturer didn't like, nobody would buy it.
—Mr. Zachary Anderson, Decatur, GA

Net neutrality is a very importantant issue. If it is not maintained, Internet providers such as Comcast, Verizon and AT&T will control the Internet and create a two tier system, one for those who can afford extra fees and one for those who cannot. And, the will have the power to determine and control content. Finally, the people must be heard on this issue and not the providers who have a virtual manopoly in the areas that they serve and control the FCC. Your policies should reflect public opinion and the Internet providers with whom you previously worked.
—Mr. Gregory Tumminio, Oxford, CT

We do not need any more "Sweet Heart" deal between government and big business. Please stop this insanity and preserve the internet neutrality policies.
—Anthony W. Cynor, Anaheim, CA

I'm saying "no" to the new rules that set up a two-tiered system for internet access. These new rules are a slap in the face to the democratic ideals of our country.
—Sharon Rumberger, Goleta, CA

Please don't give advantage to bigger and richer companies. America is renowned for innovation and freedom. This would be like charging for air and water.
—Jean Watts, Glenburn, ME

Democracy depends on an informed public.
—Susanna Kaljur, Courtenay,

"It is embarrassing that Estonia has higher download speeds at lower prices than the USA." Funny, but true. We need to embrace the free part again, in the whole land of free thing. We need to embrace it, or forget about it all together.
—Erin Creighton, Braintree, MA

First of all let me say that I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this very important issue. I'm somewhat skeptical considering that the Chair of the FCC is the former head of the cable lobby. I'm hoping that this apparent effort to solicit public comments is not just a publicity stunt to promote the appearance of impartiality and that you actually care about what "we the people" think. So much has come out of the internet. Many new businesses have been created and many existing businesses have evolved because of the internet. It has made the world much smaller and provided so much information. So much information...medical, maps, housing, entertainment, education and on and on...pick any site that you use on the internet right now and imagine that in the beginning they had to come up with money to ensure that their site ran at the same speed as everyone else. Now imagine that start-up competing with ebay, or facebook...they can't, they would never get off the ground. The internet must remain neutral, all sites should be treated equally. I can not see how "we the people" benefit in any way. The only winners here are the cable companies. The cable companies will charge sites more money to ensure faster pipelines and then those sites will pass that cost along us. No matter how they (cable) frame this "We the people" ultimately lose. Thank you.
—Ms. Laurie Longo, jacksonville, FL

Need truth, no monopoly on internet, no discrimination!
—Joyce Bugg, Port Royal, SC

The internet is like electricity, water and the telephone: it is a utility!
—Sybille Vital, Rainier, WA

at&t monopoly was broken 40 years ago. now it's bigger than ever. they all need to be broken. cost is too high - vaue too low. make it a utility and stop blocking cities from building their own.
—Michael Boshears, crestline, CA

Please! Let' s keep the Net from becoming a private monopoly. The Net is a window ofr everyone into almost all civilized knowledge You all know a private concern will put profits ahead of customer benefit.
—Greg Brown, ukiah, CA

Net Neutrality is an important part of a free speech. Giving ISPs the ability to subjectively charge extra fees to different content provides would create a two-tier system that not only limited the distribution of free speech, but would also severely limit the ability to smaller companies to innovate and compete with larger corporations. This plan is just an example of enabling ISPs to gain more profitability from what is already an highly profitably oligopoly. The US already has some of the worst internet speeds and service in the world. We do not need another way for ISPs to provide lower service. Do not proceed with this.
—Kam Wa Tang, Bouulder, CO

Net Neutrality is a a driver of innovation, entrepreneurship, and commerce, and it is a basic building block of our democracy. Do not go down in history as being instrumental in letting this crucial vehicle for freedom and prosperity die.
—James Wilson, Seattle, WA

The free and unfiltered internet is the best incubator of democracy that exists. Human values and human rights can no longer be kept secret from entire populations. We must not let this incredible service become another cash cow to the large corporations.
—David Maron, new york, NY

You're all smart people, you know getting rid of net neutrality is a bad idea. The question is do you care?
—Saleh Tyebjee, Sacramento, CA

Great! My future online experience will be limited to either using the big-money web sites, or tolerate intolerable service. An' hell half no fury if I manage to offend AT&T, Vorizon or some other multinational corporate conglomerate working for billionaires.
—Gary J. Jones, Joliet, IL

Separate but Equal, the online version. This is not the America I want to live in.
—Robert Ivan, Raritan, NJ

I agree with Michael Copps that ISPs should be made common carriers.
—Deborah Stanescu, Oakland, CA

Everyone should have the same access to the internet at the same speeds. Money making should not be an issue but unfortunately it's the only issue for some companies. How sad.
—Debby strauss, Milwaukee, WI

Please keep the internet free and open. The proposed two tier system will stifle innovation and raise the cost of everything online.
—Anthony Willingham, Signal Mountain, TN

The fact that internet companies, many of which already have too much influence on America, are given the power to decide which traffic to slow down and which to speed up is ridiculous. At the end of the day these companies are still businesses, and businesses are ultimately about making money. They'll exploit anything within their lawful boundaries to make maximum profit and retain maximum control of the market. By allowing these companies to control traffic with financial gain you're opening up a door for a lot of abuse of this power, and destroying net neutrality, freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and many other core American rights this country was built on. I strongly urge you to preserve net neutrality, and keep America free.
—Yvgeniy Zhuk, Valley Village, CA

Mr Wheeler, The FCC is supposed to be a watch dog on Corporations having to much power. Net Neutrality is one way to keep companies like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast from charging for something created by the government, it is not theirs it belong to all of us. Please do your job and stop thinking of the paycheck you will get when you quit the FCC and join their Super-pack.
—Brent Matyas, Sunnyvale, CA

Our democracy is at risk. Freedom of information to all is at stake
—Roberta Issler, Sunderland, MA

Because I use the internet.
—da Roy, houston, TX

Please protect net neutrality. This great nation was founded on providing and protecting freedoms for its citizens, and allowing ISPs to discriminate against content based on who can afford to pay for the "fast lane" is an affront against these rights. Allowing this bill to pass puts the interests of big business ahead of those of the individual- shameful.
—Tim Venghaus, Sandy Springs, GA

Dear FCC, throw out your current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to ensure that the public good is protected!
—Joseph Welt, Parker, CO

The internet is based on free thought & allows small business to take root in the global economy. Stop the monopoly and allow the people of this nation decide who are the winners and losers!
—Laura Roob, Broadview Heights, OH

LEAVE OUR INTERNET ALONE !!!!! YOU MONEY HUNGRY CORPERATE IDIOTS!!!!!
—Michael C Kimes, post falls, ID

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I think that you are making a grave mistake by allowing ISP providers, like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to create 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. The internet was created as a free "network" to allow everyone the same opportunity to connect to the world and bring us all closer together. What I feel that you are doing is not looking out for the interest of the people of this country but instead are pandering to the absolute volume of money being thrown at you by these big conglomerate companies that have no interest in preserving the pure existence of the internet, but rather exploit people for the sake of profit. It is getting ridiculous at how many corporations are merging, creating an atmosphere of pure monopolism, and our government are continuing to allow such mergers without any considerations of anti-trust rulings or laws of the past. I think, like all other politicians and elected officials, you have completely been overtaken by greed and corruption if you allow this to happen. I despise the directions that you are choosing to go, which will create a slippery slope for future manipulation of a free internet. If you think that these companies will be fair and would not find other avenues to exploit and manipulate the internet, then you must be blind or are in on the take. Either way, this cannot happen. You must do everything within your power to stop this. I think that it would be a huge mistake if you don't. Do not become another puppet for the special interest groups and corporations, but instead stand with the people. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Very Respectfully, Vanaro Chico Hum
—Vanaro C. Hum, san diego, CA

NET NEUTRALITY, SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED BY CABLE & PHONE COMPANYS.
—John R. Storms, Auburn, MA

Net neutrality is critical to the democratic process. The Supreme Court has already given corporations a disproportionately loud voice compared the the common citizens of this great land. Would the FCC, tasked with ensuring citizens of the United States have access to fast, affordable wireless and wired communication without discrimination, provide these same corporations with an even greater voice and the ability to control the message to their liking? The FCC should ensure that all Americans voices are heard by ensuring net neutrality. Please stand tall with all Americans to ensure everybody has a voice!
—Luis Trueba Jr., Odessa, TX

The internet is the great equalizer. Please protect net neutrality.
—Chelsy Meyers, Can Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is a concept that all data flowing on the Internet should be treated equally by traveling at the same speed. Net Neutrality should not be confused with the term download speed. Download speed is the speed that data downloads on one's computer. It's not the speed of data traveling over the Internet. Net Neutrality is a concept about ensuring that data flows over the Internet at the same speed for all websites. But big companies with their large sums of money are lobbying in order to have faster data speeds on the Internet for their websites. This gives them an unfavorable advantage over small businesses and might prevent innovation. Small business websites such as http://www.aintitcool.com/ helped pioneer the Internet. Ain't It Cool News is a movie news & review website. It was created by Harry Knowles, when he was sick in bed in the mid-90s'. Ain't It Cool has made such a huge impact, that Hollywood actually care what this website says about its movies. Another example of a small business success story is the horror movie news website http://www.upcominghorrormovie s.com. Upcoming Horror Movie News has also been around since the 90s'. Other examples of movie news websites include http://www.latino-review.com/ and http://geektyrant.com/. On http://www.codeproject.com/, computer programmers can discuss and find answers to programming. Code Project has over ten million members. All these small business websites help put food on the table, pay rent, create jobs and pay off college tuition. Some also create an extra source of income for families. So please defend Net Neutrality. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to every politician in the country. Sincerely, Abrar Qureshi
—Abrar Qureshi, Willowbrook, IL

The internet needs to remain a realm where the elite doesn't exist. Internet service providers should not be able to determine who gets access to what based on their income or their willingness to shell out more money to a greedy corporation. The internet is for everyone, not a few. MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY!
—Molly Bailey, Washington Terrace, UT

DEMOCRACY.
—Eric Johnson, Yakima, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a small business owner, author, and voice over talent and I use the internet to get work, promote, and research for my books. If companies (in the business of making money) are able to determine what sites are shown and aren't shown, then; 1) we will only have access to things that bring income which usually means either they are produced by a major player/company OR something that the majority of people are interested in. The problem with that is that it, a) leaves NO room for variety, for new people, businesses, ideas to come in and b) the bulk of "popular" interest is horribly sad (For example Kim and Kanye's wedding vs 200 + girls kidnapped in Africa - see I don't even remember what country in Africa it was but I know how to spell Kanye's name b/c I see it every 5 seconds = SAD. What happens when a Mom and Pop start up burger joint opens? Or a start up author is trying to build a fan base on her blog? The other major problem with this model is what happens when someone says or thinks something that the company doesn't like? What if there are alternate ways of thinking or doing things and thousands of people want to see the content and interact with one another but millions of people like x instead? It opens the door for a dictator-ship based system. Lastly - might I remind you this is AMERICA!!!!! If I wanted censorship I'd move to Venezuela, China, Russia etc,.. this is CRAZY that I'm even spending this much time writing this. This shouldn't even be proposed much less considered. There is NOTHING good about this idea!!!
—G Pax, Knoxville, TN

The internet is critical to accessing information, connecting people and fomenting an informed and aware populace. It needs to keep ISPs as common carriers!
—Heather Dale, Wilsonville, OR

This move by the FCC is not only anti-consumer, but also anti-American, and laughs in the face of citizens who are forced to support the monopolistic ISPs in this country. America has been a leader in technology and business, but due to the greed and grip of ISPs, we have a significantly less reliable and efficient internet than small, developing countries around the world. The free market demands competition, but the FCC is tearing this down.
—Evan Jarvi, Mantua, OH

It's democracy at work, not oligarchy at work.
—Roger Pritchard, Berkeley, CA

These rules to abolish Net Neutrality would only support the growing list of differences between the haves and the have-nots. We cannot allow something that supports difference and wants to eliminate equality. Please, do not allow this to happen.
—Rich Hess, Roseville, MN

If Net Neutrality is compromised, faith in our government will suffer greatly. We trust our government to make decisions that are best for its citizens, not corporations. The end of Net Neutrality would be its own breed of domestic terrorism.If the FCC decides to bow to the major corporations and not honor the wishes of its citizens, there will be consequences.
—Caitlin Camechis, Tallahassee, FL

You already should treat cable companies like phones. Do not give them even more power.
—Ashley Clark, Berkeley, CA

It's always money first and people second
—Gillian Pardesi, NY, NY

I can't top John Oliver's statements on net neutrality, but I can say that it's important to stop any kind of monopoly, especially one that would threaten an individual or a small company's right to fair and equal access to the internet.
—Lize Brittin, Boulder, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Charles M. Kinsey, FORT WAYNE, IN

Dear FCC, I believe it is essential to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. We already lag behind much of the developed (and developing) world in internet access, speed and affordability and allowing the ISPs to move forward with a multi-tier internet system will harm our country's ability to grow and innovate. An internet "fast lane" limits access to those who can afford it and adds to the inequality gap we face in America. The fast lane pricing scheme will consolidate the media outlets further as they attempt to increase leverage over pricing with the ISP. It will limit the wide range of viewpoints available on the web that are critical for a free an open society. It will literally throttle innovation as the established companies use this to beat back competition and startups they view as a threat. BTW I'm a shareholder in both Verizon and At&T and I still think they should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Geoff Dunkak, Durham, NC

I grew up with the AT&T monopoly. After the breakup telecommunications and computer and internet technology just took off. Why would you allow another super monopoly to form and control stifle innovation? Keep the internet open to everyone, not just the rich and privileged. Don't we have enough of that going on already?
—Kevin Chappell, Thornton, CO

There's no way that corporations should control how the internet is used. It is just not right!
—Joshua Huvard, Charlotte, NC

I support net neutrality, and strongly encourage you to throw out your proposed two-tier “paid prioritization” rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The FCC needs to regulate the internet under Title II common carrier rules, as originally laid out by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
—Brian Mertan, North Hollywood, CA

The new rules are horrible and discriminatory. It is vital that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.
—Mary Heinlein, Durango, CO

One of the greatest achievements of the US government in recent history was its role in the creation of the internet. It the US now takes steps to hamstring one of its own notable achievements for the sake of big corporations, it should be an embarrassment to us ALL.
—Nicholas Boles, Rochester, NY

If we are about democracy and free speech net neutrality is imperative.
—Judith Essex, San Diego, CA

I am always in favor of network neutrality forever, every time!!! None of you deserve the honor of representing the people of this nation if you continually fail to represent our interests. The entire nation knows the importance of a free open internet, the FCC knows it too. It's just there friends the IP's want to increase there profits. It is ridiculous that this issue is still not resolved in the favor of the citizens of (in Obama voice) America
—Clayton Honaker, spring Grove, IL

We do not trust Comcast or any other company with protecting net neutrality. If Comcast and providers like them create a two tried internet lower income users will suffer with slower download speeds and discrimination of minorities groups. Comcast supporters can twist this into any misleading language they want but we are not fooled by what is undemocratic act. Make the internet a public unity to protected it and the public from greedy uncaring corporations or freedom in America will suffer. We will not settle for some water down protections that will be ineffective in stopping abuse, the FCC's public duty is to protect consumers not assist corporations agendas we demand the FCC does it's job and keep Comcast from monopolizing the internet a value public resource.
—Jeremy Lovin, hays, KS

Greed seems to be the only source of power in America these days, but it has no place controlling my ability to use the Internet. Corporations such as the ones supporting an end to Net Neutrality have consistently demonstrated that they will stop at nothing to ruthlessly make as much money as possible, and there's no reason to believe this Net Neutrality issue will be the exception. The internet should be free and equal to everyone. This proposal would make that internet equality impossible. I'm not sure why you need us to point this out to you - it's YOUR JOB to prevent things like this. This is why you exist. Now, please, do your job.
—Jarred Marlatt, Northampton, PA

Net neutrality is of utmost importancein a free and open democratic society. Don't let big money corporations get their way. B Keep the internet open.
—Joseph Rogerson, Bellingham, WA

We don't need big companies turning the internet service to cable TV. We are already on the mercy of Comcast, AT&T and Verizon for cable packages if we want to see TV. We DON'T need the same for the internet. Paying to obtain the service at home is one thing but another to have to pay extra or to have corporations tell us what we can get at fast speed and what they consider irrelevant to get at dial up speed.
—yachira Martinez, Tampa, FL

Tom Wheeler is not on the side of Net Neutrality! He says all the right words but his plan continues to flout the idea he claims to be in support of! Please, get him out of office before he really, really screws this up for the rest of us!
—John Robert Rutherford Fraser, Niagara Falls, ON

Net neutrality is important to me because the alternative that we are heading towards is a world where the richest corporations control everything. It's terrifying.
—Meredith Phelan, Frederick, MD

Net Neutrality is absolutely essential to the growth of this country. In the wake of a recession, the growth of the tech industry, geared by the level playing field net neutrality provides, has not only created millions of jobs but improved lives with their innovations. This proposal is absolutely against everything that America is supposed to stand for - free market, growth, and opportunity and a blatant sign our government has succumbed to the companies that fund their campaigns. ANY government official in support of this bill should be publicly disgraced and removed from office. The American people should have a say in whether this passes, not the pathetic representatives in office that the cable companies own. The government should be afraid - not just of people protesting, but because this would be a direct kick in the pants to the economy we've worked so hard to rebound.
—Sarah Cometa, Chicago, IL

These rules and regulations are grade A discrimination. Discriminating against people, or a group of people, based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental deformations, OR "CLASS" is unconstitutional. The constitution was created for this exact purpose: to protect the people from discrimination and absurd policies/rules/regulations or laws that violate us in any way. You are proposing discriminating laws: whoever is rich gets the best, whoever is poor gets the worst. In these years, I feel we have progressed further than economical classification and rich privilege! If you are legitimately proposing this, then by your thinking, all utilities should be metered out by financial discrimination. But it should be the opposite. The less money you make and have, the less you should pay, for the same service. Like electricity, water, sewage, garbage and the like? That would all be based on income and that.. that is just archaic. And barbaric. Companies like you and rules like this make me absolutely sickened, that there are people out there that are such pathetic excuses for human beings. Where is the equality? The humanitarianism? The love for your neighbor and fellow human being? This proposal is preposterous and if enacted, I will do all in my power to abolish this insanity.
—Kelcy Marie, Tacoma, WA

We will not be silent, even if you allow this to pass. Please prove to us that the people's rights still hold precedence over money.
—Kat Haynes, Irvine, CA

Please protect net neutrality. These Internet rules are terrible.
—Luan F. Makes Marks PhD, Niles, MI

Cable/ISP companies can arbitrarily change pricing and do. Technically they cover their rears with legal jargon, but bait and switch is really the name of the game, and they're good at it. If we can't protect Net Neutrality, they will sell out the future of this country just to line their own pockets. They already behave like monopolies. A level of power that corrupts absolutely. Wait till you see what they'll do with more power. If you let this genie out of a bottle, you wont' be able to put it back in.
—Ben Jones, Celina, TX

FCC: Do not take any action to diminish Net Neutrality. Chairman Wheeler and other members of the Commission should accept responsibility as a regulator, as a servant of the people, to take actions for the benefit of all Americans. To do otherwise, is to suborn your sworn oath. Do not create a two-tier system for the Internet.
—William L Donnelly, Seattle, WA

I am an immigrant. My parents moved to America in search of a better life, with more rights and possibilities. It is extremely saddening for me to see that maybe their decision was a mistake. Please do not allow legal discrimination in the United States. If this law passes, we will be regressing as a country. The internet is a place for people to connect and share ideas equally. If this law is passed than big corporations will be able to control the internet like they control television. I remember learning about the creation of the United States. One of the main concerns of the founding fathers was to create a system that would protect the minority. Factions were introduced and encouraged to fight against each other. Since there is no way to avoid factions, the only way to create a fair playing field is to have countless groups fighting against each other. That way no one group would have too much power. This would maintain free speech and would also allow for the spread of ideas while keeping dangerous groups in check. In this case (and in USA) there are two major factions: those who have money and those who do not. If this law passes, it will give the people who have money the power to do as they please. It is unfair and will lead to a technological, informational, and educational regression in the country. We already have an inadequate educational system, lets not make that any worse by making restrictions on the internet, the biggest informational sink we have access to. Thank You.
—Kinga Karacson, solon, OH

This is the Golden Age of the Internet! What else do we have that is so egalitarian? Please don't tamper with it
—Connie Kozlowski, Oakland, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, recuse yourself from voting on the issue of Net Neutrality. Being formally a top lobbyist for cable industry, it's unconscionable that you sit on the board of the FCC to decide rules that will give privileges to cable companies at the expense of the end users —the public. Man-up and step down.
—John Vieira, Mount Vernon, WA

I do not want the net to become the wasteland, boondoggle, inefficient, expensive,backward thing that is cable/tv today thanks to profit driven companies like Verizon, Comscat, AT&T, etc. Keep them out of the internet.
—Raquel Brac, Redlands, CA

Net Neutrality is important because information should not be controlled by corporate interests.
—Ezekiel Fernando, Vista, CA

Chairman Wheeler, Do not create a two-tiered internet for your buddies at Comcast and Verizon. The internet is and must remain an open internet for all US citizens. Bandwidth must not be carved up and sold off in tiers of service. Let's treat the internet as a basic utility it has become. I am writing to you on an open Internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, just like power and water suppliers. Thank you
—Gary Wingert, Fairfax, CA

Dear FCC please reclassify broadband as a common-carrier telecom service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Most US residents can only pick 1 or 2 ISP in their area, some don't even get an option to change at all they either move out of the area or deal with it. At this current time U.S. internet is well above the going rates vs other country yet still lacking when it comes Dollars to performance. We are in an age were online media is much more reasonable and all of our current purchases from previous history resigns in online accounts such as Netflix, Hulu, Youtube, Twitch.tv, Funimation.com, as well as online internet radio, Video games sights like valve's steam service, UPlay, Origin as well as many others and so much more. We the consumer already pay our ISP for one thing, giving us access to the internet. Which it was their primary role as a medium to get to the consumers on the internet. Dial up internet is slow, and we are in an age were faster speed is king. Yes in theory the fast lane sounds good but we are already dealing with it, and we have in the past. Broadband internet was the fast lane vs dial up internet. Now we are dealing wit basuc broadband tier 1 vs tier 2 and tier 3? America is falling behind, The U.S. now has the ninth-fastest average Internet connection speed in the world, behind South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Latvia, the Czech Republic and Sweden. A lot of "We The People" are outcrying for NET NEUTRALITY. Please re-enforce Title II to reclassify broadband as a common-carrier. Thank you for your time, and please secure the internet.
—Draken X, Bronx, NY

Freedom of speech, free access to a variety of voices and opinion for all!
—Cyrille Phipps, Brooklyn, NY

The FCC must allow net neutrality to be threatened by big business in this country. Having a two tier system is a system that discriminates. New Neutrality is an important civil rights of the age. The leader of the FCC is a former lobbyist for the internet industry. Do not sell out to big business. Rule for the people for a change. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jan Rosin, Houston, TX

Why in the WORLD would you put in a tiered system? PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Pat Johnson, Seattle, WA

Protect net neutrality. It helps foster innovation.
—Paul Perrino, San Francisco, CA

Access to the internet has arguably become a human right. The internet service providers (ISP's) which provide access to the internet provide a telecommunications service. In my opinion, broadband should be considered a public utility. There should not be a speed unavailable to the majority due to cost, or a way to shut off/slow down access speeds to any individual or company as a way to earn a profit. That would toe the line between violating a human right anyway (Since the U.N. recently declared access to the internet a human right - http://www.wired.com/2011/06/i nternet-a-human-right/) Please place broadband internet services/companies under regulation before we end up with the ridiculous control and discrimination not seen since Oil and Railroad monopolies of years past. Please ensure Net Neutrality.
—Matthew Deras-Turner, Broken Arrow, OK

The Internet is NOT currently broken, however, if you allow Time Warner Cable and Comcast to create this monopoly that they are trying to establish it will be! Please keep the Internet Free! Net neutrality is important for everyone! No one should be discriminated against. Ones ability to pay for the prices that these companies are trying to establish is not acceptable.
—Joy Linton, Frederick, MD

Please do not take net neutrality away. I completely disagree with what this proposes. While there is published language that states corporations will not slow down current internet services in an attempt to lure customers to a higher quality service that requires payment, I do not trust the people who are making this claim. Just because things are said it does not immediately validate how true the statement is. Previous actions have shown that the actions of cable companies does not support the proposed language of keeping the same internet quality while offering a faster service for those willing to pay. While most corporate cable companies are willing to pay for the higher quality of service, the subscribers of the cable companies will without a doubt show a genuine disagreement and establish some form of protest if this goes through. Not only is there a large amount of money to be lost, but the public image of these big cable companies is at stake. Once the name of a company is ruined, it is incredibly to difficult to prove to the masses that they mean well and will not go back to previous habits. Do not incorporate a two-tiered system for the internet. I like it just the way it is. Thank you for your time. Take care.
—David Fair Jr, North Hills, CA

Net neutrality is fair and democratic...shame on you for even considering changing it...
—Strat Douthat, Plainfield, VT

The Internet is a modern business tool and a majorly important tool for small businesses. Creating fast and slow lanes where telecoms and ISP's get to determine who's traffic is important and reduce traffic for small businesses is unacceptable. Just as unacceptable as it would be for a utility to be able to determine who gets full water pressure and electrical service and who can only have access to half pressure and/or intermittent electrical service.
—Randy Roy, Rockwood, TX

Save net neutrality. We need to keep an even playing field for innovation. I also already pay the internet provider for faster speeds and they throttle my data. This is unfair double charging, this would stifle innovation and small businesses.
—Crystal Polley, San Francisco, CA

How much does a cable executive need to make? They are a monopoly to begin with and we need competition (read: more ISP's) to reduce the prices on broadband! Want to stifle job creation? make the internet less free and create a hierarchy FCC: Throw out your antiquated anti-progress rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Alex W Myers, Des Moines, IA

The internet has become an inextricable part of life. It is involved in how our children receive their education now; it is how we obtain vital information including from our government; and in my state, it is the only way to apply for unemployment insurance, jobs, and benefits such as food stamps. It has become a vital utility and should be classified and regulated as such. We pay for our ISP. We pay for our cable tv. We pay for a subscription service like Netflix. ISP's should not be allowed to take an additional "cut" of those other services, the costs of which will ultimately trickle down to be paid by us.
—Ms. Nancy England, Palm Bay, FL

one society, internet for everyone
—C B M, hoechst,

The idea of being treated less privileged than few others just because they have the ability to spend big bucks is infuriating. Please protect Net Neutrality. Keep the internet open.
—Subhajit Sanfui, Kolkata,

A two tier system is not fair. Nearly all the content on the Internet that I am interested in will be on a slow dirt road while large corporations will be in the fast lanes. Individual citzens and their rights are being CRUSHED by corporations and politicians. FCC: throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PROTECT net neutrality. No double-speak, no obsfucation.
—Janet Childress, Helena, MT

I would assume that the need for Net Neutrality would be obvious...two different speeds, three different speeds etc will only curtail the innovation created by new starts in the internet market place...talk about a job killer...Wow it's hard to believe this is even up for discussion. Keep net neutrality.
—Virginia Sullivan, cornwall, CT

This just illustrates another example of the government of the United States is no longer for the people by the people, it is for themselves by the big businesses. Are you serious with this? How can anyone think this is a good idea? Cable companies are the worst companies in the country with their unchallenged monopolies and this will only hurt Americans. Do the right thing and prevent this from happening.
—Andrew Pierce, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is very important for a number of reasons: A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. Free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. Free and open internet promotes innovation. Free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. Free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. Free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. Please keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity!!!!!
—Alicia Wilson, Santa Barbara, CA

I am against a two-tiered internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—JP Jeanne, East Palo Alto, CA

First off, having Tom Wheeler as the FCC Chairman is A MAJOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST!!!!! And should not be allowed. Second, the USA is 32nd in the world for internet speed and we invented the internet! Plus we pay more than any other country. How can this happen?! Third, true net neutrality will not exist if a two teared internet is allowed. The corporate companies can not be trusted to look out for the public's interest!
—Avery Snyder, Seattle, WA

I want a fair and free internet for all, not one for the rich and one for the poor. The internet is designed as a balancing system for all and money has no place in determining who gets what at what speed. If Comcast decided it didn't want subscribers seeing images for Tiananmen Square, it could slow down or even stop any subscribers' search for that information, much as China does now.
—Nicholas Papworth, Johnson City, TN

The FCC should abandon its proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect freedom of speech and promote technological innovation. Companies like AT&T and Comcast should not get to decide what content is available over the Internet, nor should they be allowed to shake down companies who wish to provide an online presence to their customers, essentially picking the winners and losers in the Internet market place.
—George Martz, San Jose, CA

It's the most equal playing field that we have when it comes to business. As well as being the greatest source of information the world has ever seen. You can't let anything have control over it.
—Ereck Schwartz, Huntington Beach, CA

This is supposed to be a free and competitive market. The internet is not supposed to go to the highest bidder. The deck is being stacked once again. I am tired of being sold out.
—Linda Simpson, Rio Rancho, NM

The government needs to protect the people from monopolies. Please serve the people, not lobbyists. Keep the net neutral.
—Laura Staring, Bloomington, IN

I am appalled by the idea that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler thinks it's acceptable to create speed lines on the Internet. By definition, this will discriminate against the "common" person, the poor person, the non-corporate person. It's a blow to democracy of information.
—Vandy Savage, lincoln, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because of the innovation it fosters. Google, Twitter, Amazon, all of these would not exist without the freedom Net Neutrality creates.
—Jeremy Redmond, jacksonville, FL

Cable and internet service is a monopoly stop it now! Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Robert Wermuth, Florence, KY

Net Neutrality provides people equal possibilities on the Internet. Why do you want poors to have less possibilities? That's unfair and doesn't seem so democratic.
—Bombosz Barnabás, Budapest,

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!
—Robert E. Godes, Berkeley, CA

Net Neutrality needs protection from the FCC! I'm in support of maintaining a one-teir, net neutrality system for the internet FOREVER
—Shane Roberts, Atlanta, GA

It is one of the few things that almost everyone uses to some extent and has limited control by the government which is what most people want. More control by government and big business will eventually result in the development of some other form of communication that will make the current webb obsolete.
—Robert Rowe, Fayetteville, GA

I cannot believe that the FCC (maybe because you come from the telecommunications industry) is considering giving higher speed internet to the big communication/cable companies. Why not hand over the press and all media to those companies and destroy democracy in one fell swoop? Get a grip. Keep the internet as it now is - open to all at the same speed. Any tactic favoring a faster internet for some favored companies is pure fraud.
—Eileen Mitro, Ukiah, CA

No one else should have the right to privilege or de-privilege any content on the Internet. This amounts to a form of censorship! We need to maintain net neutrality!
—Mrs. Jennifer Rosen Heinz, Verona, WI

Startups who will potentially have bandwidth issues will have trouble getting funding from investors, cutting down on the opportunities for innovators and young thought leaders to disrupt and progress the online space as rapidly as it needs to grow. Please, please, please - no. It will further chasm the digital divide which gets bigger and bigger by the day anyway. Don't take away opportunities for lower-income populations to access and innovate in the digital world.
—Natalie Blair, Brooklyn, NY

America is the land of opportunity, my forefathers came to America with a few dollars in their pockets and created an empire. Your ancestors did the same, all American enterprise began somewhere. Net neutrality is what makes the internet great, a groundbreaking idea gets the same respect as a video of animals making silly noises. Without net neutrality, someone would have the power to control what the American public sees, this is a blatant slap in the face to the first amendment of the United States constitution. One may be able to argue that internet providers would not be blocking content, just slowing it down, but that is essentially the same thing. Freedom of speech includes the internet, and just because a small company does not have the money to pay homage to the communication conglomerates that are slowly taking over our democratic process, does not mean they should be punished for it. Net neutrality is a constitutional right, no matter how you slice it, and we will not stand for this!
—Christina Hagaman, Escondido, CA

Protect real Net Neutrality by throwing out all the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Virgil Gfeller, Merritt Island, FL

Net Neutrality is vital to the operation of the free market hence a matter of public concern because of how proposed changes would impact the consuming public (most of us) as well as impacting the ability of small/smaller businesses to compete.
—John Robey, Minneapolis, MN

Without net neutrality, my small business would be unable to compete with larger and richer companies. The capitalist market system you proclaim to protect only works with competition, the very thing you are trying to make impossible. The internet is the great leveler of our time, and you would hand control of it over to a privileged few who could and would demand any price to maintain access. And we would have no choice but to pay. How much damage must be done to the economy before the blatant idiocy of this becomes apparent? Actions should be taken which provide benefits to all, not a well connected and powerful few.
—Luc Lefebvre, North Attleborough, MA

Dear FCC-- I keep getting emails from Tom Wheeler telling me how important net neutrality is to him, yet he continues to undermine it! Right he is pusing a plan that would let internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered internet. And of course the fast lanes they create will go to those who can pay the most. This is supporting net neutrality? I don't think so. So, hey, Tom. What gives? And why don't you ignore your chairman, like he is ignoring the US public, and throw out these discriminatory rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers? Now that would be REAL support for net neutrality.
—Pamela Anne A. Lowry, Berkeley, CA

Dearest FCC It must be very dark inside the pocket of the cable industry. You're cordially invited out into the light of day.
—George Fahey, San Francisco, CA

Because it's the right thing to do.
—Shane McParland, South Lyon, MI

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mary Cato, Arlington, TX

The internet is a gateway to the truth. When you restrict my ability to access websites freely, you restrict my ability to find truth. Because of this, ending net neutrality is objectively a form of censorship. You are censoring the internet. To whatever thankless intern, or probably thankless robot, reads this, remember that.
—Ryan Taylor Johnson, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is important because money should not override any content provided from any website. Any discrimination to the smaller content providers would be a tragedy to our internet freedom and free speech.
—Albert Ward, San Marcos, NV

Net Neutrality is important because it is what connected me to the internet today and what helped me discover so much about the world. It strengthened me in my beliefs and it is the reason our world can grow. Free and open internet is as important to us as food and water. It should be REQUIRED.
—Melissa Kadri, madison heights, MI

Dear FCC - NET NEUTRALITY IS AS ESSENTIAL TODAY AS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY! DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHAIRMAN HEAD - TO RAIL ROAD THIS ABSURD, RIDICULOUS AND CLEARLY CORPORATE INDUCED DECISION. PROTECT OUR RIGHTS! PROTECT COMPLETE AND TOTAL NETWORK NEUTRALITY!
—Mr. Thomas Lawrence Toscano, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet's playing field is level right now. I can offer content on my site and know that users in the US will have the same access to my content as that provided by anyone else regardless of our political positions, who we know or how big our savings accounts are. Allowing ISPs to offer preferred access will turn this even playing field into a mountain range where a few enormous corporations make the decisions about who gets an advantage. I doubt they will use that power wisely, and we can be sure money will be the biggest influence on their decisions. Allowing this is undemocratic. It's anti-capitalist. It's un-American.
—Jesse Kirdahy, Jamaica Plain, MA

The Internet is both a treasure trove of silly cat videos and pornography, but did you also know that the Internet is also one of the few mediums us regular folk can be informed about the happenings of the world around us? Please don't fuck us over. I don't care what kind of Reptilian overlords you serve, just don't fuck us regular folk over. Tell your corporate masters to take over some foreign country no one's ever heard of and paws or claws off the Internet.
—Steven Calleja, Nottingham, MD

People who provide content over the internet are already paying for that access. The internet providers shouldn't be allowed to make them pay twice. That will just hinder competition, damage growth in the country and harm the end user.
—Thomas Houston, San Antonio, TX

Without freedom what do we have? Have we still not learned from or past mistakes? We need to be an example to the rest of the world follow. Is this that example?
—Aaron Coffey, Leitchfield, KY

Net Neutrality: is the principle that Internet service providers and governments 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. Our constitution is based on the principles of equality and freedom and I believe this should extend to the internet. Through our lifes, as americans, we haven been side steped by big corporations and big banks. We have suffer the stakes of econmic, academic and political disparity. Here comes a medium (like the internet) that lets us create, comunicate and access content equally, without the contents of our wallets beeing a detriment to participate in that space and I believe big corportions should take their hands of it. There involvement in the rule of net neutrality could impact me as a cosumer on the internet and is a vector of a communication monopoly that could affect the internet as the space we all love. DONT LET ANY BILL PASS OR CHANGE ANY RULES REGARDING THIS MATTER!!!!!!
—Aziria, juncos,

FOR A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND ACCESS FOR ALL!
—Thomas of Baltimore, Baltimore City, MD

There is NO good argument for ending net neutrality. Doing so would greatly damage the democracy that has been inherent in the internet.
—Matthew Henson, North Hollywood, CA

Between increasing media consolidation and sweeping campaigns to control public opinion by ALEC, we (the public) must have at least one source of unfettered mass communication, the Internet. This may be the single biggest threat to true democracy. You MUST keep the Internet free and open to all!!!
—Miwa Lee, Cypress, CA

This country already has monopoly control in too many parts of the economy - we need to protect this vital means of expression. We must preserve Net Neutrality.
—Sara Strickland, Edmonds, WA

Here we are again: America at a crossroads. We've seen -- and very recently -- what happens when financial concerns are given priority over human concerns. Some of us are still trying to recover from it, while others are doing their best to preserve the imbalance that resulted from it. DON'T DO IT AGAIN. Don't let the monopolistic, profit-only-driven agenda of companies like Comcast and Verizon obliterate with dollar signs the spirit of the Internet and what it represents in human terms, human lives. Will we ever learn?
—Robin Rohrabacher, waltham, MA

The Internet is a vital conduit for the broadest spectrum of communication and human interaction, the technological heir of the public library system. It is the great leveler, making information, education, public services and entertainment available to a broad spectrum of individuals. Whether on a privately owned computer, a smart phone, or a terminal made available at the local library, the Internet offers tools by which individuals can better themselves. Do not let Internet access become a luxury item available only to the economically advantaged. It is the people's tool -- ALL people. Thank you.
—J A. Myers, Kalamazoo, MI

A neutral internet is important because it works. A biased internet (and that's exactly what the FCC chairman's plan would produce) would only work for those who can afford it. And the rest of us (the innovators) would be caught in the whatever quicksand the major ISPs deem is sufficient us for their purposes... perhaps perhaps no connection at all.
—Mr. Jamie Tietjen, Red Creek, NY

Everyone's entitled to their ideas—and most of them were born through new technology (the Internet being one of them).
—Ian Sherman, Columbus, OH

The internet belongs to the people of the world. Private greedy corporations like COMCAST and VERIZON want to rest control of how data is transmitted so they can profit. The loss of net neutrality will only limit public access and cost every person and business more to get what service/data/speed that remains available. Net neutrality is essential for open and free communications.
—Kevin J. Killeen Esq, Slinger, WI

The Internet is already neutral naturally. Please don't fix what isn't broken and just reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anne Wogen, St. Louis Park, MN

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Please stop destroying net neutrality!
—Mario Puentes, Santa Rosa, CA

Net neutrality is the cornerstone of a digital democracy!!
—Jim Laybourn, Jackson, WY

Don't allow online discrimination that overwhelmingly favors giant corporate players, allowing them to decide content among other unfair factors; throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Brad Miller, Anthony, KS

The incredible good in advancing global understanding and international goodwill that has come through the widespread world access to the internet is a gift that can only lead to world peace. Can we be so shortsighted that we would care more about making money than about preserving humanity? I pray that I never have to be ashamed of America for taking us back to the Dark Ages.
—Rachel Kraybill Stahl, Lancaster, PA

Net Neutrality saves me from the monopolies of Comcast, Time Warner, and Verizon, among others, from only hearing or seeing what they want us to due to cost changes, to their advantage. This will change my FREE CHOICE, which is what our country stands for.
—Bonnie Bruinsslot, Sebastopol, CA

Freedom of information and access to information should not in any way be tied to money. Keep the net neutral
—Carrie Wallis, lakewood, CO

In the era of electronic communication and media the internet is how we, the people, communicate thoughts and ideas, question our leaders, and monitor the workings of the government. It is the means of free speech in this country and, to be blunt, most of the world. It has effectively become, a common carrier. Allowing corporate entities to regulate our speech through ending net neutrality will abrogate the right of free speech to the detriment of all. The FCC regulates the airwaves, including internet traffic, for the public good and in the public interest, not in the interest of Time Warner, Comcast, or any other provider.
—Page Galloway, Santa Cruz, CA

Dear FCC, It is unbelievable to me that this even requires a conversation. You have so completely failed the American people by not quashing this issue by now. It is so painfully obvious that a company like Comcast will do exactly as everyone fears if net neutrality is not maintained and enforced. They already have! And why shouldn't they. Competition is the only form accountability in a free market society. But the government has already failed to enforce anti-trust laws with this monster of a company that controls the majority of internet access. Thus, Comcast is not compelled to do shit for its customers, which is why they are consistently voted worst company in America. They have already strong armed Netflix into paying for "high speed" access. The next step will be to limit political ads which they don't support, block negative press about themselves or anything they see fit to oppress. But you guys are intelligent people, so I imagine that you already know all of this, yet we still teeter on the brink of free speech disaster. I guess the kind of lobby money that the cable companies spend can make the benefactors just not give a shit. Bravo!
—Greg Wiseman, league city, TX

I am not in favor of Tom Wheeler's plan and instead I want ISP's to be reclassified as common carriers because our country was founded on the ideas of equality and allowing politicians to stack the deck in favor of larger companies at the expense of others is wrong.
—Jason Toney, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, Stop fucking up with my internet. The internet was meant to free. It has given us the ability to spread information freely without having to be monitored by an entity or the government. Having Net Neutrality is important to me because corporations shouldn't have the right to monopolize something that, is essentially our freedoms. STOP NOW. Thank you. Sincerely, Esteven Gamez
—Esteven Gamez, Los Angeles, CA

Stay far the fuck away from my internet. I warn you
—Paul Seymour, Sidney, NY

WE DO NOT NEED ANY PROPOSALS OR NEW RULES THAT NEGATE NET NEUTRALITY. THE INTERNET COMPANIES HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. THIS GREED MUST AND WILL END! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WITH MONOPOLIES. THE MARKET PLACE BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. I VOTE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PROPOSED NEW INTERNET RULES!!!
—Yolanda Hebert, MANLIUS, NY

Don't be influenced by the cable companies and keep the internet net neutral.
—Clement Tanaka, Auburn, AL

Net Neutrality is important because free speech and freedom of expression is the basis of a healthy democracy where individual rights are respected, and without Net Neutrality free speech and freedom of expression would be dead. In our modern society there can't be a fast lane and slow lane for content companies where big corporations like fox have an advantage over the little people who don't have the resources to defend themselves or represent themselves adequately online. I say no to what AT&T and Comcast and Verizon want to do, which is charge content companies for delivering data back and forth online. Let Net Neutrality live.
—Matthew D Schuster, Milwaukie, OR

I want the FCC to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers. The monopolistic behavior of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon must be stopped to protect consumers and the free flow of information that America depends upon for her informed democracy. Their practices are insidious, unfair, and a threat to free-market competition and innovation. Their greed makes America have some of the worst broadband service in the world and it's an embarrassment and disgrace.
—Mrs. Lori Dye, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I support entrepreneurship in America. Millions of jobs have been created across the country as a result of open competition on the internet and millions more will continue to be created with net neutrality. Capitalism if founded on the principle of competition and disruptive businesses. Companies like Verizon and Comcast seek to tighten their stranglehold on the American people's internet freedom. With their selfish reasoning to pry more money, not just from the consumer, but from the companies that benefit from the 'open market' of the internet, they are destroying one of the most incredible innovations in human history. Net Neutrality is important.
—Ben A, St. Louis, MO

Net neutrality allows me to view whatever content I want and have equal access to it, without discrimination of which provider I use and which site I'm looking it. It's the basic principle of Freedom of Information and this new law would destroy that.
—Linda Tolles, Fallbrook, CA

because not everything needs to be commercialized
—Andrew Kroese, Lincoln, NE

I'm horrified that the FCC wants to allow cable monopolies to slow speeds unless companies pay the providers more. How can you not recognize the importance of access for all? Punishing anyone without deep pockets (or bilking those that do) ... I'm at a loss. The FCC has to know how important a free and open exchange of ideas and content is to our society and future. You're not proposing terrible rules out of ignorance, but out of greed. I can only hope the knowledge that the public is aware of your betrayal of our interests gives you pause and, perhaps, you will support Net Neutrality after all.
—Jen Lee, Cedar Rapids, IA

Do not mess with net neutrality. Make internet providers common carriers.
—Kimbo Mundy, Albuquerque, NM

Creating two separate versions of the speed of the internet is like saying when you go to the library you are poor so you only get to use this side of the library where all the books are missing pages. Can we just have equality somewhere in this world?
—Kristy Galati, Tallmadge, OH

it levels the playing field. it keeps the rich from ruling. it brings vice out in the open. freedom of search, freedom of expression, should not go to the highest bidder!
—Mel Metje, West Chester, OH

We need to protect Net neutrality in order to safeguard the accessibility and fairness of the Internet. Don't promote the "two-tier" system which will abolish the democracy of internet communications. I am an average citizen who doesn't want to see corporate America extend their dominion over this last bastion of free speech.
—Maureen Newlin, San Bernardino, CA

What the FCC is proposing is an attack on civil liberties, and a shameless display of this once great nation's current state of affairs. The checks and balances of our constitution have been replaced with collusion, greed, and an appalling lack of intelligence and virtue. I understand that our economy is hurting, and we would do good to support it in any way we can, but acts like this do nothing but play into the interests of enormous Oligopolies.
—Roland Synnestvedt, Davis, CA

Everyone should have open access to the Internet, and no one left out. The best of the Internet should be for everyone, not just for those who can afford it. Equal access to all.
—Mrs. Eileen Senko, Toms River, NJ

The only people who benefit from the end of net neutrality are telecommunication companies. Verizon, Comcast, etc. are essentially monopolies that offer terrible and expensive services. Do we want the internet to become like Verizon and Comcast, by making it more difficult for internet start-ups to become successful and reducing competition? Ending net neutrality is bad for our economy and humanity as a whole. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Do your job, protect the overall welfare of the American public. Protect net neutrality.
—Robertson Greenbacker, South Boston, VA

I use the Internet everyday.One it is part of the job that I have which requires Internet Access in order to reduce paperwork.Also I have a sideline income I am earning using the Internet.I think that the way this is being proposed is unfair.Please listen to what we the public have to say befre you take this into consideration.
—Myriam Pierre, Jamaica, NY

ATTN: United States Federal Communications Commission I am urging you to cease and desist any further proposals toward net neutrality. I am vehemently opposed to big business monopolies. Citizens of America are trusting you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration. Regards, Kathleen R. Warzecha Robinson
—Kathleen Robinson, simsbury, CT

not a good idea. it will lead to a two-tier system which will be one more manifestation of income inequality in this country, and will in the long run cause many problems. this is not the free market. ISPs serve a public purpose and should be classified as common carriers.
—Robert Beck, Minnetrista, MN

I am currently a college student who is about to graduate. I have started up a freelance business in photography which requires a high rate of internet to keep a business going online. Which is now how photographers get noticed is traffic to there website and allows me to breach a wider audience in an already over saturated market. What this law would do to me is set me back in business and increase my start up cost, reducing my ability to produce in the economy in the future. I also currently work for a stock photography agency where we rely on the internet to deliver and market our images. How could a small business manage to give the customer support with out raising the costs of either the product or reduce hiring. Many businesses in today's society (specifically the United States) use the internet to support their business. The cloud is becoming more readily used allowing broader access to employees without the cost to move them and their family across country for a job. People are now happier in their lives because they can live in their dream town while being able work at their dream job because of the modern technology, the internet. This will seriously not only effect the modern individual but we will see a decrease in economic production. This also helps large city's as well with population control, with being able to work at home instead of the standard job. People save money on fuel and are able to spend in on other more beneficial things in their life. There is no benefit to anyone else but major corporations such as Comcast with this bill. There is no better reminder of what capitalism is and what we aim for the American dream than the equal playing field the internet provides. The internet is the perfect example of capitalism with no government control and what real capitalism is. Not loopholes that badly effect the middle class more and only help the more privilege. If this was a real free country this wouldn't even be a discussion. I have never been more morose to call my self and American citizen. Thank you for reminding me as a citizen of this country my voice doesn't matter and unless born into privilege it will never matter.
—Maria Faye Olson, Bozeman, MT

It's important to me because the internet was made as a free place to do whatever you want and have countless oppurtunities and now without Net Neutrality the government can easily take that from us which is wrong.
—Jawuan Williams, Westerville, OH

To Wheeler: This two tier system for the internet is ridicules. I know corporations own your asses but this is beyond the pale even for you guys. Matthew Abuelo
—Matthew Abuelo, New York, NY

"Net Neutrality is the Internet’s guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online. This is the definition of an open Internet." As a all business owner am a citizen of the world, I demand Net Neutrality!
—Rosalie Outlaw, Merritt Island, FL

There should be at least one bastion of free speech and information that is not completely crushed by corporate power, and that is the internet in its current, unbroken form.
—Jeremy Stuckwisch, Lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I use the internet daily to do my work and shop and get my news. I love that I can select the providers I trust and ISPs are required to serve them all up to me at the same speed. Allowing ISPs to serve sites at different speeds violates the principle of free speech. No one company's speech should be served faster than any others, especially not because of money. Our democracy is built on the principle of one person one vote. Suppose people who paid more for their ballot got their vote counted more times? Not fair and unAmerican, just like Tom Wheeler's plan to give advantage to richer content proiders. Just say no!
—Andrea Chen, Seattle, WA

Keep the internet open and free. Reclassification of ISP's as common carriers is necessary.
—Lawrence Aghily, Antioch, CA

Net neutrality is the singular mode of free speech available to millions of Americans. If Comcast or another internet provider can choose the speed at which my voice is heard then my speech isn't free at all.
—Sarah Armstrong, salem, UT

Seems like the fox is guarding the hen house. The internet is not broken. It does not need to be fixed.
—Lynne Xhilone, Mechanicsburg, PA

Net Neutrality is important because the internet was created for the purpose of the free exchange of ideas. What you are attempting is the exact opposite, you greedy, vile, shit-sucking, troglodytes!!
—Ian Cameron, Richmond Hill,

Corporations dont have the right to own and control anything that they want to just because they want to gouge us of more money that they could not possibly spend in a million lifetimes. They need to stop being so greedy about everything and realize we have the right to a free and totally open internet without having to pay anything for it and for websites having to pay out protection money from these goons so people when they surf the net can see their site. Big corporations, you make enough money, shame on you for trying to rob us of more of our hard earned money. Get a real life, go outside and enjoy the beauty of the world instead of checking your stocks and counting your money.
—Nancy Gardner, Roselle, NJ

The Internet is a public utility. Call it that and we won't have to have this discussion.
—Penny Derleth, Deer Park, WA

Stop selling us out. One fast lane for everyone. What won't congre$$ do for its corporate sponsors
—Tammy Lettieri, Deerfield, FL

I believe that the country must ensure a fair and level playing field on the Internet if we're to continue to foster the kind of innovation and businesses that we've seen grow hugely successful over the last several decades. This has played no small part in maintaining the United States' lead role in the digital realm, and, if we don't mess with what's working, we stand to reap continued benefits as a society. In a sense you could say that I view the Internet as more of a utility or platform, much like telephony, that empowers individuals and businesses to build more efficient solutions. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's recent proposal to create multiple tiers of service flies in the face of that goal. I'm not sure what purpose it serves other than to allow ISPs to extract additional monies from companies which already pay ISPs for bandwidth. And somewhere down the line it seems likely to me that this proposal would lead to costs being passed down to me as a consumer (who also pays an ISP for bandwidth). We need to make it unambiguous that the Internet is too important a platform for future success to be treated as just another commodity. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Sean Evans
—Sean G Evans, Sterling, VA

I am a small business owner and a web developer student. When the time comes to make the site for my business live, I need people to receive it quickly, and in the future when I want to work for a web development firm, and I can't get in with the big companies, well by that time maybe all of the small ones will be out of business because they will not be able to afford the stupidity the comcast and friends are sticking up our you know what's. The Internet is the future and present of the job market, and I want my kids to have a future where if they know what there doing they can start the next facebook without some idiots messing up millions of future and present start ups just so they can stay alive, because there scared of the Internet killing there crappy cable service, and isn't being a monopoly illegal. As long as there paying politicians they get what they want, but not for long the people are speaking up.
—Aarion, san diego, CA

Just because the internet is a young technology, that doesn't mean that only those with the most money should control it. It is essential to communication for everyone, and should remain open for everyone
—Eileen Rhoadarmer, Englewood, CO

Our nation might not be free and equal, but we should try not to taint another area of happiness to our people. Please, stop before it is too late.
—Aisha Thapa, Prospect, KY

Net neutrality is not just important to me, it's CRITICAL to an environment of democracy and freedom. This is FREE SPEECH. DO NOT enact this legislation. ISPs are common carriers.
—Monserrate Gonzalez, Mount Laurel, NJ

Otherwise cable companies would cease to have any new competition.
—Robert Spottswood, Norwich, VT

It's time to listen to ALL the people and not just to the people (companies) who pay you the most money. Keep the world a fair and equal place on the only platform that still is equal. This is about liberty and we fought many years for all kinds of freedom to receive. Now we are not about to give one of our biggest still free spaces in the world away. That's why i think ne neutrality is important, keep a level playing field..
—Tim B, Leiden,

As my good and TRUSTED friend, John Oliver said -- this is complete cable company fuckery. I oppose whatever special interest that the FCC is trying to push onto the American people.
—Christina Chou, New york, NY

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John McMahon, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality ensures that all people will receive an equal voice in an age where the internet is the central way for the public to receive information. Even if service providers don't have their own personal agendas at this time, it opens up an avenue for future internet providers to push bias views onto the public and prevent truths that aren't in the interest of large corporations from being revealed to the masses. Beyond preventing positive social change, it prevents true capitalism. With a growing market for internet business it is essential for companies to have a functional website and a way to do some type of business over the internet. Small companies may not be able compete with large corporations because they aren't able to pay the premium for a faster connection. This change would only allow large corporations to stay in power and prevent other companies from competing with them. The real question is what is the positive of ending net neutrality? The general public understands that this would not benefit the average American and the FCC should work to support the average American.
—Joseph Kasper, Ann Arbor, MI

I don't want some huge corporation deciding what I should see, especially since it is an important tool for me as a researcher. Google already sends hundreds of pop-ups into my workday based on what disease I have been researching. Google denies it though I have contacted them about it. When I search online for something at Nordstrom; Nordstrom ads pop-up also in my workday. Extremely annoying
—Joan Ripple, Novato, CA

The internet should be open and free. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is harmful to society and should not be allowed.
—Benjamin Beaudoin, bloomington, MN

We must preserve the integrity and independence from mega-media control of one of the last sources of democratic communication in the USA. Preserve the INTERNET'S NEUTRALITY: RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!
—Emilie Marlinghaus, Bend, OR

Stop let the extremely rich propser to te detriment of the middle class. Net neutrality is one of the last great equalizers. Please don't take that away from us!
—Jacqueline Carlson, Philadelphia, PA

Wheeler's plan to let ISPs create different tiers of users in order to charge higher fees and to discriminate against online content and applications is un-American. It flies in the face of our basic freedoms. Keep the net neutral.
—Laura Biasci, temple terrace, FL

Failure to protect the open internet will shatter my confidence in the FCC. I strongly support the open internet and expect the FCC to protect it on behalf of all American tax payers and consumers. Net Neutrality is the Internet's guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online, enabling and protecting free speech. This is the definition of an open Internet. Under proposed rules, telecom giants like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would be able to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford it and dirt roads for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. It is the FCC's responsibility to delivery policy on behalf of American consumers and protect the open internet. Once again, failure to protect the open internet will shatter my confidence in the FCC.
—Gretchen Thornton, Washington, DC

the internet is the last place I can go to get away from corporations and feel free to use it how I would like. YOU CANT TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME.
—Ryan Swindell, Richardson, TX

The FCC would lose any left credibility by approving rules against net neutrality. The absence of regulation for internet service providers is already shameful. Giving them even more power to control communication would make things worse. Internet is a great chance to give real meaning to a society commitment to freedom of speech and would obviously stop to be so if that freedom were only for those that can buy it. I am going to discontinue my contract with COMCAST by tomorrow and invite all my friends to do the same.
—Annalisa Paese, Pittsburgh, PA

I am an eBay seller and buyer.
—Eleen Onda, Eureka Springs, AR

No multi-tier is net neutrality. Multi-tiers creates a net bias. It needs to be a level playing field.
—van Brollini, tucson, AZ

FCC: We do not want a system that discriminates, that makes life more difficult for those who cannot afford to pay for something we already have. Equal access for all! Why not put your lobbying money toward producing a product that your customers thank you for?
—Kathleen Ahearn, Highland, CA

Dear FCC chairman, Government, Please do not let the big corporation buy your integrity. Do one thing right.. Let the internet stay "Neutral". If you let the Corporations start charging for the internet traffic, it will just kill all the competition, and greatly reduce the chance of another Google, or facebook are similar innovative ideas. It is very obvious. Why is that you cannot see this. For once, please act with integrity.. Do not let the corporate money buy you out.
—Srinivas Dornala, milipitas, CA

Net neutrality is important to me for a few reasons. First, I do not understand why it is necessary for people to pay more for faster internet. People use the internet for any number of reasons: business, e-mails, shopping, browsing, etc. The people that can afford to pay more are no different. There could very easily be a situation where a small business owner needs to access the internet, then discover it is running slower (probably due to someone who can afford to pay more mindlessly browsing the internet). That just doesn't make sense. Second, discrimination on any level should be discouraged. Why should a company have the right to pick and choose who gets fast internet and who doesn't? I do not think they should. Lastly, these companies that are selling internet service are already making huge profits off of what they are currently providing, why should they make more? The days of the internet being a developing luxury are over; it is now a necessity. Any young professional or student needs access to the internet in order to communicate and stay connected to the current world.
—John Hall Greenbacker, South Boston, VA

Don't do this. This proposal encourages the expansion of the current communication monopolies and is unethical.
—Trevor Cox, Greenvale, NY

Preserve net neutrality!!!
—Kristen Pace, Ocean Springs, MS

America can't function as it should without healthy competition. We can't afford a monopoly preventing new options and new voices from being heard. That's not what America's about. We used to have regulation preventing these big companies from taking over. The last thing we need is to have them entrenched in the Internet, guaranteeing bad service for all. Protect net neutrality. It's the American way.
—Marie DesJardin, Westminster, CO

Dear Chairman Wheeler, We know you used to work for those companies. But now your job is to make sure that everything on the web is fair and equal. If you do this, many will not like you. They will think you are corrupted. Your job is to make the best decisions for all Americans. If you allow this to go through, it will show the American people that you still work for the cable companies. If you make this happen, the Internet will no longer be free as it has always been. On behalf of the American citizens, we will NOT (!!!!!!!!!!!) tolerate this abuse of our freedom of the Internet. Sincerely, Jolie Barrett - Age 8 3rd grader at Nichols Elementary School Oceanside, CA
—Jolie Barrett, Oceanside, CA

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—Nicholas J. Parrell, WASHINGTON D.C., DC

Dear FCC: the internet is meant as a place where people can communicate their ideas with one another freely. By not treating all data on equal footing, you would be destroying this!
—Ben Burnett, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet a level-playing-field. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, give small businesses equal access to the internet for commerce and gives people from all walks of life the the same access to this resource.
—AC Charrier, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, There is absolutely no reason for the current form of the internet to be changed. Net Neutrality has made it possible for people to search for jobs and participate in online schooling programs that will provide them with an opportunity for a more productive life. These valuable resources would be diminished within poorer communities where paying for a faster internet speed is not an option. The ability to express and present all of the information found on the internet is a direct result of the current single-tiered system available to every single person that wishes to utilize it. The internet, as it currently sits, is the most equalizing platform for communication and blatant example of freedom we have. Leave it alone. Our men and women though out our countrys' history have not fought and died so that the American people can be divided even more into the "haves" and "have-nots" for a fat profit. Again, I beseech those at the FCC, leave the internet as it is. Net Neutrality is not something that needs to be "fixed". With great sincerity, Linda A. Heins
—Linda A. Heins, Loudonville, OH

Don 't allow internet providers to charge for preferential treatment of the internet. Everybody should be treated equally regarding use of the internet. Instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunication service.
—Cecilia Bouvia, Puyallup, WA

The Internet is public domain, but if ISPs such as AT&T and Verizon have their way, the public won't have true, equal access to what is theirs, as certain services will be favored over others all in the name of money. Don't let greed ruin the Internet. The Internet is the domain of the people, not greedy corporations. Don't forget that!
—Nathan Judy, Kansas City, MO

There is nothing wrong with the internet and it does not need to change just to feed the giants of comcast and twc. PLEASE KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL.
—Molly Schreiner, Avon, CO

Please keep the Internet free and neutral. Big business is already manipulating our lives too much. Everything doesn't depend on who can pay the most. Give the average person a chance. Let's go with the underdog on this one for a change.
—Nancy Bowen, Wauwatosa, WI

Because the ISPs don't need more profits for poorer service.
—Emad Din, catonsville, MD

I absolutely do not want broadband reclassified as a telecom service. There should be AT LEAST ONE institution in this country that remains truly democratic and isn't for sale to special interests or the highest bidder. In fairness to the public, our nation's entrepreneurial spirit and a level playing field, the Internet must remain a common carrier.
—Jim Stear, Port Jefferson, NY

This bill is outside the area of the Constitution and illegal from the conception. All who vote for it deny their oath of office.
—Lee Ann Olson, Park City, MT

Hello monstrous former head of CableCompanies, Tom Wheeler and boardmembers, YOU ARE CLOAKING EVIL INSIDE YOUR PROPOSALS AND WE KNOW IT. STOP making a fast lane & slow lane. We want TRUE net neutrality. Thank you.
—J Gruber, Peoria Hts, IL

When I am in need of obscure information on fixing my car or learning certain things, I rely on small sites like forums.
—Mark Rousos, brentwood, TN

Large internet service providers act as though they own the internet already, but they do not. They only own the equipment to access the internet. If they do not want to accept that fact and conduct fair business, someone else will and should do it. There is a demand for internet access, and where there is a demand for something, someone will step up to provide it. The internet is a public utility whether anyone wants to have it classified as one or not. If these large internet service providers do not want to run their business that way, they should step aside and allow those who will run an open internet service to do so. If these large internet service providers want to provide a curated, walled-garden information network, they should be allowed to run them, but they should be required to say they filter any and/or all information on their networks and that they are not actually providing access to the internet. In addition, privatizing public resources all too often leads to those resources no longer being accessible or affordable to most people. How many times have we seen public roads leased to private companies to turn them into toll roads? How many times have public parking spots been leased to private companies to run parking meters? These plans sound good when the deal is struck, but as soon as the ink dries, the public loses. Letting private companies control the internet, or even just access to it, will result in these companies controlling the flow of information so everything goes their way. When that happens, they will control this country. The internet needs to have public oversight, but if these internet service providers have their way, there will not be any oversight. The only information the public will have access to is the information about falsehoods corporations in charge of information dissemination want you to have so you believe that everything they want is a good thing so they can ensure they get more of the public money.
—Brian Burwell, Momence, IL

Net Neutrality allows my students and myself to effectively access information about Theater and Etymology from a variety of sources.
—Mr. Shannon Peery, Kansas City, KS

Why would you screw with Net Neutrality. It's there for a reason.
—Stephen Severance, Mout Ephraim, NJ

We cannot allow the quality of distribution of information and media to be held hostage by a few extremely powerful content distributors. If true net neutrality is not protected, distributors would have unreasonable leverage to extort excessive rates from customers and eventually control what content is available and to who based on ability to pay. Said differently censorship based on ability to pay. The First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, freedom from censorship. Net neutrality would help guarantee these rights.
—Mark Thunder, San Diego, CA

I'll say it again: My profession as an educator & researcher depends on net neutrality. My work takes me to varied locations, where I rely on a variety of internet providers. And my students -- from all walks of life -- must have relatively equal access to all online information.
—AD Butz, Portland, OR

What would happen to libraries if they had to pay to access the internet?
—Frederick J. Mackey, DENVER, CO

Equality for all is--or was--the mantra of America. I want that to continue, and especially when it comes to access to the internet; ie, net neutrality.
—Janet Glover, Tucson, AZ

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Maintaining net neutrality is one of the last ways available for normal individuals to maintain a degree of parity with large corporations and the 0.01% of ultrawealthy individuals. There is no pressing reason other than financial contingencies (greed) to change a system that is working well just the way it is. Ending net neutrality is inherently unfair, and bad for most people, bad for democracy, and bad for egalitarian ideals. The FCC should throw out its proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to preserve net neutrality.
—Eric Carlson, Ventura, CA

Cable companies should not have an unfair advantage over other companies and individuals. The cable companies are already colluding, and have created a oligarchy.
—Audrey Zgraggen, Sonora, CA

All that is happening is a further sell out to the corporations. It's a shift towards the oppressive and rigid and domineering Chinese style of oversight and regulation. This will further polarize people against our government. And I bet someone's getting paid.
—Shannon Lewis, GLADSTONE, OR

Mr. Wheeler, you have agreed to become a public servant and must now act to protect consumers. We are alarmed with your proposed internet corruption. Absolutely reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Personally I am disgusted with the lack of choice, speed and overall bad service of the the very few ISPs (where I live I have a choice of exactly ONE), and know that allowing them to further their strangle hold on innovation and information based on who can pay more is short-sighted and wrong.
—Diana Crow, Kula, HI

I support Net Neutrality. I vehemently protest FCC Chairman Wheeler's plan to allow online discrimination and destroy net neutrality.
—Katherine Granath, Seattle, WA

Everyone should subscribe to the same internet. We already pay a lot for our current speeds, and I'm afraid the FCC's proposed rules will only make this problem worse. The internet should be an open medium for communication by the public. It's too important to restrict with paywalls.
—Stephen Rhein, Newark, DE

Net neutrality neuters the internet. It will allow comcast, time warner cable, and other providers to choose which websites take precedence and encourages the regulation of the internet. Free speech, curiosity, and privacy are all affected with net neutrality and it needs to be stopped. This isn't good for America. This is just another example of how out government drops to its knees for money and corporations. How does it feel to be owned by money?
—Michael Paige, New York, NY

Please don't impose the equivalence of a class system on the internet. The internet is now the most important vehicle for communication. To preserve democracy, we must ensure the free flow of information without biased gatekeepers imposing barriers.
—Felicity Devlin, Tacoma, WA

To propose this “Two Tiered” type of internet is appalling. If something like this can even be thought of on a conscience and coherent level; we as a nation should be disgusted with ourselves. If something like this ever does pass, we might as well segregate bathrooms by race again. What happened to free enterprise, and free press? Is it that the individuals behind this are to inane to see that small business and entrepreneurship is the back bone and the key to the successes the United Sates economy? Or are they just corrupt like every other politician we trust with the safe keeping and guidance of our country. Large companies that the World use today started with Net Neutrality, and would never have made it off the ground if it was not for the leveled playing field. If you wish to inhibit our growth as a nation and cripple our economy continue forward and SEGREGATE the classes.
—Joshua Miller, Dacono, CO

Net neutrality is essential in maintaining our democracy Chairman Wheeler's proposed rules would end net neutrality and deliver control of this essential avenue of free speech into the hands of a few already powerful entiti Throw out theserules and reclassify ISP's a common carrtiers!
—Marvin Feldman, captain cook, HI

To whom it concerns, The proposed changes currently being discussed to create a two-tiered internet in terms of network speed are so obviously wrong and amoral that it makes my mind boggle to think such a thing is even under any sort of serious discussion. You are essentially proposing to seriously risk the internet's ability to work as any sort of meaningful platform for sharing, communication, or democratic action in the name of some further margin of profits within an industry whose monopolistic tendencies are already questionable. I'm sure that the proposal must somehow seem innocuous enough at first glance, and pretty cut and dry when in writing. Surely you would never openly and purposefully attempt to hinder people's access to information or to free speech? But that is exactly what you are opening up the doors for within a larger context with this proposal. This proposal has not only constitutional issues, but also international implications. The USA is a world leader in content and platform providing, and any decision you make will have international repercussions. You should match that with an equally great sense of responsibility. When we talk about the internet, we are discussing a truly international system of communication, and therefore I believe that a proposal of the magnitude you are suggesting should only be discussed in an international forum or context. And then, hopefully, quickly dismissed as amoral and threatening basic international human rights. One could argue that this is a potential threat to Article 19 of the Universal declaration of Human rights, and certainly it flies in the face of recent international trends to enact "freedom of information" as a basic human right. It is deplorable, threatens to take out what is best about the internet, its neutrality, and to further erode some of our most necessary sources of information in the 21st century (seriously, how are news organizations, many of them already struggling, going to cope? How does this not impact freedom of the press?). Do not make changes to a system of information as vast and as vital as the internet had become in the 21st century, unless you have an in-depth and complex understanding of it and its wider implications first. Also, in moving forwards, I hardly think partial lobbyists should be your main source of information and expertise in this area. In short, it is a terrible idea, and I reiterate that I still can't quite believe that this is even up for discussion in the first place. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves for putting any serious consideration into the matter. Sincerely, M.A. Sarah James
—Sarah James, Ottawa,

No two-tiered internet! Please listen to public opinion!
—Kimberly Moon, San Rafael, CA

Net neutrality is important. In this age of technology, we communicate with so many people through internet. Costly as it is, many find it a necessity. School projects, job applications, political news, world events, and things we otherwise would be unable to complete easily without the internet are why net neutrality is so, so important. It would harm those unable to pay extra for different websites. It would harm a large portion of the population, and make researching extremely hard. The internet is a tool for all. Small websites would be hurt and ultimately left behind should this destruction of net neutrality occur. Reclassify IPs as common carriers. The internet is a learning and information resource.
—Asher Hawkins, Antioch, TN

It's important to me for the same exact reasons that it's important for millions of other internet users, it's still the best platform for exchanging ideas, movements and information and it's still a leveled playing field because it treats every bit of data the same way and doesn't discriminate. Everyone can be a part of it, big or small, black or white, Jew or Christian, gay or straight, rich or poor. That's why net neutrality is important and that's why it needs to remain as the golden rule of the internet.
—Roberto Aburto, San Diego, CA

The Internet was created and paid for by our government and therefore the citizen's tax dollars. Please for God's sake and all of us citizens who are fed up with paying for every crumb of service we get from these corporations - keew the Internet free to alll and KEEP IT A LEVEL PLAYING GROUND so democracy can thrive! We are SO SICK OF CORPORATE GREED - You will be encouraging a sickness that people will lose it over and revolt. People are pretty damn fed up at this point - please don't add to it.
—Christi, Boulder, CO

Internet service will become even slower and more expensive than it is now! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! A former telecom lobbyist should not be in charge of the FCC! Another insult to the American people by this administration.
—Barbara Brandler, West Camp, NY

innovation, the signature of our species, and the biggest tool for our survival cannot not be smothered without consequence. people can only go as fast as the tool they're using. retard a nations growth, lose the race. but not just america. all on board are lost. intent is the other big player. demean a nation of potential innovators for petty, immediate economic gain, n see a payback in fourth world status, and our real goals as humans derailed. step back. see it all. it's bigger than the money. be a bigger man. jemma
—Jaime Kailin Brizzi, eugene, OR

The free flow of information provides for innovation and creativity among peoples. It is the great equalizer. Please insure net neutrality.
—Illana Naylor, Manassas, VA

Net Neutrality is important because it keeps the playing field fair. It allows new start ups to compete in the marketplace. If large corporations are able to control the output speeds of companies or persons website, it would be a violation of their freedom of speech. It's unconstitutional.
—Geneva Hughes, Philadelphia, PA

New business, equal opportunity education, technical innovations, and political engagement depend on internet neutrality. Internet service providers not discriminate or charge differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication.
—Andrea Williams, Venice, CA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Priscilla Sieckman, Oak Ridge, TN

Things were working fine when everyone was treated equally, if something isn't broken do not fix it until it is.
—Richard Seese, Toronto,, SD

Do I really need to say the word freedom. That's why.
—Bev Boynton, LaPorte, IN

It is my unabashed right as a US Citizen to have my voice heard as an equal to all American voices, including your own. I will not stand for Net Neutrality being sold off to the highest bidder to fill the pockets of major corporations while penalizing others. It is unjust. Furthermore, it is a disgrace to what our country's consitution stands for.
—Michelle Verhoeven, raleigh, NC

Don't let big monopolies lobby and change net neutrality!! This is one of the dumbest ideas the FCC has come up with. Comcast and Time Warner have the FCC in their pocket not the best interest of the American people. This is just sad and makes me not trust the people making decisions in the government. Don't end Net neutrality.
—Maryann James, Antelope, CA

This is important to me: do not allow service providers to tier the Internet. Protect Net Neutrality by keeping it truly neutral.
—Michael Kwet, East Haven, CT

More corporate bullshit to the detriment of the little guys!!!!!!!!!!
—Caroline Barbeau, Kailua Kona, HI

Without Net Neutrality ISPs will charge consumers exorbitant amounts for fundamental internet connectivity.
—Tan Kie Chuan, Singapore,

Please leave the internet along, it wasn't broken and does not need fixing. Please keep corporate-government cronyism out of this; Tom Wheeler was an inappropriate choice for the position and this discussion is proof.
—Michael Shapiro, State College, PA

Net neutrality is essential for the Internet to continue its value to consumers in the US.
—Edward Harkins, Philadelphia, PA

I don't want "big money" to have an advantage over others when using a search engine.
—Denise LaBonde, Havertown, PA

The internet doesn't belong to a few powerful companies wanting to make money off of it. The internet is a global effort, giving opportunities, information and freedom to people all over the world, including those countries where those basic rights are already limited. Putting these rights into the hands of companies who only care about their own profit is beyond reason. How is it even possible that these companies are capable of buying so many politicians to pass a law that any sane person would say no to? Where will it end? If you let this happen, it will be the end of an internet open to everyone and the beginning of an internet only for those who these companies can squeeze enough money out of. For once I hope there will be brave people who stand up for our freedoms instead of those who are willing to give them away to fill their pockets.
—Soraya, Antwerp,

Net Neutrality affects everyone. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Kristin Dill, Vienna,

I cannot afford to pay more for bandwidth. This is simply a republican corporate takeover of the internet for the wealthy.
—Claude Morris, Efland, NC

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v =fpbOEoRrHyU#t=714b says it all
—Mark Nugent, kirkcaldy,

The internet is a staple in our lives here in the 21st century. It has and continues to be an amazing tool that has lead to innovation that has changed our lives exponentially. Net Neutrality is important to me because if a middle man controls what we can do on the internet, we lose. We lose our freedom to do what we want, when we want, in the privacy of net anonymity. I, nor anyone else, wants to pay premium for half decent connection speed for a website important to us, just because some greedy company can make a little profit. The internet belongs to no single organization or company and should remain that way. In a world where rights are constantly infringed on, the internet is truly the final frontier.
—Maxfield E Bennett, Shaker Heights, OH

never do anything to line the pockets of one group of companies for no reason. Don't fix what is not broke.
—Rick Behr, cypress, TX

The Internet should not be influenced or controlled by businesses.
—Chris Sargent, Lowell, MA

The Internet is a very important infrastructure for all of us today. Therefore it should remain neutral in every way.
—René Mortensen, Gothenburg,

Net Neutrality is essential to both democracy and economic growth in this country. The internet is increasingly the source of news, political information and innovation. Allowing providers to extort money from entrepreneurs and advocates for freedom can only harm this nation. Removing net neutrality will undermine this country's future. Do not change something that is working so well.
—Richard Bradford, Lancaster, MA

We the people do not have a lobby. We the people only have a voice. The internet protected by Net Neutrality ensures that we have an avenue to use that voice.
—Jacob Levi Medley, boca raton, FL

The internet is a very important place where users can share information, art, stories, writing, ideas, and many other beautiful and wonderful things with other people all around the world. To limit who can be visible on the net would be to stifle the voices of those who don't have the financial means to back up their art or their voices. Honestly, it's just wrong. Please DO NOT end Net Neutrality.
—Michelle My-Linh Macphee, Garden Grove, CA

No one person owns the internet... companies like Comcast and Time Warner Cable shouldn't have complete control over it... yes they deliver it much like FedEx but they don't make the content users do that... and what happens when companies like Comcast and twc merge and the policies of that company change to limit more content... also I can only have one cable company in my area much like a TELEPHONE UTILITY SERVICE but that company has no regulation?? That makes no sense I am stuck with them because the government killed competition but then says they can't regulate the only company I can deal with?? Quit taking those companies money and listen to the people.
—Luke Miller, Utica, PA

Tom Wheeler should recuse himself. He is the fox in the henhouse!
—Henry Schlinger, Burbank, CA

for all the reasons internet providers would like to get rid of net neutrality is why it should remain. The electronic media needs to remain a classless entity.
—Thomas Neal Morrison, Buxton, ME

The internet should be free and accessible to all! It is our Constitutional Right to Freedom of Speech, and the Internet allows for everyone to share their ideas openly; to research all that one wishes to learn about. If the FCC kills Net Neutrality, the country WILL revolt, and the government will fall more quickly than ever thought possible. Even those who fork over the added fees will be distraught over such fees, and battle for their right to a free and openly available Internet. To allow such proposals to go through will only accelerate the rate of ascension of consciousness, and bring to light the truth behind the FCC's true motives! With an entire generation brought up knowing that they can access what ever content they wish, when ever they wish, free of charge; a generation fully aware of its right to free speech, and millions upon millions of people who oppose the FCC's proposed Internet "rules," why continue to be so incredibly greedy as to want to charge each person to access the Internet, nor no longer allowing the information that one wishes to view to even be available? We, the people, WILL rise up! Please DON'T pass the proposed Internet rules!!! Thank you for taking a moment to think about how these changes would impact society.
—JP Guardino, Warren, VT

Do not go thru with this Net Neutrality rule. A two tier system is bad for CONSUMERS.
—Paul R. Munger, Jones, OK

Think outside of yourselves, if we are to maintain any sense of a democracy within this budding Plutocracy we need the internet to remain neutral. In the end this kind of ruling will set the tone for revolution instead of reformation. No one wants that. In the context of history, all that back this ruling will be denounced and detested; known for the dismantling of freedom and liberty. While money cushions the present, dignity preserves the future.
—Emily Kincanon, Riverside, IL

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet should be available to all, without restrictions. Why does our government want to continually hold back the United States in technological advancement. Other countries have so much more bandwidth, and at much cheaper prices. We do not want to become the Incorporated States of America, beholden to big businesses that control our laws, our lives, and the flow of information. Keep the information flowing freely and fairly for all. An informed citizenship is an empowered citizenship. If our government wants to uphold the constitution and the ideals of this country, then they should want this as much as any of us.
—Anthony Agusti, Chesterfield, MI

I believe in a free and open Internet.
—Johnny Tisdale, Pike Road, AL

our average tax paying citizens united who keep this country going cannot compete with the financial resources of large corporations. (and corporations aren't citizens, they are comprised of individual citizens, each with a separate voice.) don't take our stuff away.
—Ron Rodgers, Austin, TX

The Internet provides millions of people with the opportunity to keep in touch with each other, to learn what is really going on in the world and to educate themselves in ways that were not available to past generations. We must keep it neutral and not create a system where only people and companies with large financial resources can afford to get the best from the net.
—Michael Cullity, Milan,

Because streaming music gets me through every day.
—Paula, Baltimore, MD

As a tax paying american I have the right to use my internet freely without shackles. There are enough fees as it is and now this would allow the providers to pretty much do whatever they want as far as prices and bandwidth speed, absolutely ridiculous. For THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE, right?
—Andre Hannah, virginia beach, VA

It's like trying to stop water from flowing downhill. Put a block up, and the water will find its way down... and another and another. There's really no point in giving so much control to the cable companies - let them be forced to adapt to technological improvements just like the rest of us. Otherwise, you'll be giving some very powerful keys to companies that will just become more and more corrupt. And then, another 'internet' will get built anyway. ;-)
—Harris, Las Vegas, NV

Even more than “Information Needs to be Free,” Markets Need to be Equal. We don’t have the best track record when it comes to institutions and individuals who have sophisticated understanding of markets dumbing down the rules of a market “in the best interest of people who don’t know any better.” I probably wouldn’t notice or experience any real difference in my personal consumption of the internet if the FCC’s proposed rules were enacted. Similarly, as a woefully unsophisticated investor, I probably wouldn’t suffer more than a few cents if I went to my TD Ameritrade account and bought 1,000 shares of MSFT. But if I were to do that, I wouldn’t be buying stock on the true market. There’s a different market, the real market, that only the pros have access to, and I have a big problem with that. The internet is a marketplace for information, and I don’t want my internet to be different from anyone else’s internet. We should all have the same level of access to the same information. Smart entities given an edge will naturally exploit that edge. If we give additional edge to groups that already enjoy an essential monopoly, I have a hard time believing the consequences won’t be damaging for everyone and lead to a real internet and a fractured facsimile of the internet.
—Kathleen Voboril, Atlanta, GA

For the people, and by the people. Not by the ISPs who want to create a two-tiered internet. Please keep the internet neutral by maintaining net neutrality, not by allowing a two-tiered system on the internet. By reclassifying Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common carriers, this issue can be resolved without having to revisit it every year. Thank you.
—Andrew McClain, Orange, CA

This change would be the end of the Internet that the world loves. Everyone deserves to be treated equally in this wonderful creation and if this law passes, you will contribute to making this world a worse place. This is not advancement; it is a step towards the detriment of our society and a discriminatory measure that we shouldn't even be thinking about.
—Santiago Burbano, Quito,

For me & many others, a free & open internet is an important source of information, products, & services (among other things) that we wouldn't have access to otherwise.
—Herman Diaz, Brighton, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe the internet should be EQUALLY available to all to be able to educate themselves, stay in contact with family, friends, etc, etc, etc. I believe the internet should be for the people, and not set up for corporations.
—Taylor Evans, Kirkland Lake,

Stop, do not allow rampant discrimination online. Do not approve rules that would take away our unconditional freedom of the internet and Net Neutrality.
—John E. Crim, Madison, CT

I feel like this is censorship in sheeps clothing. I don't think that these cable companies have any business deciding what information is important and what is not. I am a free citizen and I want the information I want at the same cost and speed as everything else. This whole proposal is ridiculous.
—Miss Emily Smith, Huntsville, AL

Really, your plan would be to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow road for the rest of us. After we reel from the increase in fuel prices, increase in energy prices from the war on coal. Thus you have violated my 1st Amendment rights de facto. Its bad enough the mainstream media refuses to cover the news. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Gary HAll, Soddy Daisy, TN

Your transparent plan to out wait the public then turn the net over to the corporate service providers is unacceptable. The net has become too important to be essentially placed in private hands. Please act in the broad public interest and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There must be balance of power within the government and between government, industry, wealth, public at large, NGOs and anyone else willing to take an interest. At this time, corporations and wealth have too much power and our society is not healthy. Please try to rise above yourselves . Thank you for your attention.
—Guy L Lockwood, davie, FL

Net Neutrality is the reason the Internet was created; to be able to share information with people across town, across the country and now around the world. The Internet has since become integrated into every aspect of our modern lives from our phones to our work spaces to our cars to our TVs. Creating any kind of restriction, boundaries or tiers on who can access what content on the Internet is putting a limit to our freedom. The FCC's rules must not be approved, ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Jonathan Goldberg, Bloomfield, NJ

It's our last freedom.
—Andre Chappelle, Philadelphia, PA

The creation of a two tiered internet will kill the ability of start ups and entrepreneurs to innovate and create innovative new products. This is the key to growth in America. Please don't kill this.
—Matthew Lisowski, Brooklyn, NY

Big companies want to control the internet because they have money. When was the last time a big company had some serious change or innovation? Apple made it's biggest hit when it was just a handful of people. The small people make the biggest impact. Constricting the medium that makes this innovation across the world possible is not economically beneficial. If you want to squash innovation and change and any hope for economic improvement, continue thinking that big companies with big pockets are the best vehicles for change.
—Sara Parks, Colorado Springs, CO

We need affordable and fast internet to work, to create change, and to communicate. dont support cable companies over American citizens.
—Sofia Onstad, talent, OR

The internet is a tool through which global free speech - a core American value - is implemented. If a single organization, interest group, or industry is able to determine whose content is the "most important" and charge accordingly, the world will have access to fewer ideas, fewer viewpoints, and ultimately less information. Information should serve the populace, not vice versa. A truly neutral internet is a core building block of a better world.
—Andrew Solomon, Chicago, IL

Setting up a two tier internet is establishing a pay to play environment which will limit free speech. Start up political candidates that can not afford to pay the high price of being a preferred connection, start up businesses that are watching their cash flow, and individuals who are trying to share information related to education all need the net neutrality. Appointing Tom Wheeler was nothing short of giving comcast and the other large providers a blank check to hold companies that depend on the internet at gun point for whatever fee they wish to charge. Mr. Wheeler. I beg as a person, as an american citizen I demand, you hear our voice, our opinion, and our choice. LEAVE NET NEUTRALITY IN PLACE.
—Ahl, Spring Hill, TN

I believe that net neutrality should be preserved. The changes being lobbied for by cable providers is in no way good for the customer or for businesses that rely on the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Fincke, Henrico, VA

Open Internet should remain as is and free for all users. Rich or poor equally
—John Trovato, Huntington Station, NY

It's free speech. It's a right that everyone should have what they want and need. Fast internet.
—Serafim Ayanski, Rakovski,

Please don't temper with the internet, its PERFECT the way it is! Greetings from Holland, Koen
—Koen van Wijk, De Bilt,

I LIVE IN A RURAL AREA AND AM HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE INTERNET. ADD TO THAT THE FACT THAT I AM RETIRED AND, DESPITE HAVING WORKED MY BUTT OFF FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS, AM NOT WEALTHY. I TRY TO LIVE WITHIN MY MEANS. DESPITE ASSURANCES THAT THERE IS NO INFLATION, MAYBE NOT FOR YOU! BUT THERE SURE IS FOR SOMEONE AT MY END OF THE UNIVERSE. DO NOT ADD TO MY FINANCIAL BURDENS. LEAVE THE NET ALONE!
—R Kreher, Snowflake, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me, my family, and really the vast majority of humankind. The internet should be equally accessible to ALL people and ALL companies. It has become so integrated into our society that if it were suddenly removed, our world would be crippled. That being said, internet access should be treated like a utility - with equal access for all. To do otherwise would be to cripple those who would bring innovation.
—Nancy Power, Williamswood,

Net Neutrality will help to ensure that everyone, regardless of income level, has the same equal access to information. That access, and the ability to share information with others is what has made the internet such a great resource.
—Christopher J Bergeron, raleigh, NC

Hello, The world is flat book explains how the internet is a field where we can all compete equally. This is true until net neutrality is threaten is such ways. Please do not let this become a monopoly. Thank you
—Rodrigo Flores, Port Washington, NY

I have worked in web development for over 15 years, and depend on net neutrality for my living. Supporting this bill will destroy my livelihood.
—Christopher Kraft, Cincinnati, OH

I don't want any corporation to turn the www into a utility or allow one to control the speed of service.
—Edmund F Piotrowski III, Lahaska, PA

FCC's current proposals will make the internet much like my Cable TV service. Bloated with expensive tiers. The FCC is an advocate for big business at the expense of the little guy (like me). Total Net Neutrality for everyone is paramount. No fast and slow lanes but the same lanes for everyone, PLEASE.
—Jim Walker, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Net neutrality ensures, to the extent possible, that everyone has equal access to the internet. I cannot imagine how the FCC has arrived at the conclusion that it is in the public interest to allow a few gigantic cable providers to become the arbiters of who gets better, faster, service over those who don't. Outrageous.
—Judith Crandall-Sloane, Encintas, CA

The proposed FCC plan is unconstitutional and favors behemoth telecommunications companies, putting consumers directly and completely at their mercy, while they have zero accountability or even the slightest reason to ensure that they're providing an acceptable level of service. This plan also would stifle those with valuable technological ideas that could prove beneficial to the general public, if said ideas threaten the profit margins of these aforementioned giant ISPs. To discourage progress and innovation is to discourage two of the most fundamental ideals America was founded on, and would prove to be nothing short of a national tragedy.
—Daryn Harper, Conyers, GA

Net Neutrality is the main reason we have inspired thought and innovation in this country. Why does the United States have a commanding lead on intellectual property and technology within the world? It's simply because we foster an ecosystem for people to absorb and publish content. Don't stifle people's ability to learn and innovate! I strongly encourage Net Neutrality to be our way of working.
—Brian Sena, Milford, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because of how I understand the interconnections of the human experience to be. Roadblocks between experiences ultimately lead to stress. I've learned that stress is a major problem our country is dealing with, and the health effects it causes. http://scholar.google.com/scho lar?q=health+effects+of+stress &hl=en&as_sdt=0&as_vis=1&oi=sc holart&sa=X&ei=3Y6QU7SfKLe2sAS 8tYCIBA&ved=0CCAQgQMwAA The fact that I was able to just send you to a google result of all the scholastic articles matching the search term "health effects of stress" is testament to the power of transferring knowledge vitually. Please don't let 3rd parties infringe on my given right to optimized communications, no matter the transition medium. They make so much money, its unreal. How much do they need? They'll tell you there's no cap. So they'll use whatever abilities they have to make as much money as they can, with very little thought placed on how it affects society, and future generations.
—Aaron Sherrill, Hamden, CT

We don't need a two tiered Internet it introduces discrimination in the net, those that can pay high fees get excellent service those that can't get the crumbs! Not cool!
—Patricia Camacho, San Antonio, TX

We are moving slowly but surely toward a totalitarian society, and the rejection of Net Neutrality is going to solidify this sad state of affairs. Let's maintain Net Neutrality and reject a totalitarian society!
—Chelsea Lee, Austin, TX

I listen to thousand of hours of audio a yeah and watch thousands of videos a year. I pay my ISP to bring me that data at the speed oi pay for i don't want the ISP shaking down the provider for more money i've allready paid for the delivery. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Daniel Hoch, ROCHESTER, NY

The FCC MUST throw out its rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to help this problem.
—Valerie Seijas, Minneapolis, MN

The FCC needs to classify Internet Providers as Common Carriers. The problem with these "deals" between content providers and Internet Providers is that it is NOT consumer friendly and goes against the basic tenants of a free and open internet and the freedom of speech. This is the first step toward a world where corporate monopolies on content start affecting not just what we can see and read online, but also how we gain access to it. The signal will be out there, but a consumer's ISP might decide to not deliver it. Somehow, we've given the internet providers the right to speed up some traffic and degrade others. (With broadband, there is no such thing as accelerating some traffic without degrading other traffic.) We take it for granted that bloggers, start-ups, or nonprofits on an open Internet, reach their audiences roughly the same way as everyone else. If Tom Wheeler's FCC has their way, they won't. They'll be behind in the queue, watching as companies that can pay tolls to the broadband providers speed ahead. The motivation is not complicated. The broadband carriers want to make more money for doing what they already do. Never mind that American carriers are already charging some of the world's highest prices - the average in the US is $60 per month for broadband, a service that costs less than $5 to provide. To put it mildly, the cable and telephone companies don't need more money... they're making STAGGERING profit margins already. I see a future where the internet will look a lot like television does now. We'll depend entirely on our cable company to get broadcasts (just like we do today), and they will only deliver their handpicked channels in their cable packages (just like they do today). Sure they'll appease us with the web equivalent of public access television, but it will be so underfunded and slow to load that almost nobody will see it (just like today). I also see a future with zero innovation on the internet and the US falling further behind the rest of the world where net neutrality exists and innovation will continue. To use a very simple, real world example... If we had had such discrimination a decade ago, we would still be using MySpace, not Facebook, because Facebook would have never been unable to compete. We had this problem before, when telephone lines were being installed all over the US. Then, government acted in the consumer's best interest and passed Title II of the Communications Act of 1934... which essentially, gives the FCC the power to ensure that common carriers, like the telephone companies, serve the public interest and do not discriminate in who can use their services. The act forbids discrimination in "charges, practices, classifications, regulations, facilities, or services for or in connection with like communication service, directly or indirectly, by any means or device, or to make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, class of persons, or locality, or to subject any particular person, class of persons, or locality to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage." Sounds oddly familiar, huh? In fact it's EXACTLY the issue we're talking about today. The FCC did the right thing then. They simply need to do it again. I demand a free and open internet I demand an open playing field. I demand net neutrality. I demand the FCC classify internet providers as Common Carriers. I also demand that the FCC serve the people and not the corporations who are the only ones who will benefit from this proposed rule change.
—Craig Jett, Philadelphia, PA

You already have the TV, Radio, bill boards, cinema and old fashioned signpost but keep the Net equal across the board. Keep it neutral and don't give priority to the highest bidder. This will ruin the internet for billions of users. For those in a position to make a stand against the pressure of payoffs you know keeping the net neutral is the right decision. don't sell yourselves and us down the river. Just once show us you can make the right decision. you are in public office to administer on our behalf, so act on our behalf not on the behalf of the telecomms companies
—Mike, Rostrenen,

There is no way we can trust the cable company monopolies to play fair. They don't have to. They have no competition in most markets. We all need equal access to the world and thus to the internet.
—Maureen Mehler, Laguna Woods, CA

The net should remain open to all without restriction or biased.
—John Dunne, wakefield,

The internet should remain accessible to all, not sold to the highest bidding cable company. Keep our internet diverse!
—Alana Katchuk, Los Angeles, CA

No censorship
—Joshua Crawford, Franklin, PA

This is the most over reach yet. Why is Congress allowing this, I will tell you why, because they are bought by the cable companies. I am so against this bone head idea. Why is this not considered a monopoly? The cable industry has too much power over the cost of cable and the cost to have internet service that is half way decent. This is just one more way for them to increase even more our internet rates. Wake up Washington and do the right thing for the American People. For those of us who will not be able to afford what will be a hugh expense to have decent internet, we lose. As usual, "We the People" don't matter or Corporate greed. What else is new.
—Brenda Leveque, Indianapolis, IN

In order to increase competition in pricing, service, and speeds, the FCC should reclassify broadband as a utility and regulate it as such. I live in an area where the only choice for cable internet service is Comcast. The price for my monthly service keeps going up, and, while modest speed increases are occasionally delivered, nothing is currently stopping Comcast from throttling my access to the internet. And I have no other option for a cable internet provider. This is the very definition of a monopoly, and it should be stopped. Please don't allow Internet Service Providers to destroy Net Neutrality!
—Nick Tsihlis, Buffalo Grove, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is a source of knowledge for everything that I do. I am a university student and I frquqntly use the internet to grasp important concepts. I train in Brazilian jiu jitsu and also frequently use the internet to discover new techniques better others as well as a resource for a safe and fun training. In addition to this I also hike a lot around the Canadian Rockies and frequently use the internet for back country route finding. I believe Net Neutrality is what truly allows me access to all these resources online without delay and interruptions. Net neutrality has practically saved my life hiking/mountaineering, finishing assignments and training safely in BJJ by allowing people a ready access to lesser known website in the same way as well known ones such as Facebook and Netflix.
—Nikolay, calgary,

Man, is important for everyone: for education, for information, for communication and for cute kittens gifs. I'm not against companies making money, I'm against companies making money AND giving the rest of us the finger. Stop this nonsense, please.
—Andres Vargas, Medellín,

Net Neutrality is about SO MUCH MORE than simply how much we end-users do or do not pay to access different types of online resources. The Internet provides never-before imagined ability for obtaining knowledge, promoting an informed citizenry, and supporting the democratic nature of American society. This ONLY true because of Net Neutrality. To end Net Neutrality would be equivalent to allowing a public school (or a public library) to charge students to use certain textbooks, databases, classes, or other materials & services purely because the publisher of that material demands it. The Internet significantly reduces the gap in this country between the information "have's" and "have-not's." Ending Net Neutrality would have the potential for completely wiping this out and likely even increasing the gap.
—Mary McCord DeFlorio, Elgin, TX

As a small and I mean small business that uses the Net to get our product out to the people, I count on Net neutrality. I cannot compete with huge companies as it is... but at least with Net Neutrality there is a chance that my jewelry might see the light of day. And the USA is based on freedoms, don't take more of them away! Please.
—K Sanders, Weehawken, NJ

Because the internet is too slow now and it would only get slower.
—Lois Swanson, South St. Paul, MN

Net Neutrality is important for free speech and democracy. If, instead of Net Neutrality, there's a fast and a slow lane for the internet, then not all voices are given an equal chance at being heard. Denying equal voice on the internet is denying free speech (especially for normal people writing blogs or sharing their interests). Lack of equal voice would also badly hurt small companies (thus giving larger companies a chance to wipe them out), which would give rise to more monopolies (and probably a slanting of the truth, because only the news that the controlling company approved of would be easy to find). In a democracy, all voices should have the chance to be heard equally. Please help us by restoring Net Neutrality to keep a few rich companies from dictating where we eat, what we read, what we buy, and what news we get. Thank you.
—Erika Smith, Champaign, IL

This is a no-brainer: the internet is an essential public utility, and should be classified as such. Don't let the cable companies have their way. They want to extract more money from their already profitable business, which will mean higher costs for consumers, and worse service.
—Ben Heidenreich, Watertown, MA

Aside from the obvious implications of restricted the free market, it is also not fair to the consumer! I have should be free to consume any providers content unimpeded no matter if they are big enough to pay my cable provider (by my cable provider) for the privilege or not!! As someone who already pays a premium for "guaranteed" bandwidth for all data that I consume, it is not ethical for you to allow my cable provider to reduce the available bandwidth of my content provider of preference!! It is not ethical for you to allow my cable provider to "double dip". If you are charging the content providers for bandwidth, then it should be free to me!
—Dale Sanford, Lynn Haven, FL

the government shouldn't be involved with an open internet where everyone should be able to access data at a fast speed
—Andrew Sloat, stony brook, NY

The whole idea on which the internet was founded was a free flow of information. Allowing select mega-corporations to dictate what is readily accessible and what is difficult or slow to access is a form of censorship of the most reprehensible sort. Contrary to some rulings, corporations are not people. By definition, their obligations is to make money for their shareholders, rather than to make decisions of fair, good moral conscience. The internet with free and equal access has allowed the technological and informational advances of the 21st century. As a commission appointed to serve the United States citizenry, you are obliged to uphold free access. Failure to do so can lead us to a future depicted in science fiction, where mega-corps hold all the power, governance by the people is an outdated model, and all restaurants are Taco Bell.
—Amy BeberVanzo, Petaluma, CA

More choices for consumers lead to better products. Less choices and sanctioned monopolies lead to stagnation and lack of progress.
—Michal Chmielewski, San Jose, CA

I WANT NET NEUTRALITY. EQUALITY FOR ALL
—Teri McComb, veneta, OR

I have an online business and have been in business since 2003. The economy is bad enough at this time, we cannot afford to either pay more for a faster internet or cause us time and sales because you've made the internet slower for those who do not have the money to pay for the fastest internet. PLEASE consider we small business owners who make our living online and are definitely not making the money we used to. This will cause a loss in sales revenue and it is actually just not fair. Keep it the way it is. Thank you.
—Wynter Nash, Youngstown, FL

Please keep the internet "net neutral", corporations shouldn't be able to hold information hostage because someone can't pay for the "fast kind" of internet. Internet access should be used for knowledge, betterment of the world, ISP's and the like should not be able to control speed or access. Don't ve lobbied by corporate interests, keep the net neutral!
—Jay Croswell, Tucson, AZ

Destroying Net Neutrality will do still more egregious damage to the already unconscionable double standards that exist in this country for the wealthy and the poor: by allowing the size of one's bank account to determine their access to information. This is absolutely wrong, especially for the pathetic goal of putting a few more dollars in the pockets of massive communications giants who already own a de facto monopoly on American media. Leave the internet out of it.
—Hazel Jones, Austin, TX

Americans need more access, transparency and innovation on the internet -- not less, which is exactly what these proposed rule changes will produce. The FCC's rules changes will undermine one of the fundamental tenets of the internet -- the core principal that all data is treated equally. Americans' 'choices' about internet access are increasingly restricted to a handful of providers -- the large cable corporations that will benefit economically from these rules changes -- at increasing cost. Now the FCC is proposing new rules that will fundamentally strengthen the monopoly power of these large cable corporations at the expense of the rest of us, at a time when Americans are increasingly reliant on the internet for a host of vital endeavors, from seeking employment to engaging with elected officials. What Americans need is low-cost/no-cost access to a level playing field for the data of all people and projects -- not a new set of rules that enrich monopoly corporations at the expense of tech innovation, information exchange and democratic rights. Support net neutrality and reject these unfair, undemocratic rules.
—Christine Geovanis, Chicago, IL

Regulate the ISPs as common carriers; restore net neutrality. America's future innovation and growth is at stake. Thank you
—Eric Sizemore, Champaign, IL

THE INTERNET WAS MEANT TO BE FREE. LEAVE IT FREE!!!
—Benjamin Mosley, Brooklyn, NY

An open and free Internet that treats everyone equally is important to our grass-roots democracy. Period.
—Sara Bhakti, Kirkland, WA

Our Message to Federal Communications Commission The Internet thrives because it is an open and free marketplace of ideas. This new set of rules is a sweetheart deal to Big Telecom that will create a “pay-to-play” system that unfairly favors large corporate websites. Please reject this proposal immediately, and instead create real Net neutrality that protects an open and fair Internet.
—Scott Duzan, denver, CO

You must do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. If you fail to do so by acquiescing to the power of money, the only foreseeable winners will be the people at the top and the mega entities who need no further help from government to continue to fleece the rest of us -- and you know it.
—Carlos Ginebra, Stony Point, NY

I can't believe president Obama would put a fox in charge of the hen house. One FCC Chair who would clear the way for the crippling what precious little competition remains in the access of Internet provision and speed and further limiting the Freedom and Liberty of the American people. We the Consumers paying out of our asses to make the rich and powerful and protected even more rich and powerful and protected; Comcast, Verizon, et al! I'm incensed at the FCC's complicity in destroying Net Neutrality and making this country even less great! FUCK YOU, FCC! FUCK YOU!
—Vince Webb, Sacramento, CA

Growing up in a family that has run it's own small business for over 50 years, the importance of small business has been ingrained in my upbringing. It has instilled in me the appreciation of the essential role that small businesses play in our country's economy, one that is being tirelessly beat-down by big business legislation that makes it more difficult for small businesses to survive. Net neutrality must be saved due to the negative impact that it would have on our small businesses, negatively effecting our country as a whole, as small businesses are the engine of economic growth and job creation in our country. By overturning net neutrality legislation, the FCC would be doing a disservice to our small businesses, ultimately giving the upper-hand to large corporations who can pay-to-play in this big-business arena.
—Katie Brown, Madison, CT

Keep NET NEUTRALITY!
—Joe lewis, Lexington, KY

The FCC's proposed proposed Internet rules will destroy open competition, stifle creativity, and hurt consumers in the United States. They ONLY good that will come out of this proposed change is to line the pockets of the already monopolistic providers with even more money than they already rape us for. Stand up for the American PEOPLE, FCC. Throw out these proposed rule changes instigated by corporate lobbyists and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Scott McCluney, Ashburn, VA

This is like a communist country does by controlling the net. These people who want to control the net should go live there and have more of their life controlled if they like control .
—Kenneth John Rowe, Loveland, CO

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Tera Broering, Chicago, IL

The FCC should not be joining the Supreme Court in an agressive effort to limit all access and free speech to only the richest and most powerful people and corporations. The internet MUST remain equally available to all, including my small business, which cannot afford to pay large corporate prices to reach its customers.
—Elizabeth Bartlett, Jarrell, TX

Please keep Net Neutrality! Stop supporting the lobbying of the cable/satellite and major media giants that are threatened by the internet innovators. All that will happen is that consumers will end up paying more! Protect the public above the special interests, as your charter mission is defined.
—Ed, Surprise, AZ

Don't want 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.
—David Fay, Pewaukee, WI

I am disabled and wheelchair bound. I use the internet as my window to the world for the most part. To sit back and even contemplate letting these mega companies have control over the internet is the most egregious example of the government being paid off for big business to get anything they want. It's shameful that we lag behind so many other countries that make it a priority to provide this service and in a much better way then the U.S. because the dollar controls the politicians in America!!!
—Larry Barker, Cleburne, TX

Internet Service Providers should be reclassified as common carriers. Internet should be less expensive and net neutrality should be protected to the utmost. Do not end Net Neutrality. Having a two tiered system plays into the bias that we Americans feel and face already - that there are two Americas. It gets ever more difficult for families to pay bills and achieve what we thought were standard goals. Do not take away net neutrality. It would add to the pile of things that are wrong.
—Maureen Ferrante, South Setauket, NY

Don't fix something that is not broken! Leave Net Neutrality alone. The proposed changes will end up costing all consumers more money and take away our choices and limit our services. We have already seen this in our TV cable choices. Please protect the free flow of data we currently have access too we are very frustrated to have no choice for our cable company.
—Patrick Frodel, Hood River, OR

Net Neutrality is vital to the sharing of ideas and information. Everyone's voice can be heard. Voices who pay to be in a "fast lane" should not be stifling the voices who won't.
—Christopher Petree, Centerville, OH

I'm 76, on social security, so I have a limited income. The internet is my main connection to the world. I have enough trouble with the service provided by AT&T and don't need any other ways for them to erode it any further. A free internet provides me with ways to learn new things every day; to connect with my family and friends; to enjoy films and programs I cannot otherwise afford; to shop; to pay bills and many other features that might be impeded by the new rules that are being proposed. PLEASE do not eliminate net neutrality.
—Betsy Gingerich, Kalamazoo, MI

You're trying to "fix" something that doesn't need to be fixed. All that you are trying to do is make more money and make it harder for the small guy. The only person that benefit from this are cable companies who over change people any ways.
—Daniel Sullivan, Dundas,

I just want to my support to the movement / petition for maintaining net neutrality. Better to focus on how to make the internet, and access to, it better for all than for a few. Sincerely, Scott Flood
—Scott H. Flood, Orleans, MA

Net Neutrality is a matter of Civil Rights. In fact it's a matter of Human Rights. It's about freedom of expression and freedom of association.
—Kris Metzker, Troy, ID

"Don't Be Evil." Signed, the internet.
—Annie Medberry, Rochester, MN

A two tier system will discriminate against ordinary people like me and my family. The internet was created to benefit everyone equally, not to favour the rich and powerful.
—Vanessa Brown, Brighton,

Net Neutrality is absolutely critical to our online business. We depend on a level playing field to reach our customers. And as a consumer, I also strongly prefer an internet that is balanced and fair. I will continue to vote for politicians and policies that also support Net Neutrality.
—Susan, Seattle, WA

Hello, to me the rapid spread of information and ability to access it via the internet is one of the greatest achievements of modern times. Never before have people, all people, had such a vehicle in which to share their views, ideas, and knowledge. To restrict the internet's potential for good by permitting companies to manipulate the speed and quality of internet services based on whether or not a premium of their choosing was paid is paramount to holding many people's businesses, education, and many favorite activities hostage. As such I find the proposed rules for the internet unacceptable.
—Kendall Gaj, brecksville, OH

I'm not sure what I could say that would make a difference to you. If you don't understand or don't care by now, there's not much I can do about that on my own. But I hope you do understand, and you do care. If you don't, I hope the people who do will keep fighting.
—Hannah DuBose, York, PA

Net Neutrality is a cornerstone of internet business integrity. As the owner of a web based enterprise, to think that my existence will be tested by the greed of an already terrible cable oligopoly is disgraceful. I cannot fathom how the FCC has allowed this nightmarish situation to have proceeded this far. Reclassify broadband providers as common carriers, and protect the American people from this outrageous power grab. You will either be remembered as the men who stood up to big cable, and served the American People above all else -or- you will be remembered as pushovers who let cable company lobbyists sway you more than the calls of your constituents. Your failure will be inescapable, as the "Wheeler Lane" is already a common phrase. Only the FCC can change this. Protect Net Neutrality, and stand with all of us. Perhaps it is a fools hope, but I have faith that the FCC will hear reason, and revise their rules to come to a better compromise for everyone. Thank you.
—Alex, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

It's time to bite the bullet: reverse Mr. Powell's ill advised decision and put ISPs in the right box: COMMON CARRIERS. He gave them a chance to make a larger profit in order to stimulate investment, and they promptly told the public to go piss up a rope - they trampled on net neutrality. There is only one way to go, one thing to do: take back the net for us, its users. PLEASE!!
—Barry Rein, High Falls, NY

This is the dumbest thing I've heard of. I may not be American, this might not necessarily affect me but it then again it does because the internet is for everyone, regardless of their financial situation.It should not be toyed with like this. And let me tell you, you will not win this war. There is no way in hell this will become a thing. Even if these 'rules' or whatever you want to call them somehow pass, I can guarantee nobody will be buying anything. Nobody. So stop.
—Holly Webb, Dunedin,

Dear FCC: I am a longtime computer user who also helped design and construct some of the largest corporate websites in existence today, with full e-commerce functionality. These efforts helped create the boom in tech companies that has contributed to the overall growth of the U.S. economy. This came about in part because ordinary citizens were able to make full use of the functionality required for banking, investing, commerce of many kinds of goods and services, and so on. This is the spirit in which the World Wide Web was built, further developed, and thrived. I remember the days of slow-loading websites with productive minutes and hours wasted thrumming my fingers on the desk waiting for a site to load, and I am completely opposed to the creation of any rule or law that would, in effect, return us to those primitive days by allowing some channels to deliver content more rapidly than others, based on additional fees. I support net neutrality 100 percent. I oppose Chairman Wheeler's plan for a two-tiered Internet. It is a huge and hugely misguided attempt to make more money for a few, but it would be economically disastrous for the entire country. Please throw out all consideration of these onerous rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Elizabeth L. Martens Taxpayer, registered voter, and longtime supporter to the Internet, the Web, and other ways of allowing the free and open flow of information, available to all
—Elizabeth Martens, Chicago, IL

FCC Rule: All telecommunications common carriers (e.g. Comcast, Verizon, ATT) shall treat all internet data equally, without regard to content and without preference for any entity or individual. Would the FCC condone preferential phone service for wealthy customers and poor phone service for everyone else? Would the FCC allow a phone company to block phone service if it disliked the political views of the caller? Would the FCC allow a telecommunications carrier to dictate the content of transmissions? The concept of "neutrality" isn't new. Do the job you were hired to do. Protect the public interest.
—Nikki Alexander, Ventura, CA

Internet usage is a great equalizer in today's world, and needs to be considered a right, not a privilege. Net neutrality is vital.
—Keli O'Dell, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality means that we will not get internet at the highest possible price because the corporations won't be the "Gate keepers'. The average American needs internet at an affordable price. We need open access to the internet, not what greedy corporations will give us. Thank you
—Roberto Lovato, Portland, OR

Level playing field for everybody!
—Christopher McNamara, Commack, NY

The Internet thrives because it is an open and free marketplace of ideas. This new set of rules is a sweetheart deal to Big Telecom that will create a “pay-to-play” system that unfairly favors large corporate websites. Please reject this proposal immediately, and instead create real Net neutrality that protects an open and fair Internet. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Greg Johnson, Springfield, OR

I do not want my ISP to have control over how I access the internet. I believe the internet should remain open and everyone should have equal access. THE NET MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL AND FREE AT ALL COSTS!
—SP Ryan, port st lucie, FL

Please do not approve the proposed new internet rules. A tiered internet will have a trickle down effect on those who can least afford to pay for faster internet speeds! Public schools already struggle to provide adequate technology and internet access for underprivileged students. Please don't make gaining access to the internet and it's educational necessities that much harder for the poor to attain. The poor will be shut out by only those privileged enough to afford high speed internet. An increase in costs will be passed on to tax payers in order to provide high speed internet in government offices and libraries. This will increase college education costs as well. Don't let big money and big business control or gain a monopoly on high speed internet!
—Randi A. Thomas, Little Rock, AR

Is there any point in the future where government is going to do what is right vs. what will line their pockets best? We're already dealing with the misguided Supreme Court. Continue net neutrality vs. the gains of the giant service providers.
—Andrew Potvin, Willimantic, CT

Horrible idea all the way around
—Joe, phoenix, AZ

We need yo keep Net Neutrality Alive!
—Michael, Sierra Madre, CA

The internet must maintain equality. It is the only place where how much money you have does not matter. This would ruin the internet.
—Edward Tunnah, Lethbridge,

Comcast and Verizon are clearly monopolies. Please do your job and regulate the industry in a way that promotes competition. Also why is it not okay to show breasts, but someone getting shot and killed is okay? More breasts less shooting.
—Ben Rapisardi, adelphi, MD

The internet shouldn't be better for those with more money and power. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Cari, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I want all internet traffic to be equal. No one should have to pay more to have the same data speeds regardless of who pays more, a company who has data or a customer who wants it. Any change to net neutrality is just a way for internet providers to charge more for something we already have.
—Michael Spilatro, Rochester, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I need the internet to work for ME, not for big business. Net Neutrality should be for the public.
—Laurel Leslie, Kailua, HI

The internet should remain free. Ending net neutrality would be a blatant gift to cable company lobbyists. It would be a travesty and a sham and should not be allowed. The fact that it is even being considered is despicable.
—Melinda McMahan, Houston, TX

Though likely a useless exercise, I am, never the less, submitting this comment in vigorous opposition to the FCC's proposed Rules change since your commission hasn't yet gotten around to eliminating the Fig-Leaf-like pretense of "inviting" Public comment on such matters. The very presence of the former, chief lobbyist for the U.S. Telecom Industry as Chairman of your commission makes clear to any reasonably thoughtful citizen that the debate over the future of our nation's Internet is a rigged game. Sadly, your supposed "stewardship" of the U.S. Communication system and it's stakeholders has been a charade for decades. It is no accident that the only meaningful exposure being given to the lavish, monopolistic gift Chairman Wheeler hopes to hand his Telecom pals is coming from Citizen Activists and Comedy Show hosts. Thanks to your commission's "oversight" of National Television networks, they have long since dispensed with quaint concepts like the "Public Interest Standard" and the "Fairness Doctrine." The FCC has systematically freed them of having to provide any Public service in exchange for their free, automatically renewed Broadcast licenses, allowing them to focus solely on profit. Clearly, these networks have determined that there is no profit in enlightening the nation on this critical issue, or virtually any other important issue. The chaotic, Free-market of the Internet has become the venue of Public discourse and debate, maintaining a free-flow of ideas and fostering, in general, the well informed citizenry so vital to upholding democracy. But, as these quaint ideas appear to be preventing the Internet's Profit potential, Chairman Wheeler and his "former" clients are poised to dispense with them as well. Most sincerely, Mark Locke 2282 Stow St. Simi Valley, CA. 93063
—Mark Locke, Simi Valley, CA

The internet is as close to free speech as the modern world has ever come...but I guess it goes against the interests of the corporation state. Why else would this legislation have been proposed? People are more important than Powers, and serving the interest of the people is the only legitimate function of authority in a constitutional democracy. Therefore this plan is manifestly anti-democratic, and can have no legitimacy under the current system. We, the people, depend upon those in authority to protect our freedom. It is their only legitimate function.
—Joshua Stanton, Winnipeg,

Please allow the internet to remain an open and level playing field. The notion of large corporations being able to pay for preferred bandwidth, the equivalent of an HOV or Carpool lane is a terrible idea. It will hinder economic growth and ultimately mean that internet users will end up paying more for services that they comparatively (to other countries) already pay more for. Not to mention the fact that internet users are already subject to an effective monopoly controlled by less than a handful of service providers.
—Joseph Woods, Culver City, CA

Do any of you gigantic multi-billion dollar companies think about the good of the people? Are you all evil spawn with nothing better to do than sit in a boardroom hatching new plans to screw over the lowly commoners? Get over yourselves. Don't fix something that isn't broken just to continue lining your pockets. Ridiculous!!
—Sarah Dahl, Fairview, MT

Net Neutrality is the vehicle for one of America's most fundamental beliefs to be enacted and expressed through the internet, I speak of course of Free Enterprise. This nation's giants were built by pioneers, men who started out as nobodies but ended as innovators. Don't turn perhaps the most free place IN MODERN SOCIETY into Metropolis 3000. KILL THE BILL!!!! THIS IS THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!
—Michael Boagni, Lafayette, LA

Under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, the FCC can ensure "common carriers" like the telephone companies serve the "public interest" and do not discriminate in who can use their services. The internet is absolutely a point of public interest, and as such, carriers should not discriminate in providing internet service. After all, in these times of economic distress for all but a lucky few, how well is the public served by an internet that is limited in use unless you have the disposable income to buy your way into a higher tier? Net neutrality is necessary. Classify the internet as title II. It's the only way information and communication will freely flow.
—Leslie Kirby, Conway, AR

Tom, Don't allow the discrimination of user data by giant profit-seeking ISPs. This will destroy the open internet and will give an unfair advantage to those with enough funds to dominate internet speeds. This would effectively hurt the nature of the internet which should be an equal playing field for all. Don't bow to big business, fight for the little guy. Do the right thing. Sincerely, Jaime
—Jaime, New York, NY

As a citizen who believes that the Internet should NEVER be a pay to play system; I urgently ask you to, for once, let the 99% have what they truly want. Tom Wheeler is a two faced insider who has NO business being in the position he is in. A fraud and a stooge. Make the Internet a common carrier and tell big tele-comm no.
—Steve Engle, Jefferson, TX

When Comcast was allowed to absorb Universal one of the commissioners who approved the takeover which reduced competition took a job with Comcast a week or two after she voted approval. Who will Tom Wheeler be working for after this is approved- AT&T, Comcast, Verizon? Do your job FCC and protect the consumer from monopolies instead of enhancing the bottom line of companies that are already making plenty of money. They don't need your help.
—Sal Rapisardi, Silver Spring, MD

Net netrality is important to me because, as a blogger and writer, my life's work depends on equal access to websites that I know for a fact will be slowed if this happens. Millions of Americans like me work this way scraping out a living in a "fair" country. At this point, to pass this law would to put the final nail in the coffin of equality and rights to all peoples and their businesses.
—Sarah, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality is immoral it is wrong and needs to be stopped. Just leave the internet the way it is. Thank you very much!
—David MacNeil, Brampton,

Net neutrality is very important, leave the freedom of the net alone!
—Jane dee smith, Commack, NY

Once we allow the internet to be controlled by corporations, the United States will become a third world country in regards to the internet and world wide web. Your willingness to allow this is beyond reprehensible. My only request is that you THINK before permitting this first step towards the end of the internet as we know it.
—Henry Sitzman, Woodbury, TN

It is horrifying that the FCC is even considering moves that would relegate startups to second-class citizen status online and deprive us all of the incredible creativity that has been unleashed by a free and open internet. Shame on you. Serve the American people and work to ensure Net Neutrality.
—Jonathan Moretz, Norfolk, VA

Net Neutrality is the communications medium of this century just as the telephone was for the last century. Allowing equal access to all will insure a level playing field, critical for a free media and future advancements.
—J Kelly, Olalla, WA

I could tell you that Net Neutrality is important to me because I'm tired of hearing my dad complain that he had to cancel his Netflix subscription and can no longer watch Amazon Prime videos on his "20Mbps" (ha!) downstream service because Comcast has throttled their bandwidth below the watchability threshold -- sometimes to the point where Amazon Prime simply disconnects. But the fundamental reason Net Neutrality is important to me is because when when I pay roughly twice as much as people in other developed countries pay for "20Mbps" (ha!) downstream service, I want to GET 20Mbps downstream service from WHATEVER DAMN SITE I choose to visit. I don't want my ISP shaking down upstreamers to extort even *more* money from the other end, and throttling those who won't or can't pony up. Right now, I can think of exactly ONE application that deserves a guaranteed, priority "hyperspeed lane", possibly at the expense of the rest: real-time robotic telesurgery over the Net. Everybody else should be treated equally, and streamed at whatever speed the end user pays for.
—Peter Craig Martin, Seattle, WA

Please do something about this. You can and should immediately move to protect free speech, consumers and network neutrality either through reclassifying broadband providers as telecommunications services or acting to promote broadband deployment.
—Julian G Romero II, Converse, TX

The Internet was created by U.S. TAXPAYER'S dollars, and should NEVER be allowed to favor ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC COMPANY over ANY OTHER ENTITY. Keep the Internet FREE and totally available to ALL.
—Tony Bean, West Topsham, VT

The internet is a public utility, not a private service for the 1 percent.
—Joseph Lyford, Orinda, CA

The Internet should be a free place and everyone should have equal access to it.
—Chandeepa Wijaya, Austin, TX

Internet is fair ground, do not allow cable companies to bully or bribe their way into how people can access the internet. FCC is suppose to protect the internet not hand it over to a few monopolies to cash in.
—David Ruiz, North hills, CA

Do something for those of us who cannot afford top dollar internet and set an example that everyone Does Matter. Not just the wealthy. Throw old rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality. We Really need this!
—Anne Klausky, Daytona Beach,, FL

The Internet is information. We all need it and shouldn't be afraid to use it.
—Iulia Gheza, Santandrei,

creating a 2 tier internet would be comparable to a 2 tier AM or FM radio band system. Simply illegal.
—Jon, dennis, MA

The internet has made it possible for everyone to have a chance at building a business, building an online portfolio, etc... With rising cable/internet costs this is just another obstacle for young people, ALL people rather, to overcome in our attempt to build a life here in America. PLEASE end this initiative, PROTECT Net Neutrality.
—Jacob Yoffee, Van nuys, CA

Keep internet access the same for everyone. Keep Net Neutrality fair for everyone keep ALL ISPs as common carriers.
—Scott DeJong, Aliso Viejo, CA

This should be self-evident. As we approach a new age, the internet, and all the devices and services that run off of the internet, will be a keystone in our lives. To start this new age off with monopolies and to stiffen competition will lead to lower innovation, non-invested citizens and add to the overall devaluing of America. Our title as a world power is slowly waning and it is in part due to legislation that limits new players and their ideas. There is only one logical reason to end net neutrality; bribes. A vote against Net Neutrality will be seen as a vote against democracy, and the publics opinion.
—Todd G., seattle, WA

FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dennis Fahey, Rapid City, SD

Net neutrality is one of the best parts of the internet. It must be maintained to keep free competition and protect data on the internet. Putting money in the pockets of time warner cable and comcast is not the purpose of the internet.
—Paul Wolf, Durham, NC

I'm for net neutrality. Do not mess with it. Thanks
—John Bell, long beach, CA

The internet must be held to free access, as public libraries
—Milton Mellott, N. Chesterfield, VA

Going to sell the Net to the highest bidder , Really. Does not the FCC realize the negative reaction this would create for business and Democracy ? Declare the Internet a Common Carrier. You the FCC know this is the only just ruling.
—Gary Tomlin, Aledo, TX

Net Neutrality is vital for people like me. I have been an online business person (one of the little people) since 1995. My company needs to have a level playing field.
—Dan Schulz, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The only sensible change to rules regulating the internet is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Internet communication is too important to scientific, political, and general information to permit any source to be treated differently from others. It is the FCCs job to protect the public interest, and allowing a two-tiered system directly conflicts with public interest.
—John Kaserman, Salt Lake City, UT

A free and open internet is important for the sharing of information and education in the 21st century and beyond.
—Jonas Specktor, Minneapolis, MN

Either make the internet a utility like water or electric or leave it alone, also you Mr. Wheeler should resign under conflict of interest!!!
—Eric McKillip, Vernal, UT

I'm a high school librarian in an inner-city public school. Our internet connection is already quite slow, and if you give broadband companies the power to create a 2-tier society, the education of my students and future generations may suffer...and our nation along with it. Please consider the long-range consequences for U.S. society before giving unprecedented tech power to corporations whose reason for existence is to make money off of our citizenry. Elizabeth Wright
—Elizabeth Wright, Chicago, IL

First, I want to thank the FCC for allowing comments on this matter to be taken. It will take a very long time to sift through all of them given the collective anger with regard to net neutrality. I hope this sincere comment will be heard and that it aptly expresses how I, as a consumer and voter, perceive my rights to be handled in the wake of the Verizon v. FCC decision. I appreciate the FCCs attempts to ensure an open internet, but am upset at the DC circuit court decision that ultimately limited the FCC's control over broadband internet providers. The 2005 Internet Policy Statement perfectly illustrates how I, as a consumer, would like to be treated by broadband cable companies at its most basic level. However, this is not my reality. I believe there is a gross violation of my right to choose amongst competitive network and content providers in addition to other issues raised in relation to broadband service providers and their control over access to certain forms of data. I am also against any attempts to further tax popular companies for having websites (the costs of which would undoubtedly be shifted to the consumer). I would support any legislation that allowed for a lowering of the cost of internet and data access. So, if allowing for there to be two types of internet for some companies leads to an EXTREME REDUCTION in price for the consumer, then that would truly mean an open internet as access to information would be less cost prohibitive. However, I do not see cable companies, given their history of being shining examples of capitalism, wanting to improve service/reduce cost to their customers. My Comcast service is so bad that I had to buy more data from Verizon on my family plan in order to be able to access the internet in a reasonably fast manner. I am against any FCC action that would allow broadband internet service providers the right to build special lanes with faster connection speeds for certain companies' websites for the following reasons: 1. As previously stated, I believe this action will move costs to the consumer. This increase in prices related to companies whose websites are being taxed would, in turn, make access to some forms of data cost prohibitive. Separate is not equal. 2. Action of this sort sets a dangerous precedent that would strengthen cable networks' ability to control how I get my information. Already I am forced to make a "choice" between Comcast or no internet. Allowing for their to be two different types of internet will further frustrate and complicate my access to information due to the cost that the superior internet speed. 3. I do not believe that these changes will ultimately improve my internet experience or reduce the cost of access to the internet and all the educational and enlightening resources it provides. Please consider negotiations or further litigation that would reduce the cost of internet access for the consumer and would ensure that consumers are able to chose between competitive broadband internet service providers as opposed to the regional monopoly system that is currently in place. Furthermore, I would appreciate it if the FCC could find some way to stop being bullied by cable and cellular company lobbyists and actually do the job it is meant to do.
—Zola Quao, Murfreesboro, TN

We must preserve REAL Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Njus, Elgin, IL

The Internet belongs to everyone. The rich have no priority. Please keep it that way.
—sylvia richey, Fort Myers, FL

I want net neutrality to stay as is. Do not give special treatment to the big cable companies like Comcast and TimeWarner. They will use any special treatment to increase their revenues at the consumers expense. Don't get in bed with them. Consider the common customer. AT&T and Verizon do not have my best interests in mind. For God sakes, the FCC chairmen was a cable business lobbyist. Don' t stack the deck. Consider all the businesses that are against the proposal to give Verizon et al special treatment. DO NOT Do IT.
—Donald R. Wilkes, Leesburg, FL

the zionist control this country
—Andrew Wrobel, Pingree Grove, IL

Partial censoreship on the service platform and even the comment section by reducing traffic to the page deliberatly to indicate a false less negative overview of the other vast corrupt and monopole issues caused. Net neutrality is required for people to maintain and continue an influence with each other, without a supervisor slowing, censoring or even punish free speech, but not even that, aösp basic services and browsing is near impossible. Besides of the contraversy regarding monopole that clearly already is installed. It is more than just about free internet its about america fighting back a monopole that will continue to swallow more and more independance. Also ultimativly the very idea of competition is at risc with the overlapping conflict of the different media providers. This entire affair looks very emberassing observed from germany and seeing how very pretentious the lobbyist and monopole silences and corrupts obviously without any restraint and still is active unchallanged.
—Fabian, Münster,

Net neutrality is an essential component of freedom. If you allow Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, the FCC will be showing the world that it is corrupt and unjust and in the pocket of the few big corporations who would benefit from it. Do not create a two-tiered Internet. Don't think America is not paying attention, and asking the question: FCC, are you corrupt? Prove that you are not by throwing out your rules and reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Phyllis Nix, Tulsa, OK

if this law is changed to favor the big companies, not only will it be a worldwide bully tuning us upside down for more money. It will cripple all new ideas before they start. I'm against this travesty.
—Nathan Ternan, Enniskillen,

In my job I rely on quick and fair access to websites on weather, directions and traffic. I shouldn't have to pay more.
—Kate Kosse, Surprise, AZ

Net neutrality is important because the internet is a vital democratic space.
—John F Nagle, Pittsburgh, PA

I'm sick and tired of my ISP slowing down my Netflix streaming.
—Phillip Hatfield, Charlotte, NC

It is vital that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Shirley R. Vitela, Colorado Springs, CO

This is hitting a new low -- IF the FCC cannot stand for the regular people in the USA then we need to replace the branch with one that will follow the lead of the majority of the people. NOT the people {COMPANIES} with the big bucks -- Are you being guaranteed a decent speed internet connection for you & your family POSSIBLY FOR FREE?? Do we need {besides obviously checking out how the new head of FCC bought his position} start checking on the access speeds of the congress in general? Compared to what is available to the general public??
—Fred O Rourke, LAFAYETTE, LA

I value Net Neutrality because I value the freedom to access content on the internet without ISP's affecting that access. I believe that ISP's should NOT be allowed to determine the speed of access to any content.
—Christopher Joseph, Two Harbors, MN

As an individual and a small business, I want net neutrality.
—Jean Taddie, Mansfield, OH

The internet should be free and open as it allows the underprivileged to access resources that are otherwise difficult to access. Everyone needs the internet - whether it's to access email and stay in touch with friends or to complete the FAFSA to finance their education, and to advance in the world - contributing to our economy which is good for everyone.
—Samantha Frank, Silver Spring, MD

It is vitally important that we preserve the principle of net neutrality in order to retain equal access for all people. The internet shares many characteristics of a utility, and should be regulated as such. The FCC's proposed rules would favor enormous corporations, at the expense of common citizens.
—Allan Taylor, Feeding Hills, MA

The internet in it's current form is NOT broken. We don't need cable companies offering a fast lane and a slow lane which will lead to picking winners and losers online and discriminating again online content and applications. DONT MESS WITH THE INTERNET.
—Kristine Cevasco, Whitehouse Station, NJ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are a violation against Net Neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Megan Seger, Rockford, IL

Please stop this madness with COMCAST and other cable providers! I'm tired of these big companies taking advantage of their consumers. Having a monopoly is illegal and I as a US citizen should have the right to turn down their service. I will shut the internet and cable off in my home before I pay their prices. Remember there was time when people didn't use the internet and still made a living.
—Jerri Penland, Burbank, CA

NO TO PAID PRIORITIZATION. YES TO NET NEUTRALITY.
—Wes Turner, Omaha, NE

The Internet has always been and should always remain a level playing field. No slow/fast lanes, no 'hyperspeed' and fast lanes. Tiered Internet reduces competition and allows telecom companies an unfair power to pick what services (only those who can pay) have easy access to users of the Internet. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. I prefer to visit all sites at the same speed, please keep the Internet even and protect net neutrality.
—Isaac Furniss, Sandy, UT

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. We need to keep the internet a neutral delivery system and not allow corporations to create a fast lane or slow down any websites. If you pass anything that allows this it will be a clear sign that government is working for the corporations and not for the people.
—Marci Levine, Los Angeles, CA

Internet providers have no right to create a two-tiered system. This is down right discriminatory.
—Anne Stafford, Grosse Pointe, MI

I demand that the FCC protect freedom and openness on the Internet by protecting network neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. Now, for-profit interests want to violate the principle of network neutrality in order to increase their own profit margins. They must not be allowed to destroy the free and open culture of the web. Prohibit network operators from blocking, impeding or interfering with any lawful Internet traffic or prioritizing any content or services. I demand the FCC to throw out its proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nathan Solinsky, Akron, OH

Low barriers to entry are a requirement for a market to be a free market. Dismantling net neutrality flies in the face of our fundamental American values. Promote and protect the economy, not individual companies.
—Brenda Leahy, Somerville, MA

Do not allow Internet service providers to create tiered Internet access. This would favor large companies and create a serious disadvantage for small and new companies. Choice and competition are good for business - that's why we have anti-monopoly laws. Support Net Neutrality and keep the Internet playing field even. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mrs. Melanie Nikdel, Cary, NC

I know the corruption began literally a century ago, but if our Founding Fathers could have contemplated the Internet they wouldn't allow lobbyists (Tom Wheeler) to have authority/be in charge of regulation; they wouldn't allow merges with Internet service providers (or any media companies) if they could have foreseen this 'new age' (using that term for a reason). We both know they wouldn't have allowed these types of changes because they conflict with our Constitutional Rights, on so many levels. What you're attempting to do is wrong and you know it. I absolutely understand why you're doing it, I just need you to also understand that if you follow through with it you will piss off a lot of your country's citizens. This will effect the mundane lives of your compliant consumers, and I'm sure you don't want that. You don't want everyone to get mad, wake up, and fight back. I know there is equal probability of both happening...just don't forget there's strength in unity. Namaste.
—Emily Anne Jahnsen, Jupiter, FL

It should be your duty to prevent Big Business from using the internet for their greedy, money-making purposes to the detriment of the citizens of this country. Do the right thing! Keep Net Neutrality!
—Ms. Catherine Loudis, San Anselmo, CA

The internet is too important to be influenced by corporate greed.
—David Edenfield, Jacksonville, FL

I am handicapped and housebound so the Internet is my connection with the outside world and our family. If I lose it, all I have left is television.
—Jan Harrison, Tucson, AZ

Free market! I give my cable provider enough money. Let the cable companies provide a product at an affordable price that consumers want.
—Penny Wanamaker, Weatherly, PA

Net Neutrality is important because it allows everyone equal access to information. Please don't permit corporations to decide which content should cost more to have access to. Keep information available to everyone.
—Jody Walters, Camden, NJ

Please carefully review this topic and make a decision based on what is the best thing for the future of this country and the internet. It is imparative that ISPs treat all data the same and do not descrimanate between two different types of data (or websites) that pass through their services. From my understanding all ISPs should be reclassified by the FCC as common carriers to prevent such descrimanation. Allowing ISPs to seperate data (and websites) will literally put thousands of websites out of business and put an end to startup companies that rely on the internet for revenue.
—Fernando Lefort, LAWRENCE, KS

A two-tiered internet would set a dangerous precedent for other services offered to the public tone similarly curtailed, where those with less money would have access to only a trickle of water, brown outs with their electricity, and limited phone service.
—Deniz Hughes, Woodside, NY

These threats to Net Neutrality will undermine the incredible technological advancement that is the internet. No where else but on the internet do people know they can be heard. Taking that away from people at this time in history, when trust in governments is at a dismal low will destroy further the faith of the people and push them further towards an anti-ogligarichial system. Don't forget that the 99% may not be wealthy, but it is 99% of this worlds population, which is very real. Continuing to undermine what little ability those people have to be heard is economically speaking a short term gain for internet service providers with long term unpredictable results with fewer entrepreneurial incentives. Please, please don't ruin the internet. This is not hyperbole - don't ruin this for us.
—Gabby Gaffney, Melbourne,

Internet providers shouldn't have so much control. We are already over charged, poorly serviced, and have limited choices. Internet should be free!
—Rachel hernandez, Memphis, TN

I want access to all information, not just what Corporate America wants me to see. I want to see the truth and not the cover-ups. A two-tier system will only make the internet more expensive and control what I can see. Leave the internet alone. It doesn't need to be regulated or given over to internet service provider monopolies.
—Marilyn Victor, Minneapolis, MN

Internet service providers are by definition the gatekeepers to the Internet, they have direct control over our connections to the Internet and the devices we use to connect to it, and without Net Neutrality, they will seize every possible opportunity to profit from that gatekeeper control! It's a direct attack on our rights to connect and communicate. We need Net neutrality to preserve our right to communicate freely online - We need to keep an Internet that enables and protects free speech. ISPs have to provide us with open networks and never block or discriminate against any applications or content that ride over those networks. Just as phone companies cannot decide who I call and what I say on the call, my ISP should not be concerned with what content I view or post online.
—Lydia Vignau, San Rafael, CA

I am a website owner with ResortsandLodges.com. Charging us for equal speed to our customers would be highly detrimental to our business and an unfair practice. Be responsible and do not do this. I already spend several $1000 per month with Verizon, Comcast, Direct TV and AT&T. I'm just one man and we are just one company. Do they really need that much more money? Isn't $50 Million a year enough for Verizon's CEO? How about AT&T? Don't be greedy and limit the internet. Keep it open and neutral. Keep it fair and balanced. Thank you.
—Matt Renner, St. Paul, MN

I am profoundly disturbed by any possible limitations on net neutrality. Please consider whose needs are served by any change in how internet service is provided. Thank you. [Comments were not confirmed when submitted to FCC site.]
—John Kramer, Malden, MA

NO NO NO! Do NOT end net neutrality!.. The fact that this is even being considered is SHAMEFUL!
—Pierre Freynet, Winnipeg,

I enjoy having the freedom to CHOOSE what I see on my computer, phone, and other internet carrying devices. I don't want a company charging me to take that freedom away. This whole FCC administration is already allowing a monopoly to form with merging companies. I was born in 1975 and as young as I was when ata&t tried this I still knew how it was wrong and remember it all. How can I remember this but Tom Wheeler and the rest of the FCC forget?? Oh that's right, Mr Wheeler was probably lobbying FOR AT&T back then!! Only now he's doing it as chairman of the FCC!!!! These shitty ass companies with their shitty equipment and shitty services are ALREADY charging us some of the highest fees in the WORLD while providing us with some of the worst services in the world and the absolute worst customer service. What exactly are we paying for now?? It sucks. Only now they want to get even RICHER by double charging web companies as well as us. The current FCC is going to go down in history as the biggest joke in American history. Cable companies want to get even richer at the expense of our freedom. And if this goes through there WILL BE ANARCHY!!! And the only person who will be villainized here is Tom Wheeler. He's who the American people will blame for this. What a fucked up legacy to leave!!!! Preserve net neutrality, and the internet and ISPs as a title II common carrier. Or go down in history as one of the most hated men in America and a dick.
—Erin Costello, Utica, NY

Please do not adopt the proposed rules that would end net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anna Brelje, Minneapolis, MN

It is important to me because: otherwise I will go on a crazed shooting spree of my cable providers...lol but seriously protect the free internet
—joseph c glenn II, jacksonville, AR

How can an individual succeed on the internet? The most fundamental aspect of capitalism is competition - if Google received a "fast lane" rating, it's entirely possible that a new engine with better features and responsiveness would still fail solely because it is a slower connection (though I think that it's a sign when Google, the biggest company that ever came out of the internet, feels that these actions are detrimental and wrong). How can any one person grow? The internet iss the one playing field that we have - the world has Walmart and Target, Best Buy and Dell. Let's at least have one place where a person and a company can be on the same level.
—Joshua Kristian Munsell, Kenmore, WA

Hey bungholes, the reason it has worked so well is BECAUSE of Net Neutrality!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—CR Randall, Auburn, WA

I don't want people and institutions with vast amounts of money influencing the public discourse even more than they already do. Web pages that load fast will get viewed more than others, which will push them to the top of search results, which will make them even more influential. ISPs are intrinsically Common Carriers, and should remain so, both ethically and morally.
—Ethan A Campbell, Hurley, NY

My name is Hayden Snyder, I am 15 years old and I am on the internet everyday I see the good and the bad. we don't need to fix something tha isn't broken. You think I might not understand but this is one of today's true freedoms that we the people still hold on to. It allows us to feel excited and have a good time. I just want you to stop causing problems I mean just fix something people are complaining about and leave the internet alone go back to your own website and post your thought there!
—Hayden Snyder, Aberdeen, SD

Net Neutrality is one of the biggest political battles being fought today, and hardly anyone even knows about it. Every once in a while it will spike up in the public interest for a moment, we sign yet another online petition, and hope that maybe THIS TIME it will do something. So far, our carefully filled-out boxes have been to no avail. Everything that the internet is, and therefore a tremendous amount of what world culture has become, is dependent on the preserved sanctity of Net Neutrality. Please do your jobs and don't let the OBVIOUSLY wrong side win this one.
—Hannah LaMarine, Bellingham, WA

Yes, we need an open internet and that includes NET NEUTRALITY. Don't talk about the "open internet" and think you can exclude NET NEUTRALITY by allowing mega-telecom corporations to charge more for fast lanes. Your current proposal for an "open internet" is unjust, bordering on evil.
—Bridget Borer, Eagan, MN

Net neutrality helps maintain freedom of the press and free access to information, hallmarks of democracy and cornerstones of our Republic. We are a supposedly a free people, certainly not requiring government control over information to inform our opinions, nor someone to double charge us for bandwidth usage.
—Victoria White, Fountain, FL

The Internet is a great equalizer. No one person or corporation has a monopoly on anything provided on the Internet. Please keep it that way.
—Sean Grove, Dayton, OH

Because it is wrong, that alone, should be enough.
—Mai Her, Saint Paul, MN

Keep "CAPITALIST" greed out of the internet!! Capitalist greed has absolutely no business controlling the World Wide Web. People are getting extremely fed up with large corporations controlling OUR (individuals, not corporations) government!! The internet is for the people. And should be controlled and regulated by the people. NOT CAPITALIST GREED, AND INCOMPETENT GOVERNMENT!!!!!
—Michael Marr, Warrensburg, MO

You MUST throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A two-tiered Internet is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Any number of websites that I browse daily will be the victims of discrimination if Tom Wheeler's plan is adopted.
—Jason Schulman, New York, NY

The Internet should be a common carrier. To allow internet providers to privilege some communication shouts over many many voices. The open neutral web has enhanced democracy. A few corporations control most of newspaper, radio, network & cable content - this rule would only benefit them and narrow public dialog. It is not in the public interest.
—Kathleen O'Donnell, Phila, PA

For convinience sake
—Abraham Omorenimwen Oboruemuh, Riverside, CA

Net neutrality allows me to pursue my entrepreneurial endeavors without being impeded by threats of having my access to clients stifled because of another person's preference. This would be comparable to a store chain determining the selling price of ALL THEIR STOCK OF ITEMS or else no one will be able to see their items, and not only that, but the store chain would aid in the campaigns of the vendor's sales items SPECIFICALLY to run that smaller company out of business. Please dismiss this request for any regulation on net neutrality, which could not be a more obvious violation of both the first amendment and the freedom of information.
—Gerard Joseph Gallagher Jr., Uniondale, NY

Because it will be a violation of the freedom of information act.
—Daniel Cherry, batavia, NY

The financial gap between the wealthiest and the poorest in our country has become some of the most common knowledge that exists. What most people haven't discovered are the extensive and far reaching ramifications of this fact. This would give more wealth, power and control to those who already have too much. It would consequentially take more money and control from those who already have too little. The American people. Is there an exact moment in time when this country became no longer about democracy, what the majority wants and needs? It's obviously no longer we the people. It's we the corporations and the wealthy. How much longer and further do you think this can go before more people figure it out and have had enough of this? I strongly urge you not to continue down this path of inequality. I believe in a country that's supposed to represent and embody the opposite, it could be fraught with peril. Thanks for your time
—Mark Arrington, Fredericktown, OH

Don't let the cable companies oversee the internet - keep the internet free and an equal playing field. It is a national treasure; do not let it be squandered on your watch!
—Amy Morrison, Vashon, WA

It is just plain wrong to make the internet inaccessible for a majority of the people. I am well aware of the fact that the cable companies are at the front and center of this attempt to end Net Neutrality. I urge you to keep the internet open for all to use fairly, it is a gross injustice for the cable companies to even attempt to end Net Neutrality. I am well aware of the facts behind this attempt to create a two tier system within the internet..this is wrong and it would benefit a few while the rest of us would be burdened with increased financial burdens.
—Bonnie Auer, BURTON, WA

Please do not break the internet. It is extremely important that it remains open. As a computer scientist and an aspiring software entrepreneur, many of my lifelong dreams would be crushed by an internet with gatekeepers. Please take action to ensure the net remains open and an enabler for entrepreneurs all over the world.
—Brendan, Seattle, WA

No to Net Neutrality! The internet providers should not be able to regulate the speed of the bandwidth. It should be equal for everybody not sold to the highest bidder!
—Damaris MacNeil, surrey,

The Internet--with net neutrality--is a powerful source of democracy. It allows The People to have a voice through social media. It also provides access to all kinds of educational resources. If net neutrality is ended it will only hurt the goal of always have a productive, thriving society. Please keep net neutrality. Thank you
—Andrew Joseph Pegoda, Lake Jackson, TX

I am writing to ask you to please reclassify the Internet as a common carrier under Title II and to codify net neutrality into law with enforcement mechanisms. The Internet is our free speech in the 21st century. It is where we educate and communicate with each other. It's where we share ideas, collaborate and innovate. It's where we get our news, touch base with our family and friends, shop and sign up for services. Right now, the Internet does not allow discrimination – anyone who logs on has the same access as everyone else. Please, please keep it that way.
—Diane Krell-Bates, San Diego, CA

You cannot stop an idea or crush spirit. People have tried that forever. Look at poor Galileo. But it's like water, it will seek it's own level. Open communications are the best chance to change the world. You cannot repress freedom of thought. Look at China & n Korea - free exchange is the message of the millennium.
—Claudia A. Gibson, Fx, CA

This is the ONLY level playing field we have left in this pathetic excuse of a country. STOP selling our liberties and pay attention to the people you swore to represent. This is the WORST idea yet.
—Katie McCormick, Cedar Rapids, IA

Please save net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Marco De Avila, Kent, WA

I oppose the proposal to create a two-tiered system for internet. Internet service should continue to be regulated like a utility and classified as a common carrier. Creating a separate class of internet service would hinder free speech, harm small businesses, and stifle innovation. Please reconsider the changes that have been proposed be AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon.
—Benjamin Holley, Norwalk, CT

I believe that an open Internet is the basis of freedom. This is America, and we are founded on free speech. Having an internet that is not free and open is the antithesis of freedom and equality. Corporations should not be in charge of the Internet. The Internet has brought nations closer and in turn us closer to the world. It has brought great change to other nations and even changed some to democracy. I would be horrified to find I can't go where I want to or see what I want to. I beg of you to be fearless and uphold our true democratic values in regards to a free and open Internet.
—Scott Finnell, Fleming Island, FL

I am a 27 year old female Video Editor at Maker Studios, just bought by Disney for +500 million dollars two months ago, coming up to +900 million at the moment. On the side of my employment, I am starting my own web design business so that I can create more revenue for myself and jobs for others in web hosting, branding, marketing, graphic design, production; all the jobs you can think that comes with creating strong and sustainable websites. How am I to even create a web portfolio of my business model and upload the many videos I have edited, and motion graphics I have created, for clients and employers to see? Maker Studios just laid off 10% of it's employees today. If Net Neutrality is compromised, where is the ladder?
—Pamela Svatos, Los Angeles, CA

You cannot let this happen. This is one thing we need our government to not fail at. Please don't let the powerful business companies control you like a puppet. Stand up for the people that and put you the power to do so.
—David Netting, Pottstown, PA

Would we allow water companies to freely create a tier system for the quality of your water, or the flow rate that you are allowed to receive? Of course not, so why would the internet be any different. The internet is not just an entertainment platform, it is your primary source to manage financial transactions, pay your taxes, etc. You would be hard pressed to find a sector of society that doesn't rely on the internet, and that need is only increasing. To allow a few internet providers to throttle that service is criminal. The fact that this ruling has even been put forth shows the extreme level of corruption in this country. As a founder of multiple web startups, I am disgusted at the level of restriction this ruling would allow internet providers to impose on small businesses. I demand that immediate action be taken to reverse this proposal and instead propose rules that would reclassify ISPs as utility providers.
—Rodney Blythe, San Mateo, CA

Destroying democracy affects you too.
—Don Pedro, Beverly Hills, CA

The internet is a world changing invention that has put virtually limitless amounts of information at access to anyone that can use it. Taking away the ability to use it as freely as possible is criminal by nature, it's taking a freedom open to the planet and frittering it to pieces for the sake of personal gains. How is this at all a fair and allowable action?
—Shirogane Ōkami, Palatine, IL

I can barely afford my college loans and you people want to make me pay more for faster internet if you decide I can have it and choose what I can and cant use . It's crazy that you people still look for ways to make more money on top of all you have and try to ruin everything that started off great and simple with your greed!
—Juan Cobarrubias, Peoria, IL

A free society needs the unrestricted flow of information to remain free.
—Spencer C Selander, Castle Rock, WA

Freedom
—Vail Ringham, Castel,

"The current net neutrality proposal, to allow a different access promise for fees, should be rejected in favor of regulation of the Internet as a utility - as a Title II common carrier. The notion that examining individual agreements under "commercially reasonable standards" is unworkable since each proceeding will be ground down in litigation and the FCC staff will make settlements that are weak and ineffective. Even not prohibiting fast lanes will tacitly allow them and money will rule the Internet - all the new high speed infrastructure will go to building these fast lanes and service will deteriorate for all others. Since the Internet is SO important now for so many lives and commerce, it must be regulated as a utility - because IT IS."
—James kinsman, Cincinnati, OH

Creating a two tiered Internet is clearly a ploy by the major Internet services providers to strengthen their monopoly over the Internet. It will harm the level playing field that the Internet provides. If these ISP's want to secure their market share then they should provided a better product.
—Scott William Donald, Redland Bay QLD, DC

The internet has been the great equalizer in the US for the past two decades. This only works if everybody has the same access. Net Neutrality is vital for democracy! To eliminate Net Neutrality is to go against the core values of our nation and of democracies around the world! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Jonathan Ferrante, south setauket, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Rachel Williams, Denver, CO

This is another step, that big money rules the world!
—Peter Neuschel, Albuquerque, NM

The rules that the FCC is proposing spell disaster for start-up businesses and creative ideas. Your job is to stand up for all of us that rely on the Internet to do, well everything. Not just big telecom. Instead, the FCC should be focused on reclassification of ISPs as common carriers.
—Kat Vann, Minneapolis, MN

Please don't cave in to the biggest corporations. The value of the Internet will be diminished when the big players are given status and preference over the smaller companies and groups.
—James Gallagher, Valrico, FL

Of course it is. I do research for my job, & already my options are more limited on line than they were 7 years ago. Also, I think it's scary when I'm dependent on the same people to bring my my email, my internet, my cable, my home security & my phone. -Kelly Richardson
—Kelly Richardson, Decatur, GA

The Internet is a utility, not a commodity. Many people rely heavily or completely on the Internet for their safety or day-to-day job and existence. To treat it like a luxury or mere commodity at this point is ridiculous.
—James McCord, Carlsbad, CA

Don't close down our major avenue of free speech!
—Anne P. Carter, Cambridge, MA

The internet is made for all of us. Let's keep information free for everyone on this planet.
—Tinus Larsen, Copenhagen,

it will cost me more money. STOP this madness
—Holly, tewksbury, MA

Currently, the regulations regarding the internet, its traffic, and what companies are allowed to do and not allowed to do, is decent. Is it perfect? No. Instead of investigating the corruption of companies like Comcast and how they continue to slow traffic for communities or certain companies to their advantage, you are planning to allow them to turn the internet into a mirror image of the cable networks. Something that I don't think any average human being wants. Please do not allow corporations to prioritize some traffic over others or otherwise manipulate in any way what sites people can visit (and at what speeds), or what services third parties can provide.
—Ryan Rabideau, Salem, MA

The 600-pound gorillas of the corporate world do not need any more help stomping on the little guys and suppressing innovation and competition. Please preserve Internet Neutrality!
—Nick Tennant, Ashland, OR

We're counting on YOU to do the RIGHT thing for ALL the people! Now more then ever, this is crucial to our democracy.
—Mr. Gregory McCoy, Asheville, NC

Net Neutrality is important to all and should be left AS IS !!!! Fees are high enough to get on the net without the FCC allowing a tiered network. I can't afford to pay more than I already am paying, so I am asking that you tell the providers no tiered networks allowed... Thanks
—Mike McGrath, St. Albans, VT

Mr. Wheeler, Don't give private infrastructure the means to censor content. Please classify Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon as common carriers. Thank you, Nick Thabit
—Nick Thabit, Berkeley, CA

It is not broken, so it does not need to be fixed. Regulation is not necessary, nor is government tinkering or influence. Hands off of our freedom.
—J K Hauser, Southlake, TX

Ending Net Neutrality helps only the big corporations whom want it reduced, simply so they can make more money. For the rest of the worlds population this is just another way to limit our freedoms and our access to unfiltered and unrestricted content. Keep Net Neutrality and prevent any more intrusions like these from for-profit corporations and their egregious attempts to monetize our freedom.
—Matthew J Hackler, Marietta, GA

Dont' be dumb and greedy please.
—Mike Fogel, gulfport, FL

I’m calling to urge the FCC to scrap its plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. These rules would destroy Net Neutrality. I urge the commission to throw them out and instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. This is the only way to restore real Net Neutrality.
—Megan Gilby, Pittsburgh, PA

Just leave it alone, it's not broke so why fix it so that corporations can have the upper hand in it.
—Ethel Glenn, Houston, TX

Are you NUTS?????? Keep it!!
—Mark Bonanni, Sicklerville, NJ

Please reclassify the internet/broadband so it is included in the services overseen and regulated by the FCC. The internet must remain neutral to allow equal access to all citizens. It is not acceptable for large ISPs to hold citizens and businesses hostage for their own profit. I strongly support net neutrality.
—Melissa Milford, Philadelphia, PA

Why give more to those who can afford and give less to those who can't.These new rules are just stupid,silly at least give the internet to the poor.Not everybody has good life.So throw away these new rules.A smart company would.What about you? Please throw out these rules.Please.
—Mark, Jesenice,

It is paramount that the internet remain open and equal for all. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The quality of one's Internet connection should not be dependent upon paying extra fees to corporations solely intent on profit.
—Robert Qua, Boston, MA

The cable companies only have their profits in mind and not the even playing field of Net Neutrality. DO NOT GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT!!!
—Peter McCumber, Westover, WV

Net neutrality is essential to keep the gap between the have and have-nots from growing, as well as keeping for-profit corporations from paying for better service than important non-profits and the general public. This is about protecting democracy, and not strengthening plutocracy. For the people!
—Ms. Meredith Ernisse, Ithaca, NY

Without net neutrality the average man cant have the internet. and that's screwed up.
—Hadyn Thomas Mcgrew, Desoto, KS

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Maintain Net Neutrality! Treat all data equally. The internet is not broken and does not need these corporate "fixes". Do not allow a two tier system. We do not need someone else to control our ability to see or find information or entertainment or other content. The FCC is suppose to be a consumer protector not a supporter and pusher for cable and other communication companies. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect, not destroy, the internet!
—Ellen Gess, Lakeland, FL

The Internet can only be successful in an open and free environment. It is a place of opportunity and equality where a small start-up can compete with larger, established companies. It is the home of niche fan communities and activists. It is a place where people can find the entertainment, news, products, and social groups that are most important to them and they can do it without prejudice. Customers are already restricted in their access by limited choices in ISPs. Now, once they navigate their 2-3 options and suffer the price gouging, the great land of possibility they are trying to access will have further restrictions. We have no other means of accessing the Internet, we are at the mercy of the cable companies and you are trying to let them determine not only how we access but what we access. Would you have gone into the library as a grade schooler and expected it to be sorted by who paid the most money? That access to information hinges on how much money the source has? Just because the source of information doesn't have a lot of money they shouldn't be penalized by having lesser speed than the rich. Plus I have no faith that the cable companies won't be passing on the prices for 'fast' lanes to their customers. The only outcome of that will be further economic discrimination in Internet access. The Internet is fundamental to 21st Century life. It is a utility and should be treated as such. I have little faith in the integrity of cable companies not to use this as a launching point for more insidious restrictions and throttling. Your missions statement claims to 'capitalize on it's competencies' in 5 key areas. I hardly see this measure as promoting competition, innovation, the economy, the highest and best use of spectrum or allowing new companies to flourish alongside diversity and localism. My comment to you is to do your job. If you follow your mission statement then the answer is clear - the FCC should support and enforce net neutrality.
—Theresa McDermott, Gaithersburg, MD

The FCC's recent moves to allow internet providers to throttle and restrict content are shameful. The internet is the vehicle of free speech in our economy and society. The "little guys" on the internet must not be disadvantaged. Everyone should have a common voice, and everyone should have the same freedom to innovate. Free and open communication are essential to our great republic. The internet is one of the most transformative innovativations in communication that our society has ever seen. With respect, please don't let internet service providers fuck it up.
—Brian Wilson, Upland, CA

Why is every issue these days about the corporate giants versus the little guy? Net neutrality levels the playing field. If the FCC allows these changes, there will be two tiers of service and people who can't afford the higher tier will get screwed! DON'T MAKE ANY CHANGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Tim Charest, West Hurley, NY

Net neutrality absolutely needs to remain in place. There are already too many monopolistic tendencies in this highly unregulated industry of providers. This is a dangerous step in the wrong direction - virtually proving that companies can buy our government's favor with lobbying solely in order to increase their already absurdly high profit margins. Please represent your people properly and insist that not another important item in our lives is up for sale to the highest bidder. This is not what your constituents want. By the people, for the people - is an important phrase to remember in our governing - do not forget our country's foundation.
—Happy McPartlin, New York, NY

SERIOUSLY WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? ARE YOU PEOPLE FOR FUCKING REAL??? Net Neutrality is one of the only good things you guys have going for you, and you're going to get bought out by fucking VERIZON? What the hell is wrong with you people!? Leave well enough alone, and if it's not broken, don't "fix" it. The internet is a public platform and a champion of the very thing the USA is supposedly built on: freedom. If you're going to mess with that for $$$ in your pocket, then you picked the WRONG fucking country.
—Amy Colgan, Dublin,

Please do not enact more crony capitalism. Keep the Internet free and equal for all.
—George Sweeney, Levittown, PA

We live in a rural area, and these new rules will slow down and increase the cost of our internet service. We believe in equality--and that includes the internet. We don't want a few large companies who are already monopolizing modes of communication to wield even more power and control. THROW OUT THESE PROPOSED RULES; RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Tomika Dew, Dallas, OR

Dear Sir or Madam, As someone who has grown up with the Internet as a constant part of my life, I can assert the changes made by this rule would negatively impact the ability of the internet to innovate and grow. This rule change essentially makes the internet like older media solutions like TV or radio in which the "open" internet takes a back seat (much like Public Access TV/Radio) and large commercial interests (like Cable TV) completely overrun all other options. The internet thus far has allowed equal voice to multinational corporations and my friends who run their own podcasts and websites. Your proposed rule change would be taking us back to a world where only the richest and most powerful have a voice and basically make the internet a 1-way street. Please do not do this. Instead, the correct solution is for internet providers to be treated like any other utility (as we all know it is as essential to modern life as phones and electricity) and make them common carriers so that everyone has access.
—Harshil D Patel, EDISON, NJ

I live in Janesville, Wisconsin. I am self employed, and without the internet I would cease to be self employed. With that being said, I need a good internet connection in order for me to complete my work in a timely manner. There is only one option in my neighborhood, Charter communications. This company has terrible options and have terrible upload and download speeds, but I have no choice but to pay to have internet in order for me to work. My internet speeds go as high as 30 down 4 up and as low as 5 down .50 up (thats POINT 50). I can tell this is being done on purpose by the company and not a "spike" in the system because when I call and complain about it, they fix it in a matter of seconds (if i didnt call, it will usually last 3-4 hours). Please give us Net Neutrality so these cable companies can stop taking advantage of us by continually raising prices for a service that they guarantee, but never stick to that guarantee. I am tired of being promised a certain speed, but only to have my connection feel like someone put a very small funnel over my bandwidth for multiple hours on end and to be told it is just a fluke.
—Ryan Hamilton, Janesville, WI

Please preserve net neutrality and do not let the internet services to provide fast service only to those who pay extra feesl
—Suzanne Scarlata, Northport, NY

We must have net neutrality.
—Garth Weiss, Orlando, FL

Dear FCC, The internet is my (and many people my age) only source for legitimate news. Not just news from large sources but news from many sources. The only way citizens can function as active members in a democratic society is via the free exchange of information. Please keep net neutrality a prominent part of your regulation, the last thing we need are barriers to entry on the greatest source of information our planet has ever known. We need free flow of information not just for my sake but for yours as well! For your consideration, Evan
—Evan Johnson, Waco, TX

Please do not end net neutrality. The current proposed changes would not benefit the public or the consumer and it would create an unfair playing field for many new companies. Please do not let the greed of Comcast and Verizon change the format of the open internet.
—Frederick Ward, Rutledge, PA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices.
—Alex Frazee, Hopwell, NJ

It's important to hear all sides of a story. I don't want controls on what I can and can't hear. I can decide for myself what I do and don't want to hear. I don't want anyone spouting off on their views with no rebuttal to follow. Give us all sides. Then I can decide what I believe!!
—Mary G. Puffenberger, Elizabethtown, PA

As a web developer, I cannot tell you the harm that would come to my clients as they struggle to pay for hosting, and web design just to get their businesses launched. If they also had to pay to get their content shown, we can say goodbye to the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.
—Wendy Putler, Gilbert, AZ

This would only make the digital divide wider.
—David Bigwood, League City, TX

I get that you want to have two different speeds of internet. The problem is that this creates two different types of customers: one who gets priority over the other, though both are paying for your service. You don't have enough resources to cover bother well--your connectivity and customer service are testaments to that--so tiering internet speeds will result in a service drop for the lower levels. With little incentive to help the lower, you will let your current levels of service drop for this group.
—Chris Chu, New York, NY

I have to ask myself why we need the FCC anymore. If the FCC kills net neutrality this clearly shows they are for the handful of corporations that will benefit from this and don't care how this affects the people. I also have to ask how much lobbyist money it takes, how much behind the scene bribes it takes for a government agency to abandon the people and screw this country. I am serious. I really would like to know how much of a kick back those at the FCC and other places are getting. Honestly... Anyone that thinks that a two-tiered system is a good idea and that companies like Comcast, Verizon, etc will not take advantage of people and start charging outrageous prices need to look at the cost of cable itself and even cell phone plans to get an idea of how and what they will do. So either the ones that support a two-tiered system are idiots (which I find hard to believe) or they are just out for themselves and getting all the money, kickbacks and bribes they can at the expense of this country. Enough is enough. Stop making this country a laughingstock to the rest of the world. Do you all remember this?! A government by the people and for the people. Not a government by the banks and for the corporations.
—Ronnie C Harner, Rochester, NY

There should be no 'internet fast lanes' and I want to protect net neutrality. Please do not allow this to happen. DO NOT allow big companies to create a two tiered Internet.
—Daniela Ribbecke, Rohnert Park, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers and ensure that the principles of Net Neutrality can be secured for the continued benefit of the consumer and entrepreneurs on the Internet. If you need an example of ISPs treating consumers poorly, please look at any market where ISPs have to compete with Google Fiber. You will see time and time again that in these select few markets where there is real competition between ISPs, the consumer wins. What could possibly make anyone think that ISPs have anyone but themselves in mind when pushing for a Tiered Internet System? If they only provide enhanced service to customers when faced with real competition, then why do you think they won't use that same market monopoly to abuse consumers access to competing web services like Netflix or Amazon Prime? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ensure that the Internet stays open and free for business. Thank you.
—Nicholas Vander Veen, Chicago, IL

Having one internet where all data is treated equally is vital. We should not give the monopoly providers the option to have a "fast" internet for important clients and a "slow" internet for the rest. Yes, one can wonder why the average user could want more speed. If this is permitted to happen, in 15 years the unimportant internet clients will be struggling along with the equivalent of a 56k modem connection.
—Walter Zurawsky, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality NEEDS to be preserved, and classifying ISPs as common carriers, an internet connection as a utility, makes perfect sense.In a developed nation as powerful and influential as the United States, an internet connection is seen more and more as a necessity to be successful. However, the US already suffers some of the slowest, most expensive internet service in the world thanks to the HORRIBLE consumer unfriendly practices of the giant corporations that control it. Eliminating net neutrality will only give them free reign to make things worse for Americans while their profits skyrocket. It would be the LEAST consumer friendly move the FCC could do.
—Carl Sperber, Pontiac, MI

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jeanne Larson, Phillips, WI

Please dont crush my dreams of the America I once knew
—Rodney, Wakefield, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is an impartial mean of communication and brings knowledge and many benefits to humankind. Specific governments may (and do) it´s own regullation rules, but as i see, it should be provided in Brazil as cheap as electrical energy and water services, in spite of Cable TV for rich ones who may afford broadband quality services.
—Henrique Soares Barbosa, Juiz de Fora,

To Whom It May Concern, I believe Net Neutrality is extremely important to our countries continued economic growth. By limiting the speed of new companies and start-ups we will be limiting America's potential and this is exactly what the great Theodore Roosevelt fought so hard against. Please fight to keep Net Neutrality for me and for future generations of Americans
—Elliot Darling, Woonsocket, RI

The internet is one of the last bastions of creativity and entrepreneurship that we the people have left. The government has allowed the pursuit of profit to control our foreign policy, our health care, our food supply... Don't take this from us too. Do not allow ISP lobbyists, and the millions of dollars that they are throwing at you to sway your better judgement. Do not allow yourself to be purchased. You are worth more than what they have to offer. Protecting the ability of the American people to communicate equally and freely is worth more than what they are offering. My voice should count as much as theirs. Please do the logical thing, the right thing, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality.
—Barry Anderson, Scottsdale, AZ

To whom it may concern, I have been working on the internet for almost 20 years. I have seen things change alot in that time, but one thing I don't want to see change is a free and open internet. Some will say that changes to the net neutrality will create innovations but I believe this is not true. The innovative technologies that are allowing small companies to take on the big guys were built on the back of a free and open internet. The changes in the rules benefit only the profiteering and already bad ISPs which are the only ones who would gain. We have the highest costing slowest Broadband anywhere in the world and it is because the ISPs dont want to be a utility or a dumb pipe. That in my opinion is wrong. Stand with consumers, with the free and open internet.
—Jeremiah Andrick, Duvall, WA

This proposed plan by the FCC will allow rampant discrimination on line. Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as the common carriers.
—Francesca Koumarianos, Novato, CA

I want the internet to be regulated like any other utility. That is what it is - a utility. Everyone in this day and age needs to have internet access. It is not a question of IF they need it. Accessibility to the internet pervades all aspects of life, and it will destroy innovation and creativity of small businesses to have to pay non-standardized prices for their internet traffic. Stop pandering to the money, and start pandering to the people - contrary to what the money thinks, the PEOPLE are the ones you serve.
—Bonnie VanDerveer, Iselin, NJ

It is going to hurt the american consumer if net neutrality is ended. Please don't let the big isps and content providers dictate what I can see on the internet. We don't need to line their pockets more than they already are. Do they need billions more? No they don't.
—Dolores Martinez, Collingswood, NJ

Net neutrality means to me that the Internet cannot prioritize the deep pockets of Fox News to spread disinformation over the shoestring budgeted truths of FAIR.
—Peter Wong, San Francisco, CA

Treating all content as equal is as important to the goal of the Internet as is treating all people as equal is to the Constitution. The FCC is in place to protect the people, not serve the interests of the corporations. I understand that the upper management of the FCC is a revolving door with the very corporations providing services and content but that is no excuse. Protect the Internet and Net Neutrality or you are telling the world that corporate interests are more important than the United States and it's ability to be the #1 technology power and innovator in the world. We will fall very far behind Scandinavian, European, and Asian nations if net neutrality ends.
—Neil Solomon, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want service providers deciding what content I should be viewing via the internet. For years, the internet has been the last bastion of the free flow of information and it should forever remain that way. Declare all internet service providers as common carriers. Like phone calls traveling along fiber optic cables cannot be discriminated against by telecommunications firms, neither should data traveling across the broadband spectrum be allowed to be throttled based on which content providers can pay tolls on public roads and which content providers cannot.
—Edwin M. Jackson, Houston, TX

To: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Save Net Neutrality Following the appeals court decision, the Federal Communications Commission has the power to stop Internet providers from selling bandwidth to the highest bidder. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality before it's too late. Sincerely, Sven
—Sven Thomassen, Hopkins, MN

Dear FCC, Grow a spine, and stop letting money be all you care about. You are the US goverment for gods sake. You are above these rather annoying and abusive ISPs. Please reclassify Interne as a Utility, and once again, grow a spine. We are all outraged that the US goverment is for sale. Prove to us all that democracy is indeed "For the people". Thank you
—Trevor Demelo, D'iberville, MS

The proposal you've made will only serve to restrict the incredibly open environment we have in the internet world, limit the possibilities that the internet provides every man and woman equally, and would ultimately be looked upon in shame by the American people. The youth in America today won't stand up for much in this world, but you better believe we'll stand up for the internet. If this goes through, don't expect the American people to have any faith at all in our government. Do your nation a service and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to keep the internet a place of opportunity.
—Alexander Winkler, Missouri City, TX

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=mCtP_-ZM8O4
—Suyash Raj, St. Louis, MO

Because we need to stop being the "Land of the Fee, and home of the Big Corporations". P.S. - you don't want us all to move to Canada, eh. I know I sure don't want to. But i would rather eat maple syrup and watch hockey than continue to watch big business run my life.
—Timothy Allen, Jackson, TN

Rules ending net neutrality are tantamount to the federal waiver on free speech. Allowing discrimination of any sort is a slippery slope. ISPs should be FCC regulated common carriers - they meet all of the criteria. We are the equivalent to a third world country when it comes to bandwidth yet the prices are exorbitant. Please, keep net neutrality going without restriction and start treating ISPs like all of the other utilities that have their own dedicated zones.
—Tim Bucholz, Mililani, HI

Without net neutrality, the economy will falter, as startup businesses will not be given the same chances as established web companies.
—John C Adie, Hartford, CT

Please don't ruin Net Neutrality by letting service providers have a two-tiered system. Please maintain Net Neutrality and preserve it forever by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexander Flint, Menlo Park, CA

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.
—Kate, Seattle, WA

The internet needs to be designated a utility - it has become many things for many people : a classroom, a personal assistant, an address book, a conference room, a library, or simply a playground. As our technology progresses and more services are dependent on an internet connection. You have a responsibility to protect the people from extortion.
—Michael Werner, Ames, IA

The internet has grown to be one of the most important means of communication in the country. Net neutrality is a guarantee that prevents large corporations form shaking down consumers and small businesses like mobsters in the 20s. Removing net neutrality stifles creativity of the artist and the ambition of the entrepreneur. Allowing big business to lord over the internet opens the doors to so many things while simply line the pockets of a wealthy few. Please, please, please do not choose the few over the many.
—Andrew Sanville, Madison, WI

So companies and governments can't disclose volatile information and keep the masses in the dark about real world issues. There's a reason why people don't rely on the news for information, the internet is the only unbiased outlet we have. I truly hope the right of free speech and self expression isn't stolen from us.
—Gavin Bardal, Surrey,

Must the internet be made like everything else in this country. Better for the rich and powerful? !?
—Linda D. Moorman, Chicago, IL

The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to classify all of our ISP's as common carriers. Our ISP's are the worst companies that Americans are forced to conduct business with. I would rather pay to file my taxes every day for a year than be forced to haggle with Comcast over being over-billed, then having my cable and internet disappear for 12 hours without an apology. There is no competition in this industry, there are no choices for consumers. Its a travesty that our government is even considering letting Comcast and Time Warner merge, when the two should have been taken to court over violating consumer protection practices years ago. Our government exists for the people, and its time they started doing their job.
—Matthew, Charleston, SC

Net neutrality (also network neutrality or Internet neutrality) is the principle that Internet service providers and governments 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. Moving to a two tiered system would allow internet service providers to provide more and faster service to those willing to pay more and less services at slower speeds for the millions not able to afford the better tier.
—Robert Qua, melbourne beach, FL

When a system is controlled by money, the highest bidder wins. Keeping the internet neutral allows the US, and subsequently the world, to access the information we need unhindered.
—James, Orlando, FL

Freedom of speech is possibly the most basic human right there is; for without free speech and expression, we become slaves to those who seek to enslave us. We are supposed to be an advanced, enlightened civilization, so a free internet is critical for our freedom and civilization, selling it to corporate interests is contrary to any hope of free speech.
—John Pulliam, Anna, TX

The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. Now, for-profit interests want to violate the principle of network neutrality in order to increase their own profit margins. They must not be allowed to destroy the free and open culture of the web. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to support robust net neutrality legislation that prohibits network operators from blocking, impeding or interfering with any lawful Internet traffic or prioritizing any content or services.
—Trevor, Rockport, IN

We paid for the internet, and we deserve an open one where everyone in equal.
—Donald R Sims, Orangevale, CA

Chairman Wheeler, ISP's must be considered as common carriers. The U.S. cannot afford to allow companies to control what is delivered over the Internet and what gets the "High Speed". To do that would be to allow our own democracy to falter. We cannot allow corporations to dictate what we view and what we don't on the Internet. You may say that isn't what this is about. That it is about creating a faster lane for certain companies. How is that different from saying they are making a slower lane for those that don't pay their premium? The end result is the same. Someone has faster speed while another is slower. Let's not let them use the excuse that Netflix uses 30% of their entire bandwidth. It just so happens that the people WANT to watch Netflix. If the ISP's want to keep our business, they will increase their own capacity to support the needs of their customers. But of course, we don't really have that choice In my city I have two options for Internet. One is the cable company, the other is the phone company. Why do we allow these ISP's to have a monopoly? Where is our freedom to choose? The U.S. is already ranked #32 in download speeds to residences (netindex.com). Considering that we are one of the top 10 wealthiest countries in the world, this is rather embarrassing. ISP's must be considered as a common carrier. We cannot allow our country to be further divided by the "haves" and "have nots". The Internet is a great resource for everyone. We must not allow corporations to discriminate.
—Chris Armstrong, Verona, WI

This cannot happen! ISP's need to be common carriers.
—Anna Haugerud, Northwood, IA

The internet should be open and free for all. That is the very essence of democracy, the free and open exchange of ideas. An internet "fast lane" would give those with the ability to pay more a greater voice than everybody else.
—Tom Gannon, Kansas City, MO

Net neutrality is key. Please do WHATEVER you can to STRENGTHEN net neutrality. Retreat any action against net neutrality, and start doing what you feel is the right and best for all. What does the public WANT? :) Grow the power of net neutrality. It's HUGELY important.
—Christoffer Smith, Oslo,

I support Net Neutrality. The FCC proposal does nothing to improve service for consumers and if implemented will allow service providers the ability to pick and choose what sites consumers are able to visit by throttling access to those sites. It effectively serves as censorship and stifles freedom of speech. As a 25 year IT and internet veteran I can tell you this will squash innovation. It will only add to the monopolistic powers that these companies have. The FCC proposal does absolutely nothing except increase profits for specific companies while hurting consumers and small businesses.
—John Brown, Pineville, NC

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers -- don't turn our internet free speech over to monopoly corporations who will ultimately be in control of who has access to the soapboxes. To do so is to go against the tide of history. Sooner or later the US telecomm monopolies will come crashing down because citizens will not stand for this assault on free speech. The FCC should be on the side of all the people, not just on the side of big business. Those businesses who made it big on the internet did so because of net neutrality and now want to close the door on competition. The internet isn't just about watching movies on Netflix or television on Comcast, but rather it's about digging up the small, obscure independent journalist report on topics that aren't considered economically feasible to the big companies.
—Deborah Vance, Towson, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because freedom on the internet is no different than freedom in the real world. The internet is a place of sharing, learning, discovering, and creation just like the real world, and a free internet is imperative to the growth of innovation, modern art, and society as a whole in our generation. I take my stance against the corporations and I demand regulation be placed to restrict the power of these whore-mongering ISPs. You will not take away this generation of creativity with your schemes to get rich and make deals; we the people won't tolerate it any longer.
—Joshua King, Albany, NY

Please don't sell out to the highest bidder, give the people a break.
—Mr. David Hildreth, Rochester, NY

Because I believe in free speech, and a monopoly is going to be the opposite.jmg
—Joan M Gold, tucson, AZ

We are done with big business taking over everything. NO c CHanges to net neutrality!!! The proposed head of the acc should also be stopped as he is simply a lobbyist being put in the position of protecting us from lobbyists. UNBELIEVABLE
—Mark Winkler, missouri city, TX

THE INTERNET IS THE FUTURE OF THE MODERN WORLD AND AS SO SHOULD BE IN CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS. tHE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE SLOWEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE INTERNET IN THE WORLD IS APPALLING AND JUST SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN UPGRADING AND MAINTAINING THE NETWORK ONLY IN MAKKING MONEY.
—Chris Howell, atlantic city, NJ

FCC, There is absolutely no reason to end net neutrality unless you are getting a kickback from big cable corporations, like Comcast. They are obviously the only "people" who would benefit from this ridiculous idea. They are already a monopoly! Please wake up and smell the coffee! WE DON"T WANT THIS!!!!!! Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Judith A Jones, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs a common carriers. Ending net neutrality would mean a blow to our already unstable economy, as well as undo the careful smokescreen the government has built up to let us believe in "American freedom and democratic ideals."
—Alison Hopkins, Atlanta, GA

The FCC must make real net neutrality America's official stance regarding access to the internet. The internet is inarguably part of the commons and should be classified as such. If we do not ensure that access to the highest quality internet service is available to every American, we will seriously cripple our country's ability to compete globally. The future of American industry will be inextricably linked to the internet, from education to the sharing of ideas to the existence of an open marketplace. To divide the internet up into different tiers of quality is to prop open the door for discrimination against people and businesses that are not already firmly established or exceptionally wealthy. How can the United States hope to innovate if it disenfranchises the next generation of citizens and corporations? It's already an international disgrace that we do not typically have more than two ISPs to choose from in our local communities, and that we receive such slow speeds for the price that we pay. Creating different tiers of internet service can only serve to make this problem worse. It will create a whole new profit motive that will incentivize the exclusion of the poor, the middle class, and any other entity that cannot pay top dollar for fast, reliable service. This outcome does not represent the picture of America I was raised to believe in. American ISPs are completely capable of offering fast, quality service to all Americans while continuing to reap enormous profits even if the internet is classified as a part of the commons. Comcast and Verizon and Time Warner already have firmly established footholds in the ISP industry, and they have a huge swath of heavily subsidized infrastructure at their disposal. If they are not capable of competing, given those advantages, then they deserve to fail. They do not deserve to have the nation's rules rewritten for the benefit of their shareholders. In closing, I insist that the FCC preserve net neutrality and declare ISPs as common carriers. It is in the interest of all Americans, both present and future.
—Jon Swihart, Seattle, WA

The American public must demand net neutrality and free Internet; corporate greed (COMCAST, Time Warner to name two) suck the lifeblood out of the public decade after decade. They have made obscene amounts of money and the public HAS to demand an end to this. How free is a society when media is controlled by corporations?
—Coco Carey, Wheat Ridge, CO

Please abandon the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Promote competition among ISPs to give customer choice. Keep all internet traffic treated equally.
—Wade T, San Francisco, CA

Please represent average American people and their needs. You can stop the steady march of corporate profits over the freedom and will of the American people. History will remember these and your actions on this matter. To go down in the pages of American history as a noble advocate and guardian of free and unencumbered ideas and speech, throw out the rules and instead treat ISP's as common carriers. Our children, our grandchildren and many more generations to follow can lose even more to other countries' children in the push for new ideas and answers to future problems. Unfettered and cheap flows of information can allow our decendants to floursih and grow. Again; Please do right by the American populace and re-classify the ISPs into common carriers.
—Sheldon F. Nestler, Reading, PA

Folks: I am on dial up modem internet like most rural poor. It take several minutes to download a single page now and there are a lot of page cannot be displayed messages. Allowing AT&T,etc. to put us on even a slower connection will put the internet out of our reach because we cannot afford all the additional fees.
—John Fix, QUINCY, WA

Don't allow a few greedy corporations to sabotage fair and equal access to information and services! The best aspect of the internet is it's ability to enhance democracy and a level field in our society. To hinder this would be a disaster. There is too much corporate thuggery going on already!
—Matthew Waldron, Hillsboro, OR

Everyone deserves a single speed Internet. Do away with net neutrality with leave consumers paying for internet and will create an unlabeled playing field for entrepreneurs. Do not pass any new standards allowing cable providers to fast track done websites thus in turn slowing down others. Keep the Internet fair for the citizens of the USA!
—Kristin Keliher, Alexander, NC

The proposal to introduce a two-tiered Internet with extra fees for improved performance is discriminatory, anti-competitive and will stifle innovation and progress. It will in fact, mean that wealth creation in this great nation will slow since new startup companies like the next generation of Google and Facebook are less likely to succeed.
—Michael Crooks, Sacramento, CA

We all deserve the same access to the internet.
—Ingrid Rochester, Elbert, CO

the Internet offers people (like the people on you-tube and other creative services) a forum to talk to the world, without net neutrality not only are peoples Internet speeds throttled but so are peoples creativity and freedom of speech.
—Sam Herman, Houston, TX

The proposed Internet rules are a terrible idea. This will completely eliminate net neutrality, leading to extra fees and worse performance for consumers and preventing startups from competing. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Competition worked in the phone industry - don't destroy it on the Internet.
—Steven Fenster, Pemberton Borough, NJ

If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing!
—Janice Bergeron, North Branford, CT

Please don't further annihilate the middle class. Wheeler is a fascist (the Drone King is no better), and it's no secret how corrupt the rest of Washington is; Monsanto runs the FDA, now Comcast runs the FCC? Is the NSA not enough for you? How much more do you intend to thoroughly rape what America stood for in the first place? I'd rather die a martyr than watch the internet become another black vein in your warped political game. Fuck your gatekeepers. America is dead, and the politicians in conjunction with corporations have killed it, and are picking at it's fresh remains as we speak like greedy buzzards to carrion. We're all familiar with the adage 'History tends to repeat itself', and I encourage all of you to look to Rome to see how this story will end. Regards, Dylan
—Dylan Vigil, Van Nuys, CA

Our Nation must provide affordable high speed internet to our total student population (pre-grade school through post graduate school) if we are to keep up with the rest of the world. When I see what other nations are doing to provide for their citizens I wonder if we have a death wish for ours. INTERNET ACCESS BE A SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC UTILITY Do our current leaders think the REA was a bad idea?
—Jack Myers, COUPEVILLE, WA

Keep the internet from being pay for speed. Net Neutrality is a must for democracy and for small business.
—Dale Robinson, Kensington, MD

THE INTERNET IS THE HOME OF FREE AND A WAY OF LIFE THAT LET'S PEOPLE BE WHO THEY WANT TO BE
—Stevie Nguyen, burtonsville, MD

Controlling access to the internet is like controlling access to the air we breath. Net Neutrality is important to me because access to something an powerful as the internet should not be dictated by the amount of money you earn.
—Cassidy Villegan, Austin, TX

Don't be a corporate shill and destroy our last true bastion of freedom.
—Kevin Wrobbel, Livonia, MI

We are already approaching a time unprecedented before, with the mega media giants controlling information. We are supposed to live in a democracy, and as members we need to be insured that at least one source of news and information is freely available to each and every on of us. Otherwise, we start to look an awful lot like China or Russia.. Please think long and hard about this and dont let us down!
—Judi Jernigan, Ridgeland, SC

The Internet is pretty much the most amazing thing we have ever done as a society. This is because of the equal playing field for all content providers. It is a place for artists and creators to provide content at an affordable rate. It is your responsibility to protect this precious thing we have. It is not just the direct consequences that concern me, it is simply a step in the wrong direction. Please, please stop this madness.
—Charlie Nance, Portland, OR

\monopoly not good.
—Michael Slaton, rio rancho, NM

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I believe every person should have their right to view and do as they please on the internet without the hassle of being selected, chopped up, and divided into groupings. In my own life, not having Net Neutrality would affect my education in the different forms of ways that I learn, it would affect my hobbies and other peoples hobbies in their expression of art and trying to reach out to others. Overall I feel getting rid of Net Neutrality would hinder people and it will cause a HUGE disruption in the natural positive flow that we, as internet users, have already created.
—Kristopher Martin, Redondo Beach, CA

Net Neutrality equals freedom of the press and freedom to access information!!!! Nothing else needs to be said. Without it we betray the founding values of our country, and betray our value of spreading freedom across the globe. In essence we deny ourselves.
—Joshua Schanll, Meadowbrook, PA

This is one of the worst thing cable companies could do--they are already terrible, and now they will demand a premium for faster speeds? Outrageous.
—Victor, Berkeley, CA

Dear FCC, We, the American People, deserve to have our First Amendment rights. If you end Net Neutrality you will silence the American People and allow corporations to take over our last safe haven for Free Speech and Free Press. You are in a position to keep what little democracy we have left safe. Do not betray us for monetary or political gains.
—Christine Phillips, Temperanceville, VA

Throw out FCC's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Haley Green, Fort Wayne, IN

I don't believe that cable company providers should be allowed to charge websites for faster download speeds. The so-called 'fast lane' will be a way to manipulate what information reaches the public. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Madison West, Spring, TX

test
—Test S, test, CA

Freedom is important for all Americans. The Internet isn't royal, social, democrat, or republican, and should no way ever in history of mankind be capitalistic but it is American. If any human on this planet has the drive and passion to take the time to code or learn to upload, design to create something let freedom reign. Please stop debating with corporations and business men about how to make money by destroying the old and not perfected. . . yet. There are billions of ways to work with the internet as it is to make revenue. The idea to destroy in order to regulate sounds a little like the 3rd reich and if we as a human race really saw everyone as equal then all ISPs would and should be reclassified as common carriers for all. Thank you for this opportunity and what I would personally ask is to throw out the rules and money, let love be the feeling that guides your decision that impacts humanity tools for success. Thanks you again!
—Michael Kimmick, north lauderdale, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please do not allow the telecommunications giants like A T & T, Verizon, and Comcast to achieve special treatment and internet speed exceptions. These companies are now virtual monopolies and would use any advantage to bury the typical American consumer. If there was any way to penalize them in some way I'd be all for that as they are pirates and thieves without any vestige of conscience or morality. Thank You For Your Consideration James W. Cady Living on Social Security in Florida
—James W. Cady, Panama City Beach, FL

Do not allow net discrimination at any moment! Net discrimination will eventually break the internet as we know it.
—Tom Schwenkenberg, Darwin,

The FCC is an agency the serves all of the citizens of the United States of America, not the select few who can profit most from this proposed change. Please keep the internet truly one speed.
—Chris Coffee, Oakland, CA

As a librarian, I know how important equal access is to all people. No one should be shut out or slowed down simply because they don't have the money for a fast lane.
—Lana Touchstone, Vallejo, CA

Net Neutrality is an important format for the internet to keep any and all domains at an even playing ground that we all enjoy today. Giving up Net Neutrality would only provide benefits for the telecom companies. It would be a hindrance and an unnecessary expense for the consumers and web domains that currently enjoy Net Neutrality as it defined now.
—Tyler Hobbs, lakesite, TN

The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. If we give an "elite" or "express" lane to those that can afford it, then we would be hindering any new development. Only the elite giants would be able to afford to compete with themselves. Getting rid of net neutrality would destroy the ability for any local, non corporate business to compete alongside corporate business, and it would be doing this for no reason other than to increase profits for the few. I demand cheaper, faster internet, not more expensive or slower internet. There is no reason that internet should be as slow as it is, while also being as pricey as it is.
—Eric Tillman, Ogden, UT

Dear Wheeler et al, If the FCC kills net neutrality, I will cancel my internet service and donate the savings to Free Press. Preparing for war, Richard
—Richard Morgan, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is THE most important aspect of the web.
—Catherine Royer, Albany, NY

FCC Net Neutrality is important to me because not keeping it is an experiment we know will cause censorship via making some voices louder than others determined based on how much money you can pay to have better speeds. What is so wrong with having one persons voice/data travel at the same speed as another persons (nothing is wrong with it so don't change it!)? Do you have a method devised for how you will determine what speed is too slow? What method is it? Is it practical to try to try enforce the regulation about how slow is too slow? Can you prove the method by which you intend regulate too slow is too slow? If you can't prove 100% it will work should you pass such an experimental law?
—Jeremy Price, Paramount, CA

Please break up the monopolies. Redefine the internet as the utility it truly is. It is an information utility. Information is what is driving our global economy.
—Charles Casper, Union Springs, NY

Tom Wheeler, you are a true patriot miming the act of democracy while suckling at the corporate teat. Your plan to relinquish power to major internet service providers will not only suffocate that diseased rodent Net Neutrality but it will also allow the FCC to embrace this nation's glorious ascent into oligarchy. Sadly, if you refuse to recognize the majority's demand to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the majority will recognize your independent agency as an ineffective, corrupt institution and your career will most likely suffer. But on behalf of the United Shareholders of America I salute you, sir. Your actions will be remembered forever. Good luck and God bless.
—Desmond Shaggs, San Francisco, CA

It's a horrid idea to get rid of Net Neutrality, for it creates a level playing field throughout the internet which so many people rely on for, in the case of online stores, what's often their singular source of income, or for independent artists to get their work sold. I know a lot of people who rely on internet based sales, and their websites would be lost in large part by this rule being abolished. It's not (as some have suggested) a view that's simply been fabricated by the likes of John Oliver and Stephen Colbert, it's a valid concern to a lot of people all over the world and the idea of the companies who pay the most getting the best service is abhorrent to any reasonable person. We have to all stand as one, be it individuals or corporations, so we can promote healthy competition between everyone. It's still capitalism; the weak die and the strong survive. It's just not a case of one group being the kings, served by the strong whilst the weak are left starving in the streets because people don't want such slow, horrid, and unreliable service.
—Kaliska Boatwright, Claude Road,

This is the start of a host of bad! This cannot happen!
—Rob, Brenchley,

The internet needs to remain an equal experience for everyone, not a tiered system that benefits corporate interests and those who can afford not to worry about it.
—Curtis Bosket, Eureka, MT

Keep the internet free, and equal to all. Stop corporate takeover of the internet!
—Robert Ross, CINCINNATI, OH

The Internet is already commercialized. These companies make plenty of money from it. It is unnecessary and foolish to expect people to continue paying more and more for internet. It is not fair to continue to ignore the needs or opinions of many to line the pockets of a few.
—Tonya Fredrick, Henderson, KY

Since I live in Europe, and the European Parliament has shown a lot more common sense than the FCC, this issue doesn't affect me directly. However, I fear a kind of new domino theory: if the big carriers get away with this in the US, they will undoubtedly try again in Europe. It's unbelievable for me that a country which more or less invented the balance of power, can propose regulations like this. It's very simple: I pay for the internet connection, I'm the customer, so I decide how I will use it. It is unbearable that my ISP should have any say in this.
—WIm Kegel, Heiloo,

it's important to everyone, to e-commerce businesses and those of us who patronize them. the corporate greed monster has taken over Congress, we have to protect the internet or all we'll get to see is Koch brothers paid fascist propaganda, no more real news. this would be catestrophic to a free society.
—Pamela Evans, Kemp, TX

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Russ Prevost, Pinconning, MI

We need to protect level, equal access on, and of, the Internet!!!!! Are we or are we not a democracy? When corporate money rules and determines access, obviously we who work for a living, or are marginally employed, lose access and opportunity - as marginal as it is! For the sake of all of us don't mess with Net Neutrality!!!
—Anna Shenk, Somerville, MA

Net Neutrality is for an open and non discriminitory use of the internet no matter the size or ideology of the website.
—Mark Videen, SSP, MN

Please preserve equality and nuetrality on the web. This is a public utility, not a corporate property.
—Dr. Gene Bourquin, New York, NY

I'M ALREADY PAYING A LOT OF MONEY TO GET ON THE INTERNET, WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PAY MORE BECAUSE OF EXTRA FEES THE TELCOM'S ARE IMPOSING ON CONTENT PROVIDERS TO DELIVER THEIR CONTENT THAT I'M ALREADY PAYING FOR!!!
—Mr. Josh Gensheimer, Wall, NJ

The Net must be kept free and open to all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dave Lindblom, Mt. Pleasant, UT

I do not need to be controlled at every turn. I am an adult citizen. Leave me SOME freedom!
—Diana Dee, North Hollywood, CA

We're already getting priced out of the system. Proposed changes will allow ISP's to openly discriminate against anyone unable to pay to play. Change the rules and make the internet a public utility--don't allow mega corporations to make mega profits as they have done with cable and satelite TV services.
—Richard Lee, Zephyrhills, FL

Stop working for the megacorporations and start working for the people. You know, the ones who you're ACTUALLY supposed to protect.
—Mr. Percival Pollard, Des Plaines, IL

We expect the initial promise of the internet to continue. And there is already far too much "preempting" our use of the net -- pop-up ads, roundabout routing, delays while we figure out how to respond. Please don't make it worse.
—Eugene A. TeSelle, Nashville, TN

A "two-tiered" internet is akin to a two tiered society, with a ruling class and downtrodden serfs. This is un-American.
—Charles Paul Becker, LITCHFIELD, CT

I don't want a profit-driven entity to have the power to exercise its bias against online content and/or applications that I may choose.
—Marva Pattillo, Milwaukee, WI

As a very small business owner, the idea of a pay-to-play tier of internet performance that is only available to enterprise-level corporations is very offensive. The internet began as an open and free exchange of information, and should remain a communications platform for everyone, and not just one more profit center for the fortune 500.
—Christopher Ruggia, Alpine, TX

The FCC exists to protect everyone, not the special interests!
—Jane Kusel, LEESBURG, VA

We don't want gatekeepers mediating our internet access. It goes against equality.
—Brian McCracken, portland, OR

You are a public agency, not a agency if corporate America. Please act in the interest of the public.
—Terre Spencer, Peachtree Corners, GA

With more and more of people's lives involving the Internet, it's important that we protect users' rights. It's government for the people, not for the corporations.
—Derek Meyer, Alexandria, VA

The Internet should never be sold to the highest bidders. Enough catering to huge corporations that want to profit from it. We need a free and equal Internet. Throw out your proposal and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lawrence Crowley, Louisville, CO

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Teresa Winchester, Magdalena, NM

You are a bunch of criminals that need to be stopped
—Chris Nault, tallahassee, FL

FREEDOM SPEECH!!! EQUAL ACCESS!!! PEOPLE NOT CORPORATIONS!! IT'S THE AMERICAN WAY!
—Lisa D'Ambrosio, Lancaster, MA

A truly neutral - open and available to all - internet is crucial to a modern democracy. This is where most of our citizens now go to get news and information. There is no justification for a two tiered system, except greed.
—Elizabeth Cabell, Centennial, CO

Keeping the Internet free and open is essential to creating and maintaining a free and open democratic society.
—Carolyn Foley, Norwalk, CT

The Internet is a utility, not a luxury. Denominate it as such.
—Maria Gonzalez, Chicago, IL

It's a matter of principle -- a core principle underlying true democracy: There will be no discrimination as long as all citizens truly have equal access to whatever is protected by our laws.
—Barbara Burkett, Shelby, NC

I value my freedom as a citizen and I am counting on you. Thank you
—Lyn Marsh, Asheveille, NC

Individual users would only be hurt by any change,
—Douglas Shumate, Warner Robins, GA

It's freedom of speech and it's our only freedom to express ourselves.
—Jose Navarro, San Antonio, TX

Real competition controls cost to consumer.
—John Mullen, Springfield, OR

Protect our internet freedom!!
—Sandy Sobanski, New York, NY

It is neither democratic nor fair to use a government created utility (ie - we, the taxpayers paid the salaries of the government employees who created the basis of what has become the internet) to determine access by price and income level.
—Cary Lafaye, Columbia, SC

We slowly learn about the true face of USA and its companies.
—Monica Dahlby, uppsala, TX

Wheeler, In case you forgot, the purpose and mission of the FCC is to regulate in favor of the public interest.
—Joe D McDONALD, Boulder, CO

Don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Please do the right thing for our country and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Elena Vanko, Towson, MD

I am opposed to the new rules being considered by the FCC. They will create a two-tiered internet, where spending more can get a company more bandwidth, leaving whoever can't spend that much with less chance of being heard. Our internet in this country is already not so great. We've only got a few providers, who offer lousy service, at high prices, relative to what is available abroad. These new rules will only make a bad situation worse. Please reconsider, and do not make this change.
—Wendy D Johnson-Niblick, Clovis, CA

Make all internet providers common carriers.
—Clayton James Conway, Seattle, WA

A free and open Internet is vital to our current and future progress as a species. It is how innovation is spurred, how disparate groups communicate, and how we amplify our own humanity. It also is how we have fun. I am a Verizon FiOS subscriber and I STILL want a free and open Internet. Please be the guardians for the citizenry...as you should be. Respectfully,
—Albert Lopez, Blue Bell, PA

The fox guarding the hen house - really?
—Carolyn Borden, Switzerland, FL

This is a Democracy and it is suppose to run on equality not run on who pays the most money.
—Lucy Koteen, brooklyn, NY

Part of my livelihood comes from the Internet. Big telecom should not get to dictate the way we use it and which sites we see
—David Richards, Plymouth, MI

Net neutrality is the foundation of the freedom of speech in the 21st century. Without it, the first amendment, not to mention free commerce of ideas, is all but dead.
—Mr. Dominic K Albino, Winchester, MA

The internet is how I interact with the world, I have friends on four continents - if the internet disappears so do those friendships. If the net is censored or bottle necked between me and them our friendships become something the big corporations or the government can control...
—Charles Carter, Cleveland, GA

We demand real net neutrality not discriminatory BS!
—Rima Rosenthal, Ellsworth, ME

Please keep TRUE net neutrality so small businesses like mine can survive.
—Mr. El Armstrong, Denver, CO

We need the internet to be uninfluenced by any one. Hence the word "Neutral".
—Tony Chavez, North Hollywood, CA

without Net Neutrality the ISP will throttle back bandwidth on non-commercial sites. Discourse particularly of a political nature cold be slowed to early modem speeds, to favor sites that pay the ransom for fast service. This will vurther erode our democracy.
—Dave Clayman, Clifton Park, NY

I urge you to regulate the Internet as a utility. The Internet was founded on the principle of equal access using standards-based protocols. The level playing field created by that foundation fueled innovation beyond the dreams of its creators. Giving cable companies the right to slow traffic is bad for consumers and limits our choices. It limits innovation. In the name of the public good, please end this practice.
—Keith A Westgate, andover, MA

People are fed up with the obvious purchase of our government agencies and institutions by business interests. Our last free and open line of communications to fight back is the internet.
—Raymond Fox, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve the people's democratic right to net neutrality.
—Bracha-Nechama Bomze, New York, NY

Without an open Net, communication and commerce will grind to a screeching halt!
—Martin Peck, Bronx, NY

Users of the Internet already pay their service providers for access to the Internet -- the entire Internet, as long as it's somewhere legal and permissible to go (i.e., not a private or secure site the users have no credentials for). To allow those providers to pick and choose the speed those sites can be accessed at, depending on who else is giving them money, is unfair to the users, the general public. They will not get what they're paying for. Please maintain Net Neutrality.
—Erin Hartshorn, Bethlehem, PA

I don't want the Internet to be run like the cable industry. We as taxpayers paid for the development of the Internet--it is not the property of AT&T, Verizon and Comcast
—Haven McClure, Madison, WI

I refuse to pay for an internet where my viewing habits / sites visited are considered less than. I should be treated as equal as everyone else.
—Ben Grayson Conley, Valdese, NC

Fair is fair! Make it like the land line phone system!
—Jeff Glenn, Chicago, IL

Isn't it bad enough that our news media is biased and only tell us what they want us to know. If you allow the ISP's the ability to create a two tiered Internet, what comes next is more tiers and eventually only what they want us to see will be available. The only true way to ensure net neutrality is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Carl Gartley, Gulfport, MS

It's time to throw out the old rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality. Thanks.
—Jorge Gonzalez, doral, FL

It is imperative to the future of the American (digital) culture that the FCC throw out its rules obviously influenced by corporate powers and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. So much lies at stake here.
—Glen L. Bledsoe, Salem, OR

I continue to struggle with slow and unreliable internet already despite having succumbed to the pleas of banks, credit cards and others to become paper free. Prices keep going up and service down. Having tiered pricing--which already exists folks--will make it even more difficult for people on fixed or moderate incomes.
—L C Lohman, Littleton, CO

Equality for all
—Jesse lyons, Edmonton,

I don't want to have fast lanes and slow lanes on the Internet whereby corporations could control speed for everyone by buying the fast lanes and everyone else must use the slow lanes. This is discrimination. Keep the Internet free for everyone!
—Donald Ruehlow, Prairie du Chien, WI

Any "pay-for-prioritized-traffic" system will corrupt the Internet. As an ISP, be happy with your monopoly status and don't be greedy! It may come back to bite you!
—William Barnes, Cockeysville, MD

The internet has become more of a public utility than a content manager, and should be subject to the same kind of regulation. Internet use is nearly essential today and the providers should not be in a position to regulate content either directly or indirectly. This is especially a problem since you have allowed cable/internet providers to gobble up content providers and there is very little competition/alternatives available.
—William Claiborn, Venice, FL

Don't do to the Internet what you have done to TV. Keep the Internet free and open!
—Ronald Knarr, Indianapolis, IN

Net neutrality is important to keep the internet a level playing field. Once their is imbalance -- fast & slow lines or fast & faster lanes -- the smaller, often more innovative companies will be challenged to battle the incumbents. How would a startup go against Netflix, even if it had a better mouse trap, if Netflix had deals with all internet providers to speed its service? There would be unfair competition. The internet is one of the greatest democratizing technologies in the world -- the history of the world. Please don't crack that edifice.
—Alan Huffman, brentwood, TN

The Internet is and should remain a space of freedom, not of corporate interests. Don't kill net neutrality
—Clayton Mendonça Cunha Filho, Fortaleza,

As a person who conducts a small business online, I want to ensure my business is not put in the "slow lane." And per my Constitutional rights, I want to ensure I can continue to continue my online non-profit and political activism without my communications being "censored" by being pushed to the slow lane or prevented entirely.
—Sally Small, Clarington, OH

My time is just as valuable as those you deem as worthy of having faster internet connections. Don't put me on the slow lane. Why can't we have faster connections like Europe. And they pay much less for their internet service. And they have more class mobility than we have. Don't tell me that all of those facts are related to one another. The market is free for the few who fetter it for the 99%..
—Benita Campbell, Burgettstown, PA

I am a frequent visitor to sites such as YouTube, Facebook, and several hobby forums, as well as an avid fanfiction author. I feel that the loss of Net Neutrality would not only severely damage the creativity and rights of free expression and the rights to share our ideas with others, but also cost many Americans their jobs, and severely damage the economy.
—Marty P. Rourke, Dracut, MA

Wheeler is a corporate asshole!!
—Leland Long, Denver, CO

The internet is bad enough as it is. Don't slow it down any worse.
—Robert Jeffrey, Fort Myers, FL

There is only one America, not one for Business and another for the rest of us. The FCC should not be promoting two Americas, one superior and one inferior. Reclassifying broadband under Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934.
—Gerald Campbell, Oakton, VA

We ALL own the internet. Allowing corporations to gain higher speed access for their customers because they have the resources is inherently wrong. I support redefining the ISPs as common carriers to ensure net neutrality for every user and contributor to the World Wide Web.
—Kevin M. Dufresne, Bangor, ME

NO to another opportunity for a few corporations to dictate to the rest of us, to control what we see and hear, based on economics or whatever other arbitrary marker they choose to decide by. Net Neutrality is one of the most democratic things this country has, don't destroy it.
—Peggy Acott, Portland, OR

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Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Michael Bordenave, fresno, CA

All of these people crashing your website with their comments to protect net neutrality is a sign that people really care about this. Instituting a "slow lane" and "fast lane" will have the same effect for every website - making them crash or slower to use. If your website can suffer for it, imagine what would happen to all the other websites of companies that provide useful services that aren't in that fast lane, even if it means picking companies with worse services. Please redefine ISPs as common carriers and keep the net neutral and fair ground for everyone.
—Matt Willard, Jacksonville, FL

The internet is the last bastion of freedom we have. Don't sell it to the highest bidder.
—Steve Burek, Trevor, WI

BIG BUSINESS ALREADY CONTROLS NEARLY EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. ONE OF THE FEW LINKS WE, the people, HAVE TO FREEDOM IS THE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE INTERNET. DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR ABILITY TO OPENLY COMMUNICATE. IF THE MEGA-CARRIERS WANT TO PROVIDE PRIORITY SERVICE, THEN LET THEM BUILD DEDICATED HIGH SPEED LINKS.
—Russell Ranshaw, Columbus, OH

Please do not approve a pay to play setup for internet access. Apply true Net Neutrality.
—Darren Showers, Buffalo, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Keep greed out of the internet.
—Lorene France, Pensacola, FL

Preserve Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Melody Smith, Iowa City, IA

With the corporations and lobbyists already controlling so much, the internet offers the opportunity for 'anyman' to have an equal say. We cannot allow the content of our internet to be manipulated to give advantage once again to the corporations. It would be like only offering books that are more heavily marketed at the public library. A serious form of censorship is in the making with even contemplating this kind of proposal.
—Kimberly G. Ferran, Fort Lauderdale, FL

It is important to me that major conglomerates do not take away our rights to easy access to the internet for all. This is yet another move away from our constitutional rights. Small businesses have been the cornerstone of the American economy. Let's keep them alive. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anne Watts, Santa Rosa, CA

America is the only country in the world with freedom of speech. It is this that makes us the greatest power on earth. The Internet is an essential mechanism for continuing and enhancing freedom of expression for all citizens. Please make sure it is protected by protecting net neutrality.
—Corey D. Kaup, New York, NY

This is a free country, isn't it?????????????????
—Edythe Rickard, Hagerstown, MD

no corporate ownership of the internet,, let freedom ring on the internet
—Shawn Peticos, Ellenboro, NC

An open internet means an alternative to the propaganda broadcast on tv and printed in the newspapers. Mr. Wheeler RESIGN you are nothing but a walking Conflict of Interest. You represent the main stream media and corporations, NOT the American People. You are in it for THE MONEY.
—Steven Mondel, Farmingdale, NJ

Access to a free an open internet for all citizens has become more important than any other factor for preserving democracy. It should be a constitutional right.
—Benjamin Neusius, Brooklyn, NY

The internet is the information highway. It has become an embedded and very important part of the infrastructure of our lives. There are those who would like to profit from anything which others must have and which those others have built and paid for. As a part of the infrastructure of our civilization it must be recognized and maintained as the utility which the internet most definitely is.
—Albert O Howard Jr, Seale, AL

If YOU PERSONALLY wish to be the defendant in a class action suit, continue the stupidity of allowing the biggies so much power. The suit I am involved with will look at your PERSONAL finances.
—WH Mckay, Williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality will guarantee accessibility to the internet for all income levels and for new enterprises. It is a public commons more important than any other public utility.
—James Ryon, CORINTH, TX

Our unrestricted Capitalism system is stifling innovation buy putting so much in the hands of a few. Please leave the internet alone -- the free market system never works when a few control it all.
—Steve Pollack, Beebe, AR

I pay for my service. Don't let my cable company slow down some of my content!
—Michael Walk, BALLWIN, MO

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You
—Kurt Dally, Bozeman, MT

Open and unrestricted access is imperative to students, small businesses, and a huge majority of the public. We need net neutrality!
—Beth Stanberry, Asheville, NC

I want access to all information.
—Kevin Furr, Albemarle, NC

freedom of the press and freedom of speech in this country is at stake
—Linda Lewis, Flint, MI

Abolition of Net Neutrality will allow Internet provider corporations to repress anti-corporate speech by shunting it to "slow lanes", or maybe even shutting it out altogether. Censorship is bad, whether governments OR corporations do it.
—Christopher Walker, Benton, AR

stop favoring the rich corporations, protect net neutrality for all. this is supposed to be a democracy for ALL
—Meredith Bradford, truro, MA

I get all my news in the Internet. It should not be allowed to slow it down for anyone!
—Russell Skinner, Kimberly, WI

A proposed two-tiered Internet would be disastrous for those who cannot afford to pay extra for their internet service. Please classify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Baxter, Falconer, NY

I consider the unrestricted and unaugmented flow of information to be vital to the creation and maturation of new businesses and business model, as well as the truly uninhibited exchange of ideas. This attempt to change to baseline standard of net neutrality is a money grab, plain and simple.
—William Smillie, Chicago, IL

You are either for the people or against us. You are either for freedom or against it. You are either for net neutrality or against it. Don't become an enemy of the people. Support freedom! Support net neutrality! Classify internet providers as common carriers.
—Brian Hester, Satellite Beach, FL

The net is the only thing that isn't completely controlled by a monopoly. These rules would allow large corporations to monopolize the nternet - don't let them do it
—Kimberly Noles, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is what has mad the internet the dynamic economic and cultural engine that it has become. Do not ruin it.
—David Beal, Providence, RI

The ISPs do not own the internet and have no legal or moral right to interfere in the delivery of this vital information and economic service. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers and recognize the internet for the utility that it is, not the commodity that THE ISP monopoly claims.
—James Tate, Chicago, IL

I will get rid of my home Internet service rather than support on-line discrimination. Mr. Wheeler, apologize and resign today.
—Jim LaRegina, Westfield, NJ

For our family on a budget now limited by retirement, possible additional costs will be a true financial burden. These a Internet companies are part of our utility bills nowdays. I do not understand why they are not regulated as such. They are utilities! Sincerely, Margaret Wiggins
—Margaret Wiggins, Hudson, WI

The internet has become imperative to people's lives and should be considered a public utility, available to all.
—Constance Engle, Hendersonville, NC

The internet should be for all, not for some.
—Brian Runyon, Cincinnati, OH

This is bullshit! this is just a way to bring corporations into a service that should be available to everyone
—Emil Sundbom, gdfgdgdfgdf, MI

The internet should remain neutral for the people not the mega media corporations and monied special interests.
—Ronald Carter, Pine Bush, NY

The Internet is a lot like Democracy. No one likes our democratic process fettered or obstructed by anyone or anything. Its about equal access !!
—Jose Alvarado, Colorado Springs, CO

Net neutrality creates infinite opportunities for people who otherwise do not have them. The ability for anyone to start their own website and have it available at the same speed of major websites is absolutely necessary for ordinary people to start their own businesses, minorities to speak out about the issues they face, and for artists to show off their work to the world.
—Kevin C. Chiu, Kirkland, WA

Net neutrality is vital for democracy!
—John Emerson, Boonville, IN

Access to information is you job to protect, not give more to the rich. This will further disadvantage those who most need access and leave them behind. Not fair!
—Lorraine Wright, San Francisco, CA

Because corporations can't be in control of the flow and accessibility of information in a real democracy!
—Kristin Pitt, St. Francis, WI

Keep the net free. Big money will be the downfall of this country.
—Dean Sutter, North Olmsted, OH

It is important to us seniors and the poor to have full free access to the Internet. Please keep the net as it is now. Work for the little guy for just this once.
—Willis S. Chambers, Montrose, CO

BRING BACK REAL NET NEUTRALITY!! It is not OK to GIVE the internet to COMCAST!! ISPs ARE common carriers. Reclassify them as such!
—Damon Waldrip, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me and YOU.
—Patricia A. A. Sampson, Waban, MA

Please keep the net neutral and stop monopolies from limiting our choices.
—Edgar, gainesville, FL

The internet is a common carrier. Treat it that way. No extra advantages for the wealthy!
—Janis McCabe, Port Chester, NY

LEAVE IT ALONE. THE INTERNET ISN'T BROKEN!!
—Judy Thayer, Cullman, AL

Broadband providers can be reclassified and regulated in the public interest, and the Internet can remain free. This is the only way that a free enterprise system can work and not just glorify a few and leave out everyone else. True freedom comes from true responsibility to all.
—Jeremiah Williamson, Arundel, ME

I don't want to have to pay twice for my netflix. I want to keep the google octopus from growing. I believe a neutral net helps protectcfree speech.
—Kathryn Ewell, Redondo Beach, CA

I own a small business and depend on the internet completely as I'm online only. This scheme will cripple my business. I would not be able to afford the fees and not paying the extra will force my customers to either wait or they will just leave. And they won't wait. I already have the fastest internet that Time Warner has and it's slow! Making it slower will drive my customers away. Why would you do this? Isn't the internet a utility? More like electric or water? Please don't put me out of business by insisting on this two tier scheme. Please classify the internet as a common carrier as it should be.
—Lin A. Hendrix, Austin, TX

The Internet should be open and free for all. No corporation or group of corporations should be able to control it or the information that passes through it.
—Melissa Pappas, Saint Paul, MN

Information on the internet has become critical for education and for democratic freedoms. Make sure it is equally available for all!
—Patrick Conner, Kennebunk, ME

You can't pull the wool over our eyes. Get big money out of the equation. Save Net Neutrality.
—Christian Hobbes, Altamonte Springs, FL

There is no morally defensible reason to end net neutrality. You can either be pro-American or pro-Corporatism, but the two approaches are incompatible.
—Tod Schneider, Eugene, OR

Net Neutrality is the best modern example of both democracy and innovation. Unlike many issues that require huge, complicated commitments (for example, addressing global climate change), net neutrality is fundamentally a policy commitment to representing actual people not corporate persons.
—Chuck Jaffee, Grass Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is the only equality. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. What do you want done for your ancestors. DO THE RIGHT THING NOW, PLEASE!
—Mary Bonhage, Royersford, PA

One Tier, one low price for all.
—Robert L Derbyshire, Wilmington,, NC

I am a small user, but am an Art Consultant and work from home. I have to send pictures. I don't want to have to pay a large fee to get good delivery
—Ralph Rosenfield, Columbus, OH

Protect Net Neutrality--reclassify the internet as a common carrier.
—David Tucker, Boone, IA

Not all of the important stuff on the web charges money!
—Larissa March, Seattle, WA

The internet is the only communication vehicle almost feely available to all American people. Do not shut some of those who need it most out by pandering to corporations and the wealth. Those who can BUY the internet and hold it hostage!
—Thomas Portney, North Augusta, SC

because i'm not a rich capitalist, but i am an american . . . net neutrality is important to me!
—Ron Grande, RUTLAND, VT

The internet should be treated as a utility, equally accessible to all.
—Amy Herren, New York, NY

Stop this rising Coup of the American Republic by the Corporations of former America! Return of from the Plutocracy to our Republic!
—David A Peterson, San Jose, CA

The internet gives so many people access to information and entertainment! It also helps people look for employment and even attend college. Please don't make it a two-tiered system!
—Donna Turiano, West Palm Beach, FL

Take care of the average citizen instead of big business
—Wilma Putz, mt city, TN

Do the right thing for the people.
—Tom Anderson, East Boston, MA

FCC Keep the real net neutrality
—Kevin belcher, Cols, OH

The internet is the last hope for the voices of actual people and causes not based on profit to connect. Making it a cyber turnpike will exclude important voices (those whose message is not compelling enough in big business' pocketbook) and allow for the "voice of the people" to be diminished, and yes, squelched. Keep the internet available to all!
—Carlena Wike, Woodland, CA

It goes against the democratic uses of it that you would allow pay-for-play access to the Internet
—James Pobst, Iowa City, IA

just get the real net neutrolly up and running confound it.
—Erik, west new york, NJ

As a professional educator, net neutrality is important because access to information - any information - is necessary for a free and informed people.
—Leigh Taylor, Garland, TX

The internet is an avenue of free speech, and free speech is crucial to democracy. The FCC can serve the interests of either democracy or oligarchy--one or the other, not both. Please choose democracy. Choose history, choose the people of this country, choose the principles on which this country was founded and on which it once prospered. It is the COUNTRY that should prosper, not the obscenely wealthy few who now call too many of the shots and buy too many elected officials.
—Ms. Kathleen Maloy, Winston-Salem, NC

Freedom, like our very lives, is never bought, only borrowed.
—Tim Culp, Waterford, WI

Net neutrality is necessary to our democracy.
—Thomas Behrendt, New York, CT

Save the internet. Open internet is essential to democracy and the spreading of knowledge throughout the world.
—Matt hunter, Chicago, IL

A free and open Net is vital to what the internet was founded for.
—Krista Lindemann, Cedar Rapids, IA

The internet is now crucial infrastructure for the economy and peoples' interaction with government and corporations. As such it is essential that internet providers be classified as common carriers, the same as the telephone companies before them. Please regulate them as common carriers. Thank you
—Kenneth Belcher, Chicago, IL

I'm sure my comments will fall on deaf ears, but I will provide my two cents worth.... Can you (the FCC) not see the the impedance of the free Internet costly data caps are causing? As we move forward in time data needs will be ever increasing. You are only going to allow the larger Internet providers to become filthy rich at the cost of smaller companies and the general public. You will indeed allow the USA to truly fall behind other countries. Maybe that is your greater plan. Allowing large companies dictate your decisions is not appropriate for the general public.
—Darren McMicken, Huntsville, AL

Its becoming obvious that private ownership of broadband is not in the interest of the vast majority of the american people. We need a fast and free internet.
—Mike deycaza, Honolulu, HI

Net neutrality now, net neutrality forever!
—Jon Spitz, Laytonville, CA

Net Neutrality is important for small businesses. They need a free internet to thrive. Net Neutrality is important for education. Free thought. We have enough corporate rule on information. Net Neutrality is important for a Free America. Net Neutrality is Free Press personified. We need free and equal access to information. This would be dampened by your plan. It's what my ancestors fought for. Don't give in to the oligarchy, please.
—Joy Shelton Warren, Vacaville, CA

I don't believe that throttling service to websites is conducive to helping the internet go. I have no desire to have my options limited by untrustworthy businesses that have shown time and time again that they are in it only fornthe profits. Please do not crush whatnthe internet has become. It will only become a predatory ground that only big business can play in.
—Joseph B. Torres, hampton, CT

Please think of what's best for us instead of what's best for AT&T and Verizon.
—Janet Piper, Butler, PA

Please do not sell out to the corporations.
—Jeffrey D Angus, Ranger, TX

We are not STUPID! Stop giving in to Corporations and PROTECT ALL Internet Users! The Internet needs to be renamed a UTILITY and REGULATED so ALL have EQUAL ACCESS!
—Sue Cohen, Rockville, MD

I use the internet. The whole thing. Not just "the parts of the internet that Comcast wants me to use."
—Bridget Magnus, Las Vegas, NV

Private market oligopolists should not be allowed to squeeze non-economic profits from internet technologies developed by public research and the efforts of individual programmers. Simply because the state licensed oligopolists have been allowed to become oversized gatekeepers by reckless industry concentration does not justify their schemes to further differentiate and price gouge an easily scalable and growable technology with broad applications for public economic, cultural and social good. Instead of having "revolving door " regulators/lobbyists going through outlandish gyrations to sophistically rationalize non-economic attempts to unnecessarily limit the use and increase the costs for users of a robust technological application, simply administratively classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—T Cassidy, Amherst, NH

Protect the internet from being taken over by major corporation.Already corporations are controlling most of our government. Please don't let then dominate our internet, too.
—Jonathan Backstrom, Cambridge, MA

The net must be neutral. It is not to be exploited by ISPs for their own commercial gain.
—David Cade, Mardu,

Following a SC ruling that "Freedom of Speech," also has an inherent principle, the right to be heard, the FCC ordered telecommunication companies to develop technology for the hearing and sight impaired. Is that unalienable right in danger?
—Peter J. O'Lalor Ph.D., Worcester, MA

For a world with justice & freedom , NET NEUTRALITY is the stabilizing "peace" weapon!
—Lambros Tropeas, Athens,

Keep the playing field level! If large amounts of capital are required to enter a media space then we will be stuck with the current choice list: no one wants that!
—Aaron Zull, lafayette, IN

The internet as we know it has provided freedom of expression and press without worry of unnecessary censorship.
—Matt Fournier, Apopka, FL

Net Neutrality is extremely important to our country's ability to compete in the global market. It stimulates competition and innovation. If you follow through with your fast lanes option, small developing companies will be priced out of the market. Its is absolutely crazy to me. We already lag behind much of the developed world in internet speed. Why do we want to move BACKWARDS in technology?? Faster speeds AVAILABLE TO ALL should be the goal here. Yet, once again, powerful, big-moneyed companies are calling the shots. Please, Tom Wheeler, don't be weak. Stand up for what is best for our country.
—Melissa Glen, Ridgefield, CT

The Internet is an essential part of modern life and it must be kept neutral and not be allowed to be controlled by industry.
—Nancy Langer, Sioux Falls, SD

Many small businesses have a website. If the FCC lets only big business have access to a fast lane, many small business could go out of business. That means more people will lose their jobs. Keep the net neutral.
—Anita Tsalagi Asha, West Palm Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important to the citizens of the United States because the FCC enforcing it might eventually cause the cable giants to actually decide to compete with one another, which hopefully would lead to lower competitive rates and fees. Plus, maintaining Net Neutrality is simply the right thing to do.
—James P Brown, Rio Rancho, NM

Please reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers.
—Julia Briggs, Snohomish, WA

It is important to me that we all have open and free access to internet. Companies within the industry are much too big and should not have any more control of it than they do. We are manipulated enough.
—Chris Baker, Coeur d Alene, ID

Free Speech includes the Internet which is a utility that no one should have any have any advantages over anyone or anything else. The giant companies of the Internet are not better nor more deserving of better service. We pay too much for speed that needs to increase as we are nowhere near the leaders in Internet speed. Exactly what does America excel at other than consistent mediocracy in all the things we used to be the leader in and always being at war? Thefact that the FCC has a cable industry insider as a leader is an outrage. Why have the fox in the henhouse? We can and must do better. Americans are tired of corporate rule and diminishing services at increasing costs. Please throw out Wheeler and his new rules reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the above reasons.
—Steven Clawges, Wernersville, PA

I hate to be manipulated
—Marianne A. van Ophuijsen, Amsterdam,

to foster innovation and prevent the big guys from suffocating the little ones in the crib.
—Ian Asaff, Medford, MA

Hey FCC. Watch John Oliver.
—Harry Morgan, Schenectady, NY

I am sick and tired of big corporations taking control.
—Jeffrey A. Coleman, Palmetto, FL

This plan is absolutely ridiculous. The Internet has, since its creation, been a place where anyone can do anything that they wish, a safe haven for free speech. Are you really trying to change that so that companies that are already rich can become wealthier at the expense of people of all social standings? If you sign this legislation, you would prove that you do not care about the people of America or the world, and that you are puppets of big business. Please don't sign this nightmare.
—Emi Kimbrough, Jacksonville, FL

The FCC's proposed solution will require constant monitoring and eternal vigilance concerning carriers' contracts with content providers as well as the conditions under which they provide their own content. Thus, the hand of government will be heavier than if common carrier status were established, less ambiguous rules less in need of constant interpretation could be promulgated, and competition for viewers among content providers could be allowed to do it's work with less danger of being distorted by a communications oligopoly.
—Ken Allen, Towson, MD

The internet's value is based upon ideas and their free dissemination, not a tiered system based upon corporate greed.
—Lara Miletta, Leominster, MA

No one entity should control the net'
—Mrs Carolyn B Kenney, Benson, NC

The net must be neutral with non discrimination against online content or applications.
—Philippe Sannier, Abbeville,

We need an open & fair internet to keep its democratizing power. NET NEUTRALITY NOW!
—Rachael Vasquez, Dublin, CA

The internet is one of the most revolutionary ideas to come along in decades. The wealth of knowledge available to the public is second to none. Any limitations or restrictions that may be imposed on the free access to net by the public is an attack on freedom. Net Neutrality is imperative if the public is to be allowed to stay informed on pertinent issues. Please do the right thing for the public and future generations by keeping the net neutral. Thank you for our time.
—Francis G Flynn, Albany, NY

Net neutrality is critical to democracy.
—Matt Skoufalos, Haddon Twp, NJ

Ted Berners-Lee who invented the net as we know it....or as we DID know it....created it to be OPEN. Which is how it should stay.
—Deborah Black, Sonoma, CA

Do not sell us to private interests!
—Max tzinman, NY, NY

As a private citizen, I am reduced to begging you to listen to the public, and not to the few corporations, who would like to influence and restrict our use of the internet.
—Martha M Kennedy, Winston-Salem, NC

"Net Neutrality" is the equivalent of the proverbial soapbox in the town square! Equal access to the web and it's multiple audiences is a Civil Right! NO MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF DELIVERY SHOULD BE COUNTENANCED!
—James DiMunno, Long Island City, NY

My subscription fees for high speed internet helped pay for Comcast's network. They created it because it was and is profitable. To allow them to be gatekeepers only increases their revenue, drives up the cost for other companies who then passes the cost onto the consumer. Please do the right thing for the consumer and not for the lobbyist this time. This is far to big of a thing to hand over. The Internet doesn't appear broken to me right now but it sure looks like that is what the FCC has in mind if they go down the path of giving away the keys to the Internet.
—Stan Makowski, Aurora, CO

Please, NO TWO-TIERED INTERNET.
—June Hurst, New York, NY

A system that favors speed and access for some but not others on the net is very unfair. It has HUGE implications for abuse in controlling access to news, information, and communications. The Internet should not have restraints that make if slower, and allow entities to influence traffic and access. Keep the internet free for everyone.
—Jill Curtis, West Bloomfield, MI

Think of the negative impact a multi-tiered internet will have on the rural education systems of this country. The schools don't have funding to pay for more bandwidth to get to the small sites so critical to a well rounded education. Multi-tiered will allow the big publishers to push their ideas, and weaken the independent thought of Americans.
—Marvin Dezendorf, Townshend, VT

large corporations should not have an undue presence in the face of small competitors and the individual
—Michael Eckroth, jackson heights, NY

REAL net neutrality is SO IMPORTANT in the freedoms that we all share. PLEASE listen to the people and NOT large corporate lobby groups.
—Jon Eidson, Weatherford, TX

Who wants a change? Not the people, that's for sure! Please! Listen to the people, not Comcast or Verizon. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Joseph Benson, Brick, NJ

The internet belongs to us all, hands off!
—Sue, Jesusville,

This is truly against our freedoms and democracry.
—Deborah Dissette, Salt Lake City, UT

Monopolies should not control the internet. The net should be a cradle of democracy, with equal access for all.
—Willa O'Connor, Kensington, CA

The US currently ranks below Estonia(!) in internet. Do YOU want the US to fall FURTHER DOWN?
—Clifford Terry, Knoxville, TN

AT&T and Version did not invent the internet. Keep net neutrality.
—Bruno Konopka, Omaha, NE

I want the Internet to remain a democratic platform, unhindered by corporate influence!
—Mark Grotzke, Tinley Park, IL

PLEASE PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY BY PROTECTING NET NEUTRALITY!!!!
—Alexis Laine, Pebble Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is one of the core principle that has allowed the internet to become the even, level playing field that it is. It can be a force for democracy and positive change, please do not undermine that as it affects every country, not just the U.S.
—Simon Michelmore, Adelaide,

It is inexcusable to think that a small group of individuals can steal what belongs to all of us and sell it to the highest bidder. Small enterprises need a fair internet, a level playing field and not a whose who club of big-shots running rough shot and dictating the rules of the road.
—Tracy Merritt, Hull, GA

Keep net neutrality. I want to start a business and I don't want to be descriminated against against competition as a start up. I also want the services I enjoy to be limited out of my control because that service doesn't pay for "fast lane" access. Net neutrality is one of the important parts of capitalism and innovation. Removing this will stifle innovation and set us back. Nothing is more important than this as a medium of communication from emergency services to environmentalism, as well as business and industry and chairties. We must make sure all services have an equal playing field.
—Luke Bellamy, Colchester,

No big company should be allowed to have a "fast lane" internet access. We need to keep the pipes 100% neutral to allow innovation and freedom to propagate.
—Ofer Tchernichovski, Beacon, NY

Once we have paid to access internet service, none should be able to control the particulars of our access, regardless of which services we are accessing. The internet is a global community, one of the only places to access a diverse array of information without discrimination. Our ISPs should NOT have the right to manipulate our content providers based on what they hope to gain from them.
—Alyssa Sarantos, Andover, MA

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is a public service, not a private enterprise. Putting it in the hands of profiteers destroys everything the internet was created to support and protect! The internet is perhaps the most important public utility in the world. It should not be for sale to the highest bidder!
—Bettemae Johnson, Albuquerque, NM

reclassify isp's as common carriers.Let the people have their voice and access what they want, not what corporations want them to.
—John H Schock, Kingston, NY

We must protect the internet as a free and neutral service. Giving preference to those that can pay more is only the gateway to giving preference to ideas that we like more and the loss of free speech on the internet. We must reclassify the internet as a utility as vital to our current society as water, electricity, and gas.
—David Terrell, Batavia, IL

The Internet needs to remain free and open to the majority of Americans who might not otherwise have access. Please keep the internet accessible for all.
—Irma D. Salley, WASHINGTON, DC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gerry Milliken, Clarkdale, AZ

Net neutrality is the fundamental principle of the net. Once that goes everything goes.
—Norman Wright, Hove,

the world is not meant to be George Orwell's "1984". Every move we make, every step taken to undermine free speech, liberties and unrestricted communication.
—Carl Hewitt Smith, Monterrey,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—V Loring, Dartmouth, MA

I am in a rural area and feel that my service will suffer in small providers to rural areas have to pay more when they don't have a lot of customers.
—Patricia Wilson, Vesta, VA

IF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE REPUBLIC, THEN NET NEUTRALITY IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF THE CITIZENS -- FOR THE NET TODAY IS IN FACT THE MOST POWERFUL ARM OF A FREE PRESS!
—Rebecca Gregory-Chifos, Indpls, IN

communication plus knowledge equal freedom
—Jan Ebersole, chesterfield, MI

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT TO THE FREEDOMS OF THIS COUNTRY, NOT FOR THE RICH OLIGARCHS..!!
—James Crook, black earth, WI

Without Net Neutrality my startup business will fail.
—Richard Harris, Plattsburgh, NY

For equality options for all citizens, not just benefits for corporations.
—Dr. Federico Subervi, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is good for taxpaying Americans. Anything else is just promoting and pandering to the greedy, the economically powerful, the politically connected. The FCC should protect and promote the interests of the American people.
—Rich Warner, Schenectady, NY

The internet is the best source for news and truth. If media companies can slow or make it inconvenient to get the truth, you will only get what special interests pay the media company to show you. (kind of like politics)
—Robert Barlow, Wassaic, NY

Democracy depends on the free and unbiased distribution of information so that we have the ability to make informed decisions. I request you do not give allow companies to control the flow of information. Thank you.
—Scott Chase, Pine Plains, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Francisco Mendoza, Miami, FL

Equality has always been the hallmark of American culture. It doesn't always achieve it, but the idea of setting up something that has worked very well to become a boondoggle for major corporate financial interests goes against all our best interests. It is sad that those in the leadership of one of our most equalizing institutions want to destroy it.
—Dee Danley-Brown, El Dorado Hills, CA

the internet is a utility. it needs to be regulated as such so the public service is equal.
—Tim Wolcott, JOHNSON CITY, NY

Internet is last FREE communications available to Americans. Take it away and a fascist police state is assured. Stop caving into big money and listen to Americans
—John Dinkmeyer, Grand Lake, CO

Why should only the 1 percent get a fast internet?
—Kurt Kiebler, Overland Park, KS

The Internet is a vital communications resource. It should be classified as a public utility and regulated as such. We should not allow big providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to unduly influence the availability of Internet content by creating fast and slow lanes.
—Steven Kent, Fairfax, VA

Ending net neutrality would produce a two-tiered system that would disadvantage everyday users of the internet-- please do not approve the new proposed FCC rules that would, in essence, destroy net neutrality.
—Michael Vicaro, Pittsburgh, PA

Do we not let the wealthy and big corporations stomp all over everybody else enough? Maybe the Internet should be free for all. Or maybe we should elect a president open to mass-firings of FCC employees who don't listen to the people whose interests they are supposed to be serving.
—Dr. Barry Eshkol Adelman, Vero Beach, FL

New rules will stifle innovation and damage the United States economy. Classify isps as common carriers!
—Edward Walker III, Rockville, MD

Because no one should own the internet!! It belongs to everyone, and is an important part of life that shouldn't be controlled by big business
—Jennifer Kusnyer, Friendswood, TX

As a former lobyist for the industry, Tom Wheeler is not suitable to serve as chairman of the FCC.
—Andrejs Jansons, Leonia, NJ

Allowing Net Neutrality is important because if those guys in he FCC were in my place they be complaining themselves. Who knows, they just might.
—Jawara D Pittman, Atlanta, GA

Do not allow net discrimination. Fast lanes are not fair for all who cannot affort to pay for them. Net neutrality is important and should be maintained.
—Deborah Schechter, Chicago, IL

Innovation and democracy both require an unfettered internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kathy Orlinsky, Irvine, CA

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In this age of increasing inequities we urgently need net neutrality.
—Deborah Boedeker, Providence, RI

Telcom giants like AT&T, Time Warner, Comcast etc. already have too much control over phone/internet/cable in the USA. The result is every person paying much more for services than they need to. These companies need to modernize and move with the market rather than trying to control it.
—Damien Mase, Columbia, SC

We want the internet free and neutral. No vying for advertisements or which part of the internet to look at like cable TV. That defeats the whole purpose of the internet.
—Charity Moschopoulos, Annandale, VA

It is fairly obvious to most Americans (and should be to the FCC) ISP's are common carriers and can not be treated in any other way.
—David Cromwell, Brownsville, TX

Stop pandering to corporations that believe the government, including the FCC, can be controlled for special interests. A democracy needs fair and equitable opportunities for competition in order to be healthy.
—Jacqueline Rafferty, Plympton, MA

How can innovators change the world if they don't have an even playing field as big corporations?
—Domineque Taylor, waukegan, IL

Without Net Neutrality political dissent would be crushed. Any pretense that the United States is a democracy would dissappear. Or is that the point?
—Robert Juelich, Tacoma, WA

DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE PEOPLE.
—James G Waddell, TOPEKA, KS

We face the entitlement of the 1% in every aspect of our lives and the last holdout was the Internet and now you've taken that away from people. Your rules are shameful.
—Andy Christiansen, East Montpelier, VT

Why is it now in this country, all of our basic rights and freedoms are slowly being taken away if we do not have billions of dollars to buy politicians? This is yet another example. I am on the internet every day, and now you want to limit my service. WHY? Let us keep what we have and tell the billionairs to go to hell!!!
—David Zielinski, Crossville, TN

The Internet needs to remain accessible and neutral. The FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Emily Chenoweth, Portland, OR

The internet should be a part of our free access infrastructure like our roads; non discriminatory and the speed limits are the same for everyone.
—Vicki Eckerdt, Ruidoso Downs, NM

Having full access to the internet is crucial to my very small business. Tom Wheeler needs to think about the needs of the majority of the people and NOT the power grab for the industry which he was a lobbyist for. It sounds like he is still thinking as a lobbyist, which should be against the law. Without NET NEUTRALITY, millions of small businesses will be hurt. DO NOT ALLOW VERIZON and COMCAST to further dominate our lives.
—Larry Bridges, Woodinville, WA

Internet is for us all. Please vote for Net Neutrality?
—Tracy Ewing, Artesia, CA

The innovation and vibrancy that has been so much part of the Internet depends on it being free. Please support Net Neutrality!
—Andrew Billeb, Dorchester, MA

The internet is too important for too many things and means too much to America to allow any company to limit access for those who can't or won't pay their extortionist fees and those who seek the content. This is legal extortion plain and simple and needs to be halted.
—Rebecca Walter, Waxhaw, NC

protect real Net Neutrality. protect real Net Neutrality.
—Joseph McClain, Paris, KY

The internet is a part of the commons that in this day and age is a critical part of our democracy. DON'T GIVE AWAY OUR DEMOCRACY!!!
—Terry Huinker, Lakewood, CO

The real and true citizens of the USA (meaning the ones that have a pulse, not the ones with a CEO) want and require a REAL neutral net! This blatant attack against real net neutrality cannot stand and a true net neutrality plan must be put forth. Tom Wheeler needs to abdicate the throne as he is obviously still doing his previous job.
—Clark Jackson, Raleigh, NC

Please leave the Internet alone. It is working perfectly fine the way it is!!
—Louis E. Aytch, Goodyear, AZ

Protecting Internet neutrality is critical to the millions of non-commerce users. All users must have equal access. Corporate control of speed and access will kill this communication giant. Internet designers would never want it controlled by a few greedy corporations.
—George Zinn, Newaygo, MI

Please FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Times are changing.
—Elsa Petersen, Doylestown, PA

Internet access should be a utility, most government offices (local, State and Federal) require people to use the Internet to file forms, questions and requests. Access to the Internet is much like electricity in that it is an absolute requirement.
—John Peterson, Mebane, NC

Allowing cable companies to limit Internet speeds or charge consumers for faster services would be a travesty of epic proportions. The fact this is even up for discussion is a shame in itself.
—Sean Saunders, Cookeville, TN

The internet is a public utility, originally invented by government scientists and technicians paid by taxpayer monies. It belongs to everyone equally, without a two-tiered system of services that would foster the already egregious inequality that exists in this nation. If anything, these telecoms should be paying half their already bloated profits from advertising back in taxes and user fees to the government, for the use of the 'net, and for the damage they cause to infrastructure as they rip up streets to run their cables.
—Walter Wade, New York, NY

I'm retired & can't afford to pay corporate prices to use the internet. Keep it fair for everyone!
—Sandra Riggs, Clyde, NC

So we can add the cable companies to the list of corporations that rule the USA. It's time to listen to the people and do what's best for them, not the corporations. Does the FCC have the balls to do that?
—Gayle Sullivan, North Port, FL

Net Neutrality is important because we do not need the internet to become ruined for us. People in America and people everywhere deserve real Net Neutrality so that the internet can remain such an efficient, helpful tool that we may possess.
—Julienne Chebat, Weston, FL

The Internet thrives on diversity, inclusion, and equal access. Please don't allow massive corporations to dictate the terms by which culture can be made, business can be done, or collaborations and communities can be built around the globe.
—Colin Fanning, Astoria, NY

The internet constitutes a real part of our world. It is public property, available to all CITIZENS to inhabit, use, and create. It is NOT the property of corporations. Ending net neutrality will for people underground. It will be the last straw in the popular belief and trust in the mainstream. It will signal the end of hope for a future public realm. The end of net neutrality will also mean a loss of wages for me and my family. As a self-employed small business owner, I rely on net neutrality to allow my business to exist. Please join us in protecting the internet from corporate interests. Have some back-bone. Listen to your calling. Do what is obviously and truly the right thing. Preserve (and strengthen!) Net Neutrality.
—Gust Burns, seattle, WA

You don't really need me or any of us in favor of net neutrality to explain it to you, do you??? If you are that ill-informed, you should not be in the position to it take away. Greed and money will destroy you, right along with us.
—Elaine Johnson, Las Vegas, NV

I want new, young tech talent to have the same opportunities they used to when we had net neutrality. With the proposed two-tier system, all of society may miss out on the next Google or YouTube because they will not have the money to pay Verizon to allow Internet users to access new developments. I don't want us all to lose. The United States needs to keep producing innovative technology, or we will lose our edge in the tech field. Europe already has better, faster Internet service for less money. Do we want them to be better at everything?!?
—Ms. Samantha Matson, Minneapolis, MN

Stop kowtowing to the corporations and do what is right for all people not just the few corporations. The Internet is the most democratic communication tool WE THE PEOPLE have. Leave well enough alone. Net Neutrality must be protected.
—Farley Leite de Akers, Recife, FL

In many ways the Internet offers unbridled potential for businesses seeking to market their products to consumers. Small companies with effective strategies have a chance to reach millions of potential buyers depending on the strength of their marketing and the quality of their product. This system of equal opportunity and a level playing field is one of mankind's greatest achievements and I believe that the telecommunication industry's proposals to create a two-tiered speed divide compromises that level playing field and threatens to undermine the benefits the Internet provides to all businesses and society as a whole. I strongly oppose the proposals of the telecommunications industry to create a multi-tiered system of internet access where certain providers may deliver their content at increased speeds as compared to other content producers.
—Stephen Dignan M.D., Greensboro, NC

I oppose the new NPRM or any set of rules which does not allow for a truly free and equal internet for all! Please reclassify broadband as a public utility now! Sincerely, Jim Benson
—James Benson, Abiquiu, NM

Business should not get preference over individuals
—Joan Brannigan, St. Louis, MO

I don't want discrimination on the internet, especially based on whether you can afford to pay extra fees.
—Margaret Sweeton, Wichita, KS

Real Net Neutrality is crucial to keep the internet accessible to all Americans (as well as other citizens across the world). The FCC has both the power and the mandate to treat ISPs as common carriers. The current Wheeler plan will allow media giants to expand their consolidation to include the Internet, fundamentally damaging individual rights and entrepreneurship opportunities.
—Zach Poff, Brooklyn, NY

Many people today receive most of their information and do much of their business over the internet. Maintaining a neutral internet is vital to the economy and maintaining a strong democracy in the US. Clearly, ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers and regulated for the good of society.
—Philip Kaaret, Iowa City, IA

The net belongs to everyone and all should have equal access
—Mark Sniegoski, Rockville, MD

Please keep the net neutral.
—Mr. Terry Schwartz, Minneapolis, MN

Isn't this supposed to be a government of, by, and for the people? The PEOPLE . . . not the corporations!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Virginia Lee, Colorado Springs, CO

I don't much use the big sites that will get the "faster" service, like Facebook, YouTube and Google. I use the internet DAILY to get news and information, to email my family and sometimes to shop. PLEASE protect REAL NET NEUTRALITY. We all deserve fast access. The telecom giants already make more money than they need.
—Meredith Kearns, Lanexa, VA

A internet freely accessible and equally available in all its features, including speed, is an important world wide tool for freedom. It must not be impeded by any sort of monetary control. Thank you.
—Barbara J Spiegelberg, Pequea, PA

The internet is the modern day market place. Do not allow "mafia like" businesses to transform it in to a modern day "protection racket / toll charging" business model. America's future is at stake.
—Daniel Barrocas, Miami, FL

Resign, Mr. Wheeler. You have failed.
—Joel Durham Jr, Clifton Springs, NY

It is critically important that we maintain the neutrality of the Internet to insure that individuals may always have reasonable access for personal and professional communications. This access should not be made available to the highest bidders.
—Robert A. Vierling, Natick, MA

We want real net neutrality. The freedom has led to great innovation, communication, and learning. Don;'t stifle things by these rules.
—Carma D. Forgie, chicago, IL

What the government has allowed to happen with cable cannot be allowed to happen with our ability to use the interne. The same players mostly are involved. When is enough enough. After all we've paid for these airwaves over and over again.
—Linda Papaforti, SOMERVILLE, MA

Access promotes democracy. We have already seen how giving Comcast and others control has cost consumers.
—Roberta Devlin-Scherer, Arlington, VT

I was told by a FCC official ,not to worry, nothing would harm net neutrality... hope this is still true
—William/leona Greene, lakewood, CO

Net Neutrality is important especially for seniors like myself who cannot afford any additional fees for service that has so far been free. I pay for the use of the internet service through my carrier AT&T and that is about all I can afford. It will be a burden to the poor and all of us on fixed incomes, who are already carrying a big burden. Mr. Wheeler should be more considerate to the everyday users rather than cave into big corporations.
—Judith Goldsmith, Charleston, SC

I use the internet for communications, entertainment, my job, and personal work. The company I pay for access should not be able to say that entertainment at their partner is more important and deserves more bandwidth than my employment traffic!
—William Peckham, Weirton, WV

We need Net Neutrality as a right for free expression.
—Roberto J. Gallegos.D., San José,

The Internet is the biggest force for equality and economic growth since the GI Bill following WWII. Selling it to the highest bidder will further erode our democracy and accelerate the rigging our economy for the benefit of the few at the expense of the rest of us. REGULATE THE INTERNET AS THE ESSENTIAL UTILITY THAT IT HAS BECOME.
—Gretchen Muehl, Moss Beach, CA

the plutocracy does not need further help, the middle class, democracy, does.
—Carl Schwensohn, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is important for the people, not the rich.
—Rosemary Colson, Tallahassee, FL

Net neutrality is fair. Anything else isn't. The BIG GUYS have enough power.... please don't screw the average internet user. Money isn't the only value America has, although sometimes it seems so. Do the right thing.
—Flora Metrick, Bonita Springs, FL

Net neutrality needs to be preserved. Please change your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's time to serve the people instead of a few privileged carriers.
—Judith Bartley, Charlottesville, VA

Please don't need up the internet
—Nathan Sowell, austin, TX

Net Neutrality should not be compromised by companies that have profit as a main goal. Income inequality is a growing concern in this country that only broadened knowledge will be able to address. Thank you
—David Knutson, Rochester, MN

Un-prioritized communications are critical to every facet of hte Internet; by allowing 'fast lanes' for purchase, you will in effect systematically destroy freedom of speech and expression as only those with the means will be able to get their message out.
—Rubin Bennett, East Montpelier, VT

Huge corporations already control nearly every aspect of our lives, and work constantly to create monopolies or dominant cartels that squeeze everyone else out of the market. Without net neutrality, nobody but these corporate oligarchs will have any access to the internet.
—Arthur Thomas, Harrisville, MI

Net Neutrality is the vital lifeblood of our digital age. It allows for a level playing field, where new ideas can supplant established companies. I know that the telecom companies want to get into the protection racket, but it's high time we said "no" to monied interests.
—Ethan Hattendorf, Taylor Mill, KY

An open and free Internet was the way it was intended to be....It's the ONLY way to get real news & information today...Corporations control WAY TOO MUCH of our lives and getting rid of net neutrality will absolutely ruin an already decaying country. YOU WORK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY AND PRIVILEGED!!!! Protecting the Internet from corporate takeover is your damn job!!!!!!!!!!!!!! QUIT SELLING OUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!!!!!!
—John Kuca, Little Rock, AR

Anything less would be uncivilized.
—Steven N., ashburn, VA

Why does Washington let big corporate money dictate the rules for everything? Protect the internet neutrality.
—Richard McLeod, Casselton, ND

The internet must be protectef as part of the commons we the people paid for its development we should be able to access it without corporate control over content access and cost do not let corporate interests corrupt the ability for everyone to be part of use this resource.
—Krissly Walter, Tumwater, WA

The Internet is just fine as it is. Don't fix something that's not broken. Already this country is being run by huge corporations and billionaires. Leave at least this one little corner free.
—Gudrun Schindler, Elgin, NE

The internet is for everyone to get their message out, not just the rich.
—Charles Norris, Olathe, KS

We need to enforce democracy and allow the people, majority rule, not Corps to decide internet use policies. Otherwise unrest and internet interference will continue unrelenting.
—Gerson Tendler, Manchester, NH

I am 78 years old. I use the internet for medical purposes, for investment purposes, for household bookkeeping functions, to stay in touch with friends and family who no longer live near me, and for a variety of research projects every day of my life. The two-tiered internet idea is tantamount to theft. The internet is not now and will not ever be a profit-making entity handed to a select few individuals or corporations for their control at the expense of America's internet users. Don't even try to REGULATE use of the internet as you have proposed to do. Go back to the drawing board and find a better way for AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to handle what they see as their need for speed. They're already raking in millions or billions using one of America's national treasures, but it does NOT belong to them.
—Mona Locke, Napa, CA

Net Neutrality is a vital principle in safeguarding the Internet as a medium for spreading knowledge and promoting debate. Ending neutrality would not only severely compromise this, it would also reduce the Internet's value as a medium for commercial exchange and limit US competitiveness against nations that are committed to preserving a free and open Internet.
—Neil McWilliam, Chapel Hill, NC

Please restore some of my faith in the integrity of government by protecting net neutrality. The rules protect those who don't need it and leave the rest of us at a disadvantage. This is happening across the board in our country, economically, politically and elsewhere. I am not anti-govenrment at all. I believe strongly in the need for a strong government to balance other power structures, particularly those with money or power. Unfortunately, political leaders are largely part of the innate power structures and are too close with money interests to see clearly and ethically. Instead government equates strong business with a strong country. There are other sectors of society beyond business that need to be protected in order for the country to remain strong and vibrant. Please, in this instance prove me wrong about government's effectiveness for its citizenry. Do the right thing for the average american rather than big business interests. Throw out the new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Heather Harvey, Easton, MD

We must protect real Net Neutrality from a two-tiered internet, where giant internet providers charge extra fees for those who can afford it, and control online content! RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. YOU DON'T NEED TO FIX A SYSTEM THAT WASN'T BROKEN, FO THE BENEFIT OF PRIVATE COMPANIES!!!
—Sara L. Johnson, Cincinnati, OH

Net Neutrality should be protected to allow everyone equal access to the internet. Cable companies need more regulation and less freedom with the current monopoly situation they have currently. They should not allowed to make more money by providing faster service to those who can afford to pay them.
—Troy Stram, New Hope, MN

We need to maintain this medium as a democratic tool for the exchange of information and ideas. Every user should be treated equally. The airwaves don't belong to anyone and no one in our government should have the power to selectively award control to any private entity. Net neutrality must be maintained.
—Kelley Johnson, hampden, MA

SAVE THE NET!!! This should be a no brainer, why mess up something that is not broke.
—D Gooding, clifton, NJ

I'm an independent web developer and a multi-tiered web would make it very difficult for me to provide the best services for my clients!
—Robert Duckson, Hemet, CA

The Internet is for all citizens. It should be equal in access, and speed, regardless of the service provider. ISPs should not be allowed to discriminate for any reason, period.
—Tom Thomas Glenn, Morristown, TN

Please, PLEASE, reclassify the Internet (ISPs), as common carriers. The Internet, today, has become a "must have" utility for virtually all businesses as well as most individuals. Treating it as anything less would be a major disservice to all Americans!
—Bert Goff, New Milford, CT

The great value of the Internet lies in its availability to everyone on equal terms. A two-tiered Internet will benefit a few huge companies and their shareholders but will stifle competition from startups and growing businesses and throttle the ability of average citizens to communicate and participate in economic and civic dialogue.
—John Suter, Ithaca, NY

Net neutrality is critical in order to ensure a diversity of opinion on the web. We can't have big companies taking over the content of the web, just as they have succeeded in buying the political process through unlimited contributions to candidates.
—Joel L. Epstein, Greenwich, CT

Unless I become the next Verizon or Comcast which is highly unlikely, your new plan discriminates against me and the vast majority of people who use the internet. Why should those large corporations be allowed to destroy net neutrality? PLEASE KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!
—Stephanie C Peloquin, Rice Lake, WI

Allowing differentiation of service on the internet will drive the smaller content providers out of business and stifle innovation.
—Alan Gross, Somerset, NJ

I HAVE SELDOM HEARD OF A PLAN AS PERVERSE AS THE PROPOSED ONLINE TRAFFIC DISCRIMINATION PROPOSAL. THE FCC IS LITERALLY SENDING THE INTERNET BACK A DECADE, AND CRAPPING ON CONSUMERS/TAX PAYERS/VOTERS TO HAND BIG MEDIA A MONOPOLY. YOU HAVE ALLOWED MASSIVE CONSOLIDATION AT THE EXPENSE OF COMPETITION, CHOICE AND INNOVATION, AND NOW YOU ARE PROPOSING TO FURTHER KILL INNOVATION AND CHOICE BY ALLOWING THE PIPE PROVIDERS TO RANSOM ACCESS TO CONSUMERS WITH LITTLE CHOICE OF ONLINE ACCESS PROVIDERS. SHAME ON YOU FOR BEING PAID OFF AND PURCHASED. ISP'S MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS - THEY CHARGE THE CONSUMERS FOR A PIPE, DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO CURATE/DISCRIMINATE/PRIORITIZE /CHOOSE WHAT IS DELIVERED DOWN THAT PIPE.
—Tim Meyer, OAKTON, VA

No tiered internet! Freedom for the people - equal internet access to ALL, not just those with the big bucks to pay!!!
—Ken & Linda Waller, Palmyra, VA

watched the oliver video --- that's what the public thinks. p.s. you have a web page for comments that is incredibly difficult to use.
—Stephen Keller, Neponsit, NY

Simply this, the public is tired of the lies repeated ad nauseum by the monopolies. Decline in your readership and viewership is your own doing. Tell the truth once and a while and that may change but in the meantime we seek truth and know it can not be gotten from you. So your solution? Shut truth down, bad choice.
—Jeff Turner, st. lucie, FL

Please treat all the data equally.
—Edward Wugalter, Toronto,

Net neutrality is important because it makes the internet a truly fair and equal place. The internet to me, ever since it started, represented our most optimistic views and hopes on where our democracy could go in the future. It levels the playing field and let's everyone participate. Allowing private companies to establish "tolls" so that other companies/citizens have to be charged to access the internet faster is preposterous. These companies act as if they created the internet. No I'm sorry they didn't. The government did. Considering how much money these companies make and how much they use and abuse tax loop holes I'm fine with these companies not getting a single cent more. I shouldn't even have to be writing this right now but apparently companies have taken over the US government and I have no faith in the FCC or many other government agencies to do the right thing without a lot of the public letting them know they are watching. I have more important stuff in my life to be doing but unfortunately people in government love when the public isn't looking so they can do some ass backwards thing that lines their pockets with money or gives them cred with some company so in the future they can go work for them. Stop wasting everyone's time and do the right thing while no one is looking!
—Justin Maldonado, fairfield, NJ

Without net neutrality, companies would be free to block and control access to certain sites, which would greatly harm freedom of speech. Without equal access to the internet, in what way is the internet different from a boxed in lake, only allowed to flow in the directions people allow it, instead of how it will. Net neutrality protects that freedom that is so essential to this country, and the world in general.
—Nicholas Kopit, Freeport, NY

ISPs should be classified as common carriers. It does not cost an ISP more to send a movie then an email, all data is the same 1s and 0s when it's being transferred.
—Tiffany Grooms, Niles, OH

To me it is unbelievable that you even need public comments as to why we the public do not want big business to screw us one more time. The internet does not belong to these telecommunication companys and their is no reason our "we the people " government should give it to them unless they are going to pay all our taxes both passed and future.
—Robert Wolfe, Mantua, OH

A level playing field is the only way to protect fair access for all.
—Lanis LeBaron, Greenville, CA

we need net neutrality. if we lose it, we'll have a higher percentage of high school and college drop-outs per year. not only that, but people will lose their faith in congress, and will refuse to vote. if we don't have it, then we're not the United States of America. we'll become the next Adolf Hitler, Osama Bin Laden, or some other horrible person! if congress is so easily influenced by money, then why do we have the bill of rights? end this attack against net neutrality, or end your life as Americans, Congress! AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, and all other companies who want to create this two-tiered internet are nothing but scumbags, and you're the same if you support their ideas to destroy it!
—Christopher Hamm, Lake Waccamaw, NC

I don't want to pay for a bunch of separate services on the internet. I don't want the innovation that comes from the internet to be stifled. I don't want to have slow and crappy speed. Please leave the internet alone. Let's reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Matthew Ng, Mendota Heights, MN

The internet is my primary means of keeping in touch with others and obtaining information, sometimes very obscure, without leaving home or paying large sums of money to others. I enjoy streaming a video newscasts and other programs from overseas. I live on a fixed income that's barely adequate. If Comcast and the others separate "premium" content and charge extra to receive it at full speed, then that will be a major hardship for me.
—George G. Stradtman Jr., Elkins Park, PA

I produce educational software, much of it streaming. A tiered cost system will enable richer school districts to have fast, clean throughput, while poorer districts will will be relegated to slow, notchy videos ruining the moment of learning, basically leaving them in "the back of the bus."
—Gregory M. Mandas, Redding, CT

Innovation and freedom of speech!
—Laurie Mecham, Salt Lake City, UT

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mark Creighton, E Greenbush, NY

Equal access to information should be a right extended to all people, not a privilege reserved for a small proportion of the wealthy. Justice demands that net neutrality be universal.
—Paul Kesler, Bridgeport, PA

Do not let Money make rules!
—David Nguyen, Westminster, CA

The internet should continue to be like our skies...open for everyone. What would be next....would I have to pay for extra water pressure if I wanted a really good shower? Would I have to pay for extra electricity if I wanted to really cool my home? Would I have to pay extra to get the best natural gas for my water heater? That is how silly the chair's proposed rule is. KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN AND NEUTRAL!!
—Randy White, Washington, DC

Internet has become a utility that everyone needs. Keep it free and open, without bias, without opportunity for carriers to switch to pay for fast lane service. Look how everyone feels about cable/satellite. Do we really need that with something that is actually critical to our technology? No!
—Matt Cox, Everett, WA

I'm a senior on the financials edge every month. I do depend on the Internet for convenience in shopping, accessing news, looking up my medical billing, etc. and entertainment. I am disturbed that that Netflix might be taken away from me, with more now free sites to come I can't imagine why the FCC would permit discrimination of any kind to any citizen. Corporations are not citizens.
—Barbara Phillippi, Wellington, FL

I fear that our country is becoming an oligarchy, and allowing big business to control the exchange of ideas will only expedite this. The free exchange of ideas is necessary to sustain our democracy.
—Sandra Pesce, Massapequa Park, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's lan to sell the Net is discriminatory, anti-American and anti-democracy. These rules do not represent the spirit, the will or the best interests of the American people. Wheeler's eagerness to shill for corporations is disgraceful. Please do the right thing, reject this shameful plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY FOR THE GOOD OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY!
—Nancy Oliver, Los Angeles, CA

leave what works well alone! do NOT END NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!!!!! aren't cable companies rich enough? i know they spend over 18 million dollars to change governments voting but for heaven's sake-for once- listen to the people! we do not want a change to net neutrality.
—Cheryl Kumiski, buxton, ME

The Internet is far too important and powerful to make it about money and the haves and have-nots!
—Matthew Loper, Tiverton, RI

As a small entrepreneur, losing net neutrality would mean losing much of the opportunity to break through and compete with large corporations. It's simply unfair. Whatever the US does on this, will be copied elsewhere, so your actions impacts us all.
—Martin Wehlou, Uppsala, TX

everyone needs access that is free
—Lola Quinlan, ft collins, CO

Get real! ISPs are common carriers.
—Robert Sciamanda, Erie, PA

Keep big money out of news and communication avenues
—Matthew Gough, south burlington, VT

I am an American citizen; natural born and I don't appreciate someone taking away my ability to communicate based on my ability or lack of it, to pay premium fees. It's like creating a Lexus lane on the interstate. I use the Internet to learn things and keep in touch with people. Why should I have to pay more than I already do for decent service?
—Trina LC Sonnenberg, Nucla, CO

KEEP THE NET OPEN. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME
—Carrie, LAS VEGAS, NV

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers!! The easiest way to keep speed-discrimination from occurring is to prevent it at the outset, not try to police it later after the damage is done. Especially since after the fact enforcement will be subject to politics and influence.
—Thomas St John, Woodway, WA

Internet Neutrality is very important to me I feel it is the cornerstone of innovation, free speech and democracy on the Internet. I am a pensioner and would never have been able to do what I do if I had not had the format we have today I urge the FCC to support Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Merice Ewart Marshall, Bridlington,

DO THE RIGHT THING IS WHAT WE ARE SAYING. NET NEUTRAL.
—Katerina Kokolis, Columbia, SC

Don't let the cable companies destroy the internet!
—Brian Berrier, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me. Please classify internet providers as common carriers.
—Kimberly Berkey, Stanford, CA

I'm sick and tired of the person in the street getting kicked to the curb by the rich, by corporations. ! We all need the internet
—Bobbi Bordeaux, Corrales, NM

I think that Net Neutrality is important because we would all hate having to pay a fee for faster internet service. That and whatever else happens when Net Neutrality is gone would most definitely be unacceptable.
—Daniel English, Dacula, GA

As most business, commercial and personal, is conducted online this could have drastic consequences.
—Gillian Manley, Kingsbridge,

My husband is a flight instructor who relies heavily on access to the internet for fast and accurate information. Net neutrality is a matter of safety. Just"make it so"!!!
—Karen Bowman, Westminster, CO

Everyone should have EQUAL access.
—Robert Soderstrom, Grand Blanc, MI

Not only should we give everyone an equal chance online we should break up the big media companies and let smaller businesses offer more variety. How can we have a democracy when a few giant corporations control all the media and internet?
—Linda Cameron, Richland, WA

Commercializing Internet access through a two-tiered plan is a BAD idea! All ISPs should be required to certify compliance with a regulation PROHIBITING such pricing --instead of making even more profits and providing worse service.
—Richard Johnson, Bellingham, WA

THE INTERNET ***MUST*** REMAIN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONTENT PROVIDERS MUST ***NOT*** HAVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE ACCESS TO AN INTERNET "FAST LANE." THE FAIR AND UNBIASED ACCESS TO ALL INTERNET CONTENT IS INSTRUMENTAL TO KEEPING THE INTERNET THE PREMIERE METHOD OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, AND THE INTERESTS OF CORPORATIONS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, BASED PRIMARILY ON THEIR ABILITY TO PAY FOR HIGHER SPEED ACCESS THAN OTHERS. SUCH ACTIONS WILL STIFLE COMPETITION, CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSION. PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO PRESERVE FREE AND UNFETTERED ACCESS TO ALL INTERNET CONTENT, AND PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Paul Arnote, Independence, MO

Companies should not have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—William D. Sharpe III, Marlinton, WV

The Internet should be declared a public utility; Big Business has NO business running it.
—Eugene J Cahill, Hackettstown, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do NOT make divisions between American citizens. Don't behave like our enemy.
—Robert Lehan, Westfield, MA

I don't want to grow up in a continuouly growing police state that turns me into their work bot. This is one step of that plan.
—Aron Lloyd, San Jose, CA

Protect net neutrality of, by, and for The People. Those who wrote the constitution, not the abusive, usurious, and sleazy ones called "corporations " your lobbyist Dick Director used to work for through the revolving corporatocratic door.
—Jeff Lakey, Denver, CO

Don't let greedy corporations take over the Internet. You have the fox watching the chicken coup with the cable company lobbyist running the FCC
—Rick Henry, carlsbad, CA

Don't allow the Net to be controlled, like most other media, by greedy, power hungry corporations. Power to the people!
—Kevin Oldham, Shirley, NY

Would you turn the interstate highway system over to Walmart so that all individuals and small businesses could only use one lane and Walmart got the rest? That’s what the FCC proposal would do to the internet in the US. You're supposed to represent the people of this country, not the megacorps.
—Phil McIntosh, Lawrenceville, GA

The internet should be open to all users equally. Discrimination should have no place in the internet.
—Annabelle Herbert, Tucson, AZ

It's wrong to allow companies to re-purpose infrastructure customers have already paid for. If they want fast lanes, build a second network that isn't connected to the internet called medianet and then have customers pay for a second medianet connection that allows for high speed connections to any service that is willing to pay for their media net connection. Most cable providers now actually provide their services over the internet using proprietary iptv equipment. ISPs are also content providers, and to think they wouldn't use this to negatively effect competition would be foolish. Lastly, the internet is a utility! Why haven't we reclassified it like every sane nation? Fast lanes help private industry, and the one suggestion that it could be used to ensure more reliable connections for healthcare related applications is a joke. Healthcare costs are already high, I don't need my ISP to get a cut of the action.
—Patrick McMorran, Deep River, CT

The only purpose for the Internet and access to it is people to people information sharing. Corporate and business interests are like an uninvited guest that want to control the entire conversation simply because they are present. They forget they were never invited in the first place. Now they've become predatory collecting our searches, data and act as though they are "in charge" of the information and communications we share. Non of their activity was ever intended or desired. It is important to remind the "corporate and business interests" to behave as the uninvited parties they are. The restrictions they are developing are completely self serving and undesirable.
—Donald Cox, Chelan, WA

THE INTERNET IS MY WIINDO TO THE WORLD. I CAN'T AFFORD CABLE TV ANY MORE. PLEASE DON'T SLOW IT DOWN. THE BIG TELECOM COMPANIES ALREADY HAVE TOO MUCH POWER.
—David J Keller, Roswell, GA

Any kind of censorship or fee system is unacceptable.
—Rae Newman, city, CA

We must have Net Neutrality ! Tom Wheeler must step down. We don't have a class system in this country and there should not be one on the Net either. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Albert Westpy, Brick, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is an entire, ever-changing culture that has been and should be free to anyone who wants access it. The internet is a safe place and a lot of the time when people cant trust their friends or family in real life, they can reach out to people with the same problems and help each other.
—Lily Wooters, Mt. Pleasant, SC

By taking away net neutrality you would be saying: "Corporations are all created equal and the people are less than equal"--that's UNCONSTITUTIONAL!
—Carol Wyndham, Peterborough, NH

Net neutrality means we get access to a variety of news and opinions, and that Internet content is controlled by the people, not by the corporations.
—Dennis Fogarty, Columbus, OH

The last time I had Comcast come out to install cable at my house they were 2 days late, and didn't bother contacting me about it. I'm really not ok with having to pay more for the services I receive via the Internet to avoid having my email arrive in a similar timeframe.
—Morgen Peschke, SEVERN, MD

THROW OUT THE PLANS and RECLASSIFY ISP AS COMMON CARRIERS and the INTERNET AS A UTILITY. Tom Wheeler needs to step down as FCC Chairman due to his actions and internet plan that he is pushing.
—Kim Alvesteffer, Deltona, FL

Like most users, I need unfettered access to the internet. The truly FREE internet is the best thing that ever happened to free speech. It should not be allowed to favor the highest bidder! Speech should be truly FREE....for everyone, not just those who can pay for faster access. Everyone's speech should be equal. The solution is to classify ISP's as common...open equally to all. Thank you Caroline Hair Columbia SC
—Caroline Hair, Columbia, SC

a two- tiered internet system would obviously handicap the citizenry.
—Don Wleklinski, Terre Haute, IN

Net neutrality is important for the "health" and status of a fair Internet. Big ISP's would be allowed too much influence over speeds and services. The Internet is a large and complicated arena, but does not need money-hungry corporations controlling its bandwidth.
—Jesse Campbell, Somerville, MA

The internet is for everyone. Keep it that way.
—Behan Darren, Austin, TX

THE INTERNET MEANS FREE SPEECH!
—Gabe Slade, Johnson City, TN

I urge you to rescind your plan to kill net neutrality.
—Mr Thomas Artin, Sparkill, NY

Letting the ISP's drive public policy is a blatant conflict of interest! Make the choice that best for the consumers!
—Jarrod Haselbauer, Warrenton, VA

Too much of the American government and economy is controlled by those who have the most money. We have a chance now, to stop the dinosaurs of cable from using their deep pockets to control the quality and content of what customers receive. Small companies, independent organizations, open source projects and more should not have any restrictions placed on them because they don't have enough money to bribe the cable dinosaurs to have faster access.
—Brock Stearn, Burbank, CA

free networks not thrown to money hungry wolves
—Joe Barnes, new york, NY

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I believe the United States needs and deserves net neutrality.
—Burton Taylor, Harpswell, ME

Everyone needs access to the internet nowadays - for job searches, information searches, keeping in touch. Please don't make it unaffordable and inefficient for those that need it the most.
—Stephanie Flessert, Oconomowoc, WI

KEEP REAL NET NEUTRALITY !!!!! DONT TURN THE INTERNET INTO THE COMERCIAL WASTE LAND OF CABLE TV. DONT LET COMCAST RUIN THE INTERNET FOR THE PROFIT OF FEW AND THE RUIN OF MANY!!!!!
—Marc Swartzbaugh, Surry, ME

DO YOUR DAMN JOB and protect America's innovation, competition, infrastructure, and freedom by preserving Net Neutrality. Protecting the public good from abuses by the greedy and short-sighted is a large part of why the FCC even exits.
—Richard Rittenhouse, Colchester, IL

Don't be a dick
—Bruce Dombrowski, Turnersville, NJ

Do not be a fox guarding the hen house. Do the right thing by NOT allowing Net Neutrality to dissolve into a puddle of benefits for large corporations at the expense of the rest of us!!!! Do not allow this travesty of tiered service that would create an artificial scarcity. You are public servants . . so serve the public!!!!
—Justine Toms, Santa Rosa, CA

The elite are trying to control the flow of information. I'm talking to you FCC, your a part of the corruption. Keep the flow of information free or else!
—Bernard, cleveland, OH

Tom Wheeler: Leave our Internet alone. Stop lying to Americans. How did you ever get appointed to head the FCC? Who paid whom? Karen Kane
—Karen Kane, Roslindale, MA

Please do not let the net become a playground of the monopolists.
—John Borgoy, Pleasant Valley, NY

The internet is he only power the regular citizen has to voice their opinion and make a difference. Thanks to Citizen's United and the voting suppression our vote don't count anymore!
—Kristine Weigel, Monaca, PA

The public/consumer is more important and valuable to our economy than the corporate entities (which depend upon the public/consumer),
—Craig F. Anderson, Quincy, MA

THE INTERNET WORKS FINE THE WAY IT IS. DO NOT "FIX" WHAT IS NOT BROKEN!!!
—Terry Hammond, Elsberry, MO

DO YOU REMEMBER THE "RAILROAD BARRONS", AND THEIR ARBITRARY ABUSE OF THEIR MONOPOLY ON A SEGMENT? WHY DO YOU WANT TO GIVE THAT TO A FEW HUGE COMPANIES TO ABUSE ANY WAY THEY CAN GET BY WITH? NET NEUTRALITY - PERIOD!
—Curt Huff, TALLAHASSEE, FL

Keep the internet equally available to all.
—Deborah Economidis, DOVER, DE

net neutrality isi mpotant to everyone in a free country
—Cecelia Deprey, sheboygan, WI

Keeping the internet totally neutral is our best chance we have to retaining every person's fair and equal rights and having a functioning democracy.
—Yvonne Parma, Medford, MA

Net neutrality is a critical component of democracy. Let's keep it that way, please.
—Anthony Formichelli, Fairfield, CT

The internet was developed by the government, not by the companies that are now attempting to compel users to pay more for the same. Greed is fine, but the greed of the internet service providers has gotten far beyond anything acceptable in a fair and well-run society. The internet belongs to all of us; not to three or four billionaires. The FCC should not be rewarding those whose only conceivable justification for seeking speed control on the internet is that they paid a lot of money to the campaign funds of those who appointed the FCC members and therefore should get it back at the expense of the people.
—Samuel Pearson, Saint Louis, MO

Keep the playing field level for all users. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect net neutrality.
—Janelle Chase, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is important. As a government agency, you are supposed to be working for the PEOPLE, not big money corporations !!
—William Polcari, garfield, NJ

Keeping the Internet a level playing field is vital to fostering creativity, freedom of expression, and equality of access. The Internet must not become the same as television or telephones, where telecommunication companies already control and profit immensely from their use. Enough wealth has been concentrated in the coffers of those corporate entities. The Internet is a unique means of communication that must be allowed to continue "as is" to ensure fair and democratic use. By preserving its current form and protecting it from the plundering ways of telecom giants, the diversity and ingenuity from which the future of life on this planet must draw will also be protected.
—Dara Stillman, Denver, CO

Please reclassify ISP as common carriers. The Internet should be a place where anyone no matter how rich or poor should be able to get the information they need. Small businesses should be able to do business online without paying astronomical amounts of money to be there. Don't make the Internet a business, keep it neutral so that we can all live a better future.
—Katrina VanTyne, Burlington, VT

Introducing a tiered system will result in a winner takes all playing field and that is not fair
—Gregory David, St Louis Park, MN

Do not turn the Internet over to big business,Tax money went for helping develop the Internet, It belongs to the people Not big Buisness
—Jewel Dotson, OBrien, FL

Please make rulings that do not give some corporations financial privileges that limit my internet experience due to tiered cost systems! In that way, both discovery of entrepreneurs by potential clients is also stymied by each of theirs access to capital!! The beauty of the internet is that it has served somewhat as a economic "equalizer." Please do not let access to a regular internet experience be ANOTHER reason explaining the growing inequality between the haves and the havenots in the United States!
—cassandra Butler, Ferguson, MO

As a small business owner, the internet is now a necessity. Trying to compete with mega companies becomes harder each day. I cannot afford to pay extra for a service that is needed to conduct business. By allowing those mega corporations to control internet service the FCC would be breaking the back of small business
—Joe Kutsop, Blakely, PA

Discrimination is frowned upon offline, it should be the same way online. Tom Wheeler should not be allowed to have control over the internet, nor should anyone who thinks it's okay to have a discriminating attitude and thinks it's okay to treat everyone like dirt. Remove Tom Wheeler from the FCC, and anyone else who thinks they can trample upon Net Neutrality and think it's alright to do so.
—James A, NA, OH

Giving more power to big corporations has to stop. Government has to protect people"s right. Allow everybody to have equal access to the web.
—Roya Damsaz, Fridley, MN

What ever happened to breaking up monopolies? If you allow these big internet providers' highly paid lobbyists to tell you to discriminate, you are only aiding the 1% to pad their own pockets. Shame on you for lying and legalizing discrimination. This is just one more example of why the American public doesn't trust our government! For once, actually listen to the general public (who don't have lobbyists) and do something worth our tax dollars to make our lives better. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!!! That's what you're supposed to do, so now DO IT.
—Lynn Karr, Berthoud, CO

In one word, as vehemently and defiantly shouted by William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson) in "Braveheart" -- FREEDOM!
—Erik Roth, Minneapolis, MN

I want the Internet to be accessable to all, not just those who have money! Also, I don't want Internet companies to restrict content based upon their own company gain! For example, I don't want any negative Koch Brothers information to be blocked from providers just because they may have a monetary relationship with the Koch Brothers! Freedom of the press is weakened!
—Maureen Wheeler, Silver Spring, MD

I feel it's important to ensure future start-up companies had a level playing field with large companies that can pay more for a fast lane. Every second in the internet counts and a fast lane would give an unfair and undue advantage to entrenched incumbents while preventing startups the equal access so crucial for tier growth.
—Mark Miller, Chesterland, OH

You need to protect our freedoms online and not give into the pressure from big business! Please do the right thing.
—Derek Darby, Iowa City, IA

Freedom of speech. The big idea behind this country was that we are all created equal. But without we the people (that is, the government) watching out for ourselves, there is no such thing as free speech and equality of speech. Money will drown out all other voices if it is allowed to. Please do not aid and abet this. Protect net neutrality.
—Brian Hicks, Oakland, CA

Government need to stop those Big Company from taking over the internet. All they want is more money. That why they want a two-tiered internet so thay can change more. How is this fair to all.
—Jeff Waters, Ocala, FL

ISPs should be treated as common carriers. The American people need you to sustain net neutrality.
—Carolyn Musser, Hawthorne, NJ

Please do not end Net Neutrality.
—Anne Erde, Jamaica Plain, MA

Keep the internet from becoming two-tiered.
—Genevieve J. Miller, Arlington, VA

Hello FCC, It world is in a precarious spot when it comes to the values of our forefathers of Democracy, free speech and equality for all. The US government is not representing like it used to. The internet needs to be the new beacon of free speech and equality for all if we are going to empower the people through information. Please do not let it become another example of the free market economy-created gap between the rich and poor. We must uphold the values of democracy first and those of a capitalistic free-market economy second. Thank you for hearing my plea!
—Katharine Woods, Bellevue, ID

I DO NOT want my ISP dictating my choice of content. Support innovation, one speed for all data!
—Barry Jaffe, Venice, CA

Monopolistic practices caused our economy to collapse. Now the telecom giants want to bully internet consumers. The FCC must classify internet service providers as "common carriers" for the benefit of the American consumer population!
—Kathryn Nocerino, new york, NY

hands off the net
—Gary Hotham, Norwich, CT

The fact that most Americans have none, one, or at most only two choices for ISPs means there is not enough competition. It's effectively a monopoly. Therefore has to be regulated by the government of we the people. The vertical integration--that ISPs can also sell the device (cell phones) and the content--also reduces competition.Therefore has to be regulated by the government of we the people. The vertical integration--that ISPs can also sell the device (cell phones) and the content--also reduces competition.Therefore has to be regulated by the government of we the people. The vertical integration--that ISPs can also sell the device (cell phones) and the content--also reduces competition. Therefore has to be regulated by the government of we the people. Providing internet service ought to be a public utility. The internet is the new post office. Therefore has to be regulated by the government of we the people. Stop listening to the lobbyist's for the oligarchs--get out of the revolving door--and do the right thing for
—Golde Holtzman, Blacksburg, VA

A 2-tiered Internet is the DEATH of Net Neutrality; it's cable TV by any other name. I spend way too much time online reading, sharing, and commenting on politics, economics, rock n' roll, and the Pittsburgh Pirates. For better or worse, a free and open Internet makes life worth living for yours truly. Don't turn me into a cable TV subscriber.
—Robert M. Goetz, Wilkinsburg, PA

QUIT BEING CORRUPT - FOR THE FIRST TIME DO SOMETHING IN THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. DO NOT KILL THE NET
—Melissa Rizo, Los Angeles, CA

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY! Listen to all those people sending you messages telling you to keep it. OBVIOUSLY, it's something we all want. If this changes, heads WILL roll and I GUARENTEE that you will see some very very unhappy voters just itching to remove you from your position of power. This country is run on what voters/constituents want/need. Not on high companies that want to corrupt it. During election time, we will all remember the choice you make. Whether it be good or bad is up to you.
—Richard Willoughby Jr, Jacksonville, FL

The beauty of the Internet is that it allows anyone, regardless of sex, race, creed, culture or religion to have an equal voice. Stop proposing legislation that will undo net neutrality and destroy free speech on the internet! Keep it free!
—Peter Kennedy, Bronx, NY

The "Internet" must be operated in the manner envisioned by DARPA in the early 1980s. Our tax dollars paid for the network design & operation of this vidal telecommunication service. Each and every player in this on going saga over the future of the World Wide Web must be held the same high standards, which can only be maintained by FCC oversight of "common carriers". Which even includes the rates charged by the Common Carriers to their end users and the quality of service that is delivered to said end users.
—Ronald Peterson, Carmichael, CA

The future of mankind depends upon more, not less, information being shared in order to solve pressing issues. Small entrepreneurs and business people need the same access as huge corporations. It is vital to allow equal access to the internet, for our political and economic freedoms, and the welfare and interconnectivity of our world.
—Forrest Evans, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Communication should not be evaluated by the wealth of the speaker. The non-wealthy -- most Americans -- will be hampered in their use of the internet, including small business use, if it is divided into fast lanes for the rich and slow lanes for the rest of us. Small businesses will inevitably lose business to big corporations -- and isn't America more and more in thrall to Big Business every day as it is? In actual brute fact, the internet is equivalent to phone lines, and you should officially designate internet providers as common carriers, as phone lines are.
—Angela Holden, Hopewell Junction, NY

The internet does not belong to the big ISP providers, whose only purpose is to provide access to the Net. Giving them the ability to discriminate by establishing "fast" and "slow" lane connections to customers, effectively blocking out those who are unwilling and/or those financially unable to pay exorbitant prices for the the "fast" lanes from access to many sites. To keep the Internet truly neutral, it must be provided equality to all users, not just the filthy rich.
—Daniel Hulseapple, Middletown, NY

Do NOT end net neutrality. The internet was developed by the US government and it must remain neutral. Giving corporations the right to sell at various prices a service created by the taxpayers is wrong. Do NOT end net neutrality.
—julia Willebrand, NY, NY

I have labored as an engineer in the field of internet communication with the motivation that there will be a day when communication will be seamless, just, equal and free all over the world, making the world a better place for everyone. Cable companies have sucked the blood out of citizens that they should be serving, for the financial gains of a few who have taken control over the key communication infrastructure, these companies either need to be put in their place or completely dismantled. Attack on net neutrality is gross and will not be tolerated in any circumstance. All political parties and officials they appoint will be shown the door in the next election without any compromise whatsoever. Such incompetence and immoral behavior is unacceptable.
—Piyush Patel, Germantown, MD

Please reconsider your recent plan to eliminate Net Neutrality. The right thing to do is reclassify ISPs as common carriers, which will take in account out country's best interest. It's better for businesses trying to compete world wide, and better for the citizens, allowing them access to the resources for information and education that the rest of the world has. There is no excuse for having lower class broadband access at higher prices than the majority of the other countries in the world. The only reason this happens is that a few companies best interests is bought over the best interest of our citizens they are elected and hired to serve.
—Nick Shue, Mount Clemens, MI

The internet should be equally available to all. Do something to protect net neutrality.
—Greg Sutherland, Dearing, GA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's a vital step for ensuring freedom of access for all.
—Dave Brenneman, Brooklyn, NY

SAVE THE NET.
—Randolph wilson, myrtle beach, SC

Killing Net Neutrality would allow the big carriers (eg Verizon) to dictate what we see, when and how we see it, and how much we pay. Big corporations already have far too much power (eg the buying of elections after Citizens United), and your proposed plan would make things worse. Save Net Neutrality!
—Roger Newell, Brooklyn, NY

Only the FCC is able to protect us from the most egregious excesses of corporate telecommunications. That is your job. No fast lanes!
—Roy J. Nitzberg, Forest Hills, NY

Humanity needs net freedom.
—Douglas McNeill, Greenbelt, MD

It's all about freedom. I want to be the one who chooses what I read and see online. Let's quit favoring the rich.
—Viola Nicholson, Littleton, CO

Please do not give a few giant corporations the ability to charge American voters for internet services just to fatten their bottom line. It would be a give-away that voters would not forget.
—Robert McAndrew, Boise, ID

Without net neutrality small internet companies won't be able to compete with the big ones anymore.
—Robert Costa, Osnabrück,

No 2 tier internet - same speed for all
—Reese Forbes, St Louis, MO

We can't have a two tired internet, it works now, leave it alone
—Ken Plants, murrells inlet, SC

you know why its important to to say or think otherwise is disingenuous of you.
—David Levine, West Dover, VT

It's so important that we all be on as equal footing as possible, let's not let this issue be about the haves and have nots!
—Ronnie Mahan, McGregor, TX

Corporations and the wealthy already control too much or our lives. We cannot allow them to purchase the Internet. Free and open access to the Internet is critical to us.
—Donald Crawford, Mesa, AZ

Please don't throw out the rules
—Gennifer Ivory, Bronx, NY

As a librarian, net neutrality is deeply important to my job and my philosophy of life. Allowing fast and slow connections at the whim of ISPs will make inequality grow even faster.
—Lisa Michaud, Barrington, NH

Dear FCC / Mr Tom Wheeler, The proposed plan to have 'fast' & 'slow' lanes creates an unfair advantage / service with such disparity .. & concerns me greatly. - I want the same Internet provisions for all. Meanwhile, I continue to advocate on the grassroots level for no such reclassification(s) as suggested with the new Internet rules. Thank you & I look forward to further communication with you.
—Sherolyn Tramel, winter haven, FL

Net Neutrality is one of the last freedoms the people have in this country. Where is the integrity of our leaders that they put money, power, and the self interest of corporations before the people? Are the leaders in our government so far gone that they will allow the cable companies to discriminate how we receive information? I am a senior seeing cost go up and up on everything. Now I will pay more just so I can receive the information I have always received? What happened to watching out for the consumer and the needs of the people. I know the corporations put much pressure but wait til you see the people and their are many get really mad. Take another freedom like this away-just freedom of information and access to it and watch out. The people have just about had it with it's leaders not watching out for them. We put our trust in you. Live up to that trust and stand up to these greedy corporations. We will love you for it. Time to rebuild this country and that is with the principles that began it in the first place.
—Graece Summer, Ellensburg, WA

I'm not one of the 1% who can afford to pay unlimited amounts for "special" Internet service. The Internet has been one of the bastions of true democracy. If we sell it to the highest bidder we'll know what democracy means to America.
—Steve Warren, Sarasota, FL

The Internet should be an equal access tool for information sharing regardless of income. Do not let it become a tool to further socioeconomic disparity.
—Jennifer little, Rochester, NY

Cable companies have demonstrated a consistent disregard for competition, customer service, and infrastructure maintenance. TRUE net neutrality must be maintained. Classifying ISPs as common carriers would be a first step toward ensuring that these providers do no further harm to the innovative companies and individual end users who rely on the Internet.
—Marc Loy, Cincinnati, OH

It is imperative that low-income families, particularly those with school age children, have the same access to the glorious power of the Internet as the rest of the world!
—Karen Johnson, Peterborough, NH

The new rules proposed by Chairman Wheeler will have a negative effect on free speech and stifle online competition unnaturally. These rules should be thrown out, and the ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—David Roberts, Greensboro, NC

Humanity doesn't need anymore oligarchs, monopolists and profiteers sabotaginig the rights of the masses.
—Jose D. Gonzalez, San Juan, PR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Regardless of what you say, you know they will screw the little people without big wallets every chance they get. The "profits before people" mindset is killing this country. At least maintain a level playing field for internet content!
—Jen Carl, St Petersburg, FL

The internet is how I keep in contact with friends and family members around the world. The internet should remain available to everyone. We should be working to make the internet more available, not less available. We cannot allow companies to charge more for greater access. We have already seen children fall behind because they do not have access to the internet and all the information contained there. Ending net neutrality would not only be a huge nuisance to people, but it would allow companies to monopolise many businesses and even create a greater class divide, which we should all be working to minimise.
—Alexandria Davenport, Nevada, IA

Reclassify as common carriers! America is already behind several othee countries on internet service, let's not make it worse
—Charles Moye, Madison, AL

The internet is the modern utility of choice and should not be compromised by FCC allowing the telecoms to put artificial barriers in place.
—Glenn M. Mooney, North Smithfield, RI

It used to be that if you wanted to share your ideas with your fellow citizens, you needed only an old wooden soap box and a healthy set of lungs. In the pre-electric era, you went to a public park, stood upon that soap box and tried to elicit interest in your ideas and opinions. Genuine free speech was affordable and effective. With the rise of radio and television, free speech became unaffordable. Public access TV, for example, became the butt of jokes because it relegated free speech over the airwaves to times and channels unlikely to reach a substantive audience. Only the well heeled could reach the eyes and ears of the nation. Genuine free speech was un-affordable. What was available was ineffective and virtually mute. Then came the Internet. Everyone had equal access to this increasingly important medium. Genuine free speech was, once again, affordable and effective. Now the FCC proposes to relegate free speech to second or third class status – AGAIN! This is wrong and the FCC shouldn't be a party to pushing the American voice so far into the background that it cannot be heard or seen. Please do not make the Internet like public access TV.
—Frank Lowney, Gray, GA

The American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Manual (2010) states: "Intellectual freedom can exist only where two essential conditions are met: first, that all individuals have the right to hold any belief on any subject and to convey their ideas in any form they deem appropriate, and second, that society makes an equal commitment to the right of unrestricted access to information and ideas regardless of the communication medium used, the content of work, and the viewpoints of both the author and the receiver of information." There can be no doubt that a non-neutral Internet would not uphold First Amendment rights that have been so important to citizens of the United States throughout its history.
—Elizabeth L Koenig, Everett, WA

The proposed rules essentially relegate the best (fast) Internet access only to the top payers. It was developed with public funds, this will exploit it for the benefit of the wealthy.
—Thomas Strain, greene, NY

keep Net Neutrallity
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The Internet, born of research funded by the government for the public good, is an open-access public asset, and must remain that way. Private for-profit entities may participate as long as they keep faith with the medium's public-interest origins. Nobody is entitled to create a pay-to-play second tier with faster pipes, which excludes the millions of small-scale, low-budget, volunteer grassroots Web sites that have made the Internet such a wildly successful phenomenon. In short, the Internet must remain open-access and must never be allowed to favor profit over the public interest. Please pass new rules to regulate the Internet and preserve neutrality.
—Joel Thorson, Portland, OR

I can't afford cable tv. I stream most of my entertainment from the internet with netflix and hulu. These services provide excellent content for a price I can afford. Without net neutrality in place I believe these services will raise their prices to a level beyond my budget.
—Anne Garner, Hillsborough, NC

Capitalism of the internet must be reined in.
—Vaughn A Currier II, Reston, VA

THIS IS AMERICA!!!! PRETEND ,FOR A MINUTE THAT YOU ARE NOT BOUGHT AND SOLD BY YOUR FORMERE EMPLOYERS, AND ACT IN OUR (THE 99%) INTERESTS.
—Tyrus M Horn, ione, WA

The Internet is, quite simply, a public utility. It's used as analogue phone lines or utility cables and pipes.
—Mark Garfinkel, Aliso Viejo, CA

The last thing users need is another open platform being taken over and changed to suit the needs of big corporations. No one will benefit from the creation of an upper and lower class, with "premium" users getting an advantage over everyone else. Also, people need to be allowed freedom on the internet, without being bound down by conditions and restrictions.
—Me Schmoe, Schenectady, NY

How can you consider something so harmful? Please preserve Net Neutrality!
—Letitia Dace, Miami, FL

This will effect poor people's access to the internet!
—Wes Rock, ARIVACA, AZ

Stop being greedy, irresponsible assholes!
—Ron Stephen, Haines City, FL

Net neutrality is very important in a democratic society and I am a firm believer in democracy.
—Mark Vendel, conneautville, PA

Please don't take my online freedom away. My career and personal aspirations depend on genuine, unadulterated net neutrality. The compromise of net neutrality endangers not only my career but also future generations' resources to become educated, capable and 'equal' socio-economically. No matter what they say, corporations (eg. Comcast, TW, Verizon, AT&T, etc.) have NO interest in the greater public good. That is, in part, their duty as publicly trade-able entities. It is the duty of our government and its commissions to serve it's citizens (and the interests of the rest of the world) and abstain from corruption that would allow itself to be unjustly influenced by their selfish lobbying.
—Alex Chang, Atlanta, GA

don't mess up the internet. keep politics off the web
—Joseph P Catanese, WYCKOFF, NJ

Stop listening to the money speech of the corporations. Listen to the people. They want all data to be equal. When people can pay for better access to communication, we get entrenchment and corruption.
—Daniel A Woodward, BROOKFIELD, WI

We want a level-playing field. No 'fast lane' for those with money and power. Don't give communications giants any more power of you will be slaves to them if you are not already. Show the lobbyists the door. Show some backbone and do the right thing.
—Gary Walsh, Hackensack, NJ

THIS WOULD BE LIKE ALLOWING CORPORATIONS TO CONTINUE POLLUTING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ALLOWING THE SAME CORPORATIONS TO DEVELOP, PATENT, AND SELL LIFE-SAVING ANTIDOTES WITH DIFFERING LEVELS OF EFFECTIVENESS... FOR DIFFERING RETAIL PRICES. WITH ALL THE TALK ABOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH... WHAT ABOUT FREEDOM OF HEARING THAT SPEECH?
—Jon Stewart, Ipswich, MA

Chairman Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. It's time to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Anne Edelmann, Parlin, NJ

Equal access for all, don't change something that is working as it is.
—Kathy Krause, Beaumont, CA

The country, indeed the world, is already becoming increasingly stratified into the haves and the have nots. Don't allow the Internet to become the toy of the few who can afford the fare. We can do better than that. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY !! KEEP EQUALITY FOR ALL !!
—Victor Zaveduk, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it's Freedom we 're talking about here. We're having too many Freedoms taken from us. Leave the Internet alone. Corporations need to go make their money elsewhere! If it's not broken, don't meddle with it and it's working well so leave it alone.
—Suzanne Liscomb, Worcester, MA

Please Stop Destroying America!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Rod Steskal, Clay Center, NE

We need a free internet and I , and my friends, am opposed to "ANY" internet speed restrictions, and will back that up with our spending AND our votes!!!
—Kevin Kenward, medina, NY

It is very important because it keeps the playing field even. Commercial entities should NOT have the ability to decide who gets the best service.
—Anne Popowski, Renton, WA

Money interests are already dominating the lives of ordinary citizens to an egregious degree. Giving them control of the internet will further diminish our freedoms. Keep net neutrality!!!
—Sandra Speicher, Weston, CO

My rural telephone dial-up Internet connection precludes using many more recent applications here at home. Maintenance of the concept of universal equal access to this public utility is essential if the United States is to retain its major role in world-wide communications technology. At this point, we are losing opportunities now available to many nations throughout the world. It is the FCCs job to encourage and protect public access to the best communications possible. Equal access to all should be the Commission's byword.
—David Plank, New Milford, PA

The internet has become the primary form of recieving and diseminating information/communication. To allow corporate interests to rule this domain is obscene an absolute attack on democracy. Since freedom of speech has become the right of the wealthy to buy dominion over what is heard politically in this country, it seems that congress is willing to bend the most basic beliefs this country was founded on to fit corportate interests at the expense of the masses. Right now the net truly is the last level playing field for free speech. Leave it that way.
—Kristin Card, Jackson, MI

TOM WHEELER YOU ARE CLEARLY A SOCIOPATH AND NOT FIT FOR PUBLIC OFFICE RESIGN IMMEDIATELY. THROW OUT YOUR NEW RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Roger Hymas, Southsea,

Net neutrality is critical to our future, we cannot allow it to be bought and sold.
—Mr. Daniel Frye, Canyon Country, CA

The internet, like wate and electricity, is a utiity and should be regulated. Please don't allow service providers to pick winners and losers. Preserve net neutrality.
—Enrique Baloyra, Biscayne Park, FL

You work for the citizens, not the telecom industry. Act like it.
—Steve Mattan, Edgewater Park, NJ

My repeated communications to the FCC over the last several months seem to have been ignored. My concern is that mainstream media, using public air waves, broadcasts so-called news that seems to be nothing more than an extension of the message each media's corporate advertisers approve. The internet is truly the only method of receiving news. The free press is gone, free speech can be controlled by the highest bidder. It is not a secret that the US is now an oligarchy. If we also loose a neutral net, our democracy will certainly be a memory of times gone by.
—Jean Hricik, McDonough, NY

The net is like the phone. It is NOT a luxury. It is like water. It is like air! No discrimination should be allowed, for NO reason.
—Simon Sayegh, Beaconsfield,

I want the internet to be available to all and at the same speed. As it is, our country has lower speed internet than most developed countries.
—Marian Cooley, Muncie, IN

We teach people how to protect themselves. In this economy we would have been out of business if it were not for our online business. If we don't have equal access and have to pay to keep the speeds we have now you doom us to going out of business.
—Dennis Mahoney, Plaistow, NH

Reclassify as common carrier now. Ending net neutrality will be a terrible blow to our economy and cripple innovation and job creation.
—David Motz, Evansville, IN

The internet should be public domain and not controlled by billionaires whose only business is perception management and go down every rat hole known to mankind to influence people away from democracy. YOU MUST NOT GIVE CONTROL OF THE LAST SOURCE OF UNTAINTED INFO TO THE RUPERT MURDOCHS OF THE WORLD. STOP SAYING LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE..... FASCISM IS AT AMERICAS DOOR.
—Francis Hall, Duluth, GA

I am a freelance translator. I recently moved back to the US from Japan. I found that providers here are far inferior to those in Japan, and these new rules would make that even worse. I rely on access to the Internet to make my living, as do millions of others. Do not place the greed of these corporations over the needs of the people yet again!
—Mary Kennard, Bluffton, SC

FUCK REPUBLICANS
—Andy Cameron, Pensacola, FL

I use the internet daily for research for my business. Don't slow my access in favor of others.
—William Ellison, Orlando, FL

It is important that the Internet be open to all. The Internet is use for education, entertainment, information, communication, etc.
—Rosa Parris, Bronx, NY

Discrimination because of money is un-American. Anytime part of the whole is given preferential treatment it destroys all freedom and it is by definition discrimination which is always unfair and immoral and illegal.
—Paul Horne, Boynton Beach, FL

These mega giant corporations don't need to be given the internet to run and rule. It works just fine as it is!! The internet is a wonderful thing and needs only one thing...and that is pure net neutrality, open for all! NO NEW RULES. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers!! FCC do the right thing!
—Lesley Haas, Philadelphia, PA

keep the playing field level. stop the folks (comcast) who spent 18 MILLION on lobbying in WA,DC
—Kathryn Lynn Parsons, Beaverton, OR

I am a deeply dissatisfied Comcast customer. This predatory company holds the public and the common good in contempt. Preserve genuine net neutrality, and resist Tom Wheeler's deeply unfair proposals. Dr. Peter Conn
—Peter Conn, Philadelphia, PA

The foundation of this country is based on freedoms, rights and privileges which are being systematically removed or degraded. Anyone over the age of 40 knows the tremendous and positive impact that the internet has had on our individual lives. Don't ruin this for the sake of corporate greed and politics. Think of the PEOPLE this time. Be the bigger force here. THINK of the PEOPLE. Please.
—Valerie Gilson, Gales Ferry, CT

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. The Internet brings freedom to the entire world..... Don't hold the world hostage solely for the economic gain of a few!!
—Kevin W. Bissonnette, San Clemente, CA

I have three fiber optic cables installed by providers within 50' of my home and only Comcast provides broadband service. Verizon states, my area is already 'served' and they have no intention of providing service at this time....I have to call Comcast annually to negotiate an affordable rate at decent bandwidth speeds. Make broadband service Class II and regulate please!
—Michael C. Nicholls, Cazadero, CA

We still don't have a true choice of cable provider or internet provider. There may be two in the major markets yet in northeast Ohio it's Time Warner or AT&T. Yet, AT&T only serves a portion of the community ... and it's only a portion of their coverage area that they choose to serve. What about those citizens who are outside of the AT&T zone? I am opposed to yet another federal or state move that further reduces competition in favor of concentration.
—Kathie Pohl, Concord Township, OH

These FCC proposed Internet rules are yet another example of the discrimination so readily applied in all facets of American life. It is no longer racial discrimination that is so blatant but rather socio-economic discrimination. This obvious favoritism toward the "haves" and willful ignorance of the "have-nots" is morally wrong. If moral obligation is not enough to make you reconsider these actions maybe the theory of a democratic system could sway you. If none of these reason have any barring on your choices I fear the repercussions. History not learned is doomed to repeat itself. Your willful ignorance is going to destroy this society.
—Eva Balek, Aurora, IL

FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is truly what they are. Thank you.
—Michael Klausing, Nitro, WV

I am unsurprised and frankly let down that in the light of Tom Wheeler (who has obvious ties to telecommunications companies) being appointed the chairman of the FCC, that he would put forward the introduction of legislation that would benefit only the ISPs of America by giving them an extra revenue stream while making the experience worse for internet users, making certain websites slower than others who can afford to pay a premium. If this alone is not irresponsible enough, it also opens the door to a system by which service providers can hypothetically pick and choose which websites run faster or slower than others based on their agenda, limiting freedom of speech and opinion online. Given that we've had decades worth of evidence which proves undeniably that this bias towards agendas is used in older, regulated media throughout the US and the rest of the world, I am beyond doubt that the same can and will happen on the unregulated internet, and that such a travesty begins with plans such as this. As a system for sharing information, the internet - in it's current form - is ideal, there is nothing to fix.
—Jordan Holden, Kingswear,

Stop letting big business dictate what, when and how the common folk are allowed to access information and communication because they see a chance to gouge us for more money to line their already overflowing pockets.
—Bruce J Smith, Maricopa, AZ

I AM OPPOSED TO A 2 TIER SYSTEM OF INTERNET ACCESS.
—Robert G. Daerr, acme, PA

The Internet has become the mainline for the information our world society uses to function. It's how we come together to discuss and debate, how we make ourselves heard and inevitably how we make the decisions that shape our world. To make that vital channel subject to the money-making designs of corporations is to dreprive us of a fundamentally democratic tool that has become increasingly important to our communication as a nation and beyond. Allowing cable companies to capitalize on our access to information on the net is tantamount to allowing Amazon to capitalize off our access to library books or Six Flags to capitalize off our access to national parks. It's essentially democratic and American to keep corporations out of our equal access to the Internet!
—Jonas Moody, Willimantic, CT

Listen to all the people
—Michael Enright, crested butte, CO

What exactly is so problematic about net neutrality for the telecommunication giants? What difficulty are they so suffering that you need to gut the established rules? But, alas, commenting is bootless. We already know the FCC will re-work the rules to favor the giants and hurt the general public.
—Randy Caffejian, Fresno, CA

THE INTERNET IS FOR EVERYONE--NOT JUST THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO USE IT!!! Evolving technology will require more and more bandwidth and speed. The cable companies should not have the right to determine what their viewers watch, how fast they can watch it, nor what they will pay to do so. Giving cable companies such vast powers over the internet is just a play by greedy companies to make more money off manipulating a system that is not theirs to use. This will destroy innovation and free speech! One day they force Netflix to pay more for speed, perhaps the next day a cable company decides a site goes against their religious or political beliefs. Will a conservative company refuse to allow access to shows that conflict with their views? THIS DECISION WILL TURN THE US INTO CHINA!!! Furthermore, as the head of the FCC used to be the head of the cable industry's lobby, I feel his actions are completely biased and suspect. He should not even hold this position IMO. Rescind the decision to Grant cable companies such sweeping and devastating powers. THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY DO NOT WANT THIS!!! RESTORE NET NUTRALITY AND STOP PANDERING TO CABLE COMPANIES GREED!!!
—Schuyler Kent, Los Angeles, CA

We demand net neutrality!
—Kevin McKernon, West Haven, CT

Dear FCC, I am totally opposed to Chairman Tom Wheelers plan, or to any plan, that would allow content companies to pay Internet service providers so that they would get "special access to consumers." Despite all arguments to the contrary as well as the floodgate of lobbying efforts, these plans would undeniably mean an end to anything remotely resembling REAL net neutrality and would also increase the connectivity gap between rich and poor in America. The FCC has an opportunity to actually stand up for democratic principles that are being compromised at an alarming rate. I urge the FCC to take this opportunity and do its part to restore principles increasingly under assault. Thank you for this opportunity to express my view. Jane Adan
—Jane Adan, Carmichael, CA

Everyone should have equal access to the internet.
—Karen Schneider, Chicago, IL

As the information age matures, why is the cost of delivery going up, rather than down? Why are a few able to buy privilege, rather than contributing to the advancement of all?
—Dennis Ruffer, Santa Clara, CA

Because I don't want to pay for premium content
—Claire Dietz, Naperville, IL

Internet monopolies in every American city, and the proposed functionally tow-tiered Internet connection are an affront. With these proposals the FCC has revealed itself to be a government branch of cable-internet corporations, a government committee that does not have the best interest of ordinary Americans in mind. Corporate profiteering should not be the FCC's sole purpose for existence.
—Romy Hoque, Shreveport, LA

Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rhea Carey, Plano, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please don't allow rampant discrimination online!
—Julie Brown, Warrington,

We the people want an internet free of restrictions where everyone is equal and the net is nutral.
—Sunshine, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet should be the great equalizer. ISPs should provide real broadband equally for everyone.
—Jesse Sawyer, Palmyra, VA

Protect the policy of net neutrality.
—Ted Clausen, Healdsburg, CA

Stop giving the rich people and corporations more major advantages than the rest of the population.
—Toni Jones, Greensboro, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Pamela Lichtenwalner, Stinson Beach, CA

Don't want to be a second-class citizen on the net.
—Laura Neiman, New York, NY

Class discrimination is not only something very apparent, but something the FCC SUPPORTS?!! I don't know how you can sleep at night... oh wait, morals require a soul. Damn soul clause!
—Samora M Mogaka, Kansas City, MO

Special agreements, litigation over rules, and uneven enforcement increase uncertainty, a cost to every US business. Choose the clarity of a common carrier designation without exceptions.
—Gregory S. Buhtz, North Billerica, MA

Don't cave in to greedy corporations that want to control our internet for their own selfish gain. Protect the people you are supposed to serve, and promulgate rules that preserve actual neutrality.
—Larry Abrams, Louisville, KY

Your proposed Internet rules will wreak havoc socially and politically.
—Dr. Carole Crumley, Chapel Hill, NC

Ending Net Neutrality would allow rampant discrimination online. We DON'T want a two-tiered Internet!
—Kasumi, cleveland, OH

Are we North Korea? Are we China or Thailand? Seriously, if corporations are going to take away true citizens' freedom of speech, then it's time to disband those corporations and hold their culprits as criminals!
—Terrence Terrence Robertson, Lawrence, MA

Is it really your responsibility to make sure that the "haves" have even more?
—John Nettleton, Portland, OR

Unfettered access to information is imperative to maintaining our democracy.
—Susan Hart, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet should be equally open to all. It is being stolen from the people.
—Adrian Zupp, Cambridge, MA

We already have shameful internet speed compared to the rest of the civilised world and monopolies care only about extorting every last dime from the American people that they can.
—Frank, Lehigh, FL

Like I even need to explain this. You corrupt imbeciles.
—Guy Walsh, Brighton,

Net neutrality is the key economic and social innovations in the 21st century. Also by uprooting it we're setting a devastating precedent to let huge corporations charge us more money for worse service. It's a monopoly in every sense of the world and it's extremely dangerous for America. This who situation also sheds light on the damaging impact of lobbying nepotism. It's destroying our democracy. We hardly have one left.
—Ted Passon, Philadelphia, PA

Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Stephen Phillips, Gaithersburg, MD

We need to protect free enterprise.
—Stephan J Farkas, West Salem, WI

The Internet has been an even playing field since its inception. To tilt it in favor of some, to the the detriment of the rest of us, is foolish and arrogant. I demand that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. The ubiquity and necessity of the internet require it.
—Robert Adams, ft collins, CO

Internet service providers should be regulated common carriers to ensure that every single person has equal access to the internet.
—Anne Gricevich, Edwardsville, IL

Keeping the internet free is important for freedom!
—Evelyn Johanna Carlisle, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is an important to the average American for access to social Websites and many other Websites to provide for their personal needs. If Netflix, Verizon, Comcast need access to faster Internet services, they need to build it, not to steal it from the public domain.
—Robert Wical, Culpeper, VA

Without net neutrality, America will fall behind the rest of the world. It is a key ingredient in overall national economic growth.
—Paul Clay, New York, NY

By allowing companies to create a two-tiered Internet you are allowing them to censor information that is now uncensored. Information is power and it appears that you are endorsing a system that will control who gives information and who receives it. Keep it simple, we need Net Neutrality NOW and always.
—Chris Paladino, flint, NY

As a business owner I rely on high speed inter net access to all sorts of web sites. Many of the companies I rely on are small stRt ups who could not afford to pay for premium speeds. Keep Real Net Neutrality to keep our economy healthy
—Lorraine ball, Indianapolis, IN

Net neutrality is important because small, independent presses & publishers — like literary magazines, an important piece of the arts world — will struggle to keep afloat in the same sea as big companies like Amazon without it. It provides a level playing field, crucial to keep small businesses alive.
—Georgia Bellas, Somerville, MA

Can we PLEASE have ONE aspect of our lives NOT controlled by corporations?!
—Michael Gorski, Indianola, IA

I feel that the new ruling is a mistake and will negatively effect the overall internet experience for the vast majority. I am opposed to the new ruling. Leave the internet alone. -Niki Portmann
—Niki Portmann, Marietta, GA

It AIN'T broke so don't try to fix it. Net Neutrality is critically important.
—Anthony Barron, Mesquite, NV

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Chelsea Bridson, Lansing, MI

Since its introduction to the general population, the internet has had great influence on thought patterns and the way the populace thinks. With the loss of net neutrality, the door opens to draconian thought control. The narrowing of the field of information and the ensuing loss of critical thought will create a society that will slip backwards into an abyss of ignorance. Please discard your new rules . Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the free flow of information. Thank you!
—Timothy Biel, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I need equal access to information. Information is as much a human right as clean air. Why should mega corporations be allowed to benefit from something that should be equitable and from technology they didn't invent? The internet was created with taxpayers money. Taxpayers should own it. Throw out current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janet Hays, New Orleans, LA

The Internet should be for everyone. If it's based on big-money corporations buying a "fast track" that puts individuals and start up businesses at a disadvantage. Consider it a utility, like water, and don't regulate anything at all.
—Douglas Henderson, Wiscasset, ME

Mr Wheeler, We all realize that you were brought in the privatize the internet. We hope that you will listen to our pleas for justice and fairness and keep the internet free and open for all. It should be regulated as a utility. Content and speed SHOULD NOT be determined by big telecom or cable monopolies.
—Janice Barnes, Jacksonville, FL

Democracy works when one vote is equal to each other. The days, e.g., when blacks were considered 3/5 of a white ended centuries ago. Net neutrality is how start ups and the poor get to challenge the big boys and it is fundamental to a country that believes in democracy. Is there anything more fundamentally American??
—Walter Tsou, Philadelphia, PA

My very livelihood depends on the open nature of the Internet and the ability of small business to make a major impact; I provide technical support to web-based startups. How many of these c
—Steven Shepperd, Lakewood, CO

We will not tolerate monopolies of ATT, Comcast, Verizon. The wolf is guarding the hen house and we must be heard! Throw out these notions of monopoly and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Listen to we the people!
—Cathleen Tomlinson, Taos, NM

Net Neutrality is clearly a place where public should rule over private. In fact, I think we should review all of what should be public and make sure all Americans have affordable, easy access to it ... What should belong to The Commons should stay that way and/or be returned that way. Please make sure I can afford an Internet that works for me.
—Gail Mountain, Gloucester, MA

HughesNet, and other satellite providers, the only "Broadband" service available to millions of rural Americans, is already so slow that many of their customers have abandoned them and returned to, and prefer "dial-up". Mr. Wheeler's proposals will do nothing but make this already abysmal situation worse. The United States already has some of the worst Internet Service offerings in the World. his plan will in no way improve our situation.
—Robert Hasselbrink, Pueblo, CO

Freedom of information is necessary for freedom of speech. It is the government's job to make sure that the playing field is level and that we all have a share shot at participating. Keep the Internet neutral - do not give corporations the right to decide who gets faster speeds.
—Mark A Norton, Lewes, DE

Do not sell our internet access. It is critically important to keep this forum for the people of the world OPEN and FREE of corporate influence/ownership.
—Lorraine Farrell, Bloomington, IN

I feel reclassification is the right and fair thing to do.
—Michael Brigmon, Ashville, AL

The internet is a public utility. We can’t live without it and the economy certainly can’t function without it. It’s time to stop this “fast lanes” and “slow lanes” discussion and move to regulate the internet as a public utility. Internet access in the 21st century is identical to telephone network access was in the 20th. Relying on market forces to provide reliable, robust 'net access hasn't yet, and never will work in rural and semi-rural places. Universal access funding is needed to provide access to those of us outside the heavily populated cities.
—Scott Chesney, Fairbanks, AK

Freedom to hear and share information without corporations controlling it is essential for our democracy.
—Mark Hobbs, Los Gatos, CA

I need it for my research and writing.
—Jeanette Sherbondy, Chestertown, MD

Please protect Net Neutrality
—Chris Goddard, stockport,

Why in the world would you see fit to discriminate in the use of the internet? What could possibly be your reason for this? It just seems our country is getting more and more backward each day, quashing more and more freedoms. Is it about money? Has money become the very most important thing? Please do what is right for the American people and support Net Neutrality.
—Robert and Janice Gailfus, Puyallup, WA

Some things are more than profit. Please keep our internet free.
—Julie S Viergutz, Parma, OH

You do not have the right to limit the internet to only those who can afford to pay. It is a WORLDWIDE tool, and like it or not, beyond your control. Leave it alone, stop being greedy.
—Catherine Cox, Friendswood, TX

To Protect Middle and Lower Class America's basic rights to free and open speech, research, learning &n education without even MORE monetary/class bias!
—Joy Sullivan, Newton, NJ

Throw out your rules and start again they are worthless Why not classify ISP'S as Common Carriers?
—Joe Pickering Jr., Bangor, ME

The United States has led the world in creative thinking, technology, and innovation. In recent years we've been falling behind the rest of the world in these areas and an end to Net Neutrality will only hasten our descent to third world status, Corporate media giants interest in ending Net Neutrality is short-sighted, temporary greed that'll cause incredible and unnecessary hardship, suffering, and devastation to the American public.
—Steven E. Sanderson, Hastings, MI

Please keep the internet free!!!
—Nadia Burns, Williamsburg, VA

Preferential treatment in Webb access is anathema to the creative, inventive process. The next big idea might never happen if the little guy is relegated to a backwoods route that prevents an inventor from getting to his market. The internet's current democracy is the incubator for music, the arts and new product ideas. Keeping it so is of paramount importance.
—John W. Steinbach Esq., Liverpool, NY

The internet was created to be free for all. Keep the internet free!!!!
—Emily Cash, Houston, TX

The public needs Internet neutrality.
—Dennis F. Nester, Phoenix, AZ

This is a bad idea and can only lead to more economic hardship for the 99%. And, you know, I'm not sure how much more they will take. You know, the blatant greed, the 'in your face, screw you, we'll do what we want'. I think making the wrong move here is asking for trouble.
—Benjamin S Lunt, Green Cove Springs, FL

Because a lot of students use resources like Wikipedia, small businesses sell products online, bloggers send their intellectual contributions to the world, all using Internet, and the cable companies will have the power to control all of these if there is no net neutrality.
—Ajith Nair, Kottayam, NJ

Net neutrality is important because the internet should be equally available to every one.
—Emily DeLarme, Ardmore, PA

Can we make regulations that serve the people rather than the ISP mafia? Make it a common carrier. Allow people to use the Internet that they've paid for, for whatever they want (not for what the ISP wants). Encourage competition between the ISP for our business (rather then allowing them to divide the spoils between them)
—Glenton Jelbert, Foothill Ranch, CA

Please keep internet websites equally accessible for all.
—Erin Van Ness, Chicago, IL

The internet was created open and public at the CERN in Geneva. It deserves to remain so to serve an open and public world.
—Allen Rozelle, Santa Cruz, CA

Net neutrality is important because it helps level the playing field, allowing small players and disruptive technologies the chance to develop.
—Phillip Davis, muncie, IN

Maybe Netflix can afford to pay fast access but ordinary websites cannot. So my experience will be an overall slow internet. I Reject that.
—Sahin Guler, Lake Worth, FL

You seem not to have heard my previous message that ending net neutrality destroys a level playing field for business and allows the big boys, such as the ones you lobby for, to dictate the terms of trade. You are being anti-competitive unless you enforce net neutrality.
—Dr Clive R Sneddon, St Andrews,

The Internet at this point is obviously a utility and should be treated like one. Don't let corporate greed taint this great American invention.
—Justin Milner, New York, NY

When a handful of large corporations can buy the government, government of, by, and for the people will have perished. I urge you to represent the people.
—Albert Henderson, Milford, CT

It is critical that we all have equal access to the Internet. Our access to information should not be limited to who can pay for it. The airwaves belong to the public so should the Internet. It is insanity that you should give Corporations the power to limit our access. Who are you looking out for? Certainly not the public. This plan of yours needs to stop. Give us back our Internet.
—Janet Hoover, Garden Grove, CA

The Internet is the last bastionof free speech in our country. It allows millions of minds to be heard as one voice, and it gives that voice the ability to be heard across the world. Stop allowing megalomaniacal corporations to run our country in which ever way they want so that they can more heavily line their already gilded pockets. We as a people are already paying a exuberant amount to these moguls for the ability to access a free medium of connection between us and the world. The Internet has been used since the 70s for communications between peoples who would otherwise never have met. It's been used for children to attend charter schools and be able to research for projects and elevate their grade levels above what they would have had. The Internet should not be a commodity to dole out as one sees fit to whoever has the most money. Once again i say stop allowing corporate takeovers of our country by letting them tell us what we're allowed to see or do on the Internet and how quickly we can do it by how much we are willing to stuff in their pockets. This bill in no way benefits the American people, and it's not going to cost the companies it benefits anything to separate the Internet into these two lanes of traffic. This bill is absolutely NOTHING more than another way for corporate America and it's lackeys (which apparently the FCC is quickly becoming, as I'm prone to believe that no one who's not getting some sort of kickback from this would support it) to milk more money than it deserves or in any way needs from the American people. We deserve better from the governing bodies of this country then to be seen as nothing more than an ATM for the company that gives it the most money. Think outside your pockets for once.
—Jesse W. Schafer, Albuquerque, NM

The Internet is now a public utility just like electricity and natural gas. Cable companies need to be regulated as such. The Internet must remain neutral, with no bits more important than any other.
—Jeff Zimmerman, Brooklyn, NY

Without Net Neutrality the growth of the internet and the world will forever rely on the whims of big business instead of the gumption of the little guy.
—Lori Lyles, Flint, MI

Freedom of speech in the United States is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Not everything is for sale.
—Rachel Kelley, Santa Monica, CA

Please defend net neutrality by opposing an internet fast lane, for the sake of a free and open internet.
—Daniel W Hunt, Indianapolis, IN

In the more successful societies, some things are (and must be) regulated. Internet access is on of these.
—Chris Heryet, The Hague,

I love the internet forever
—Adam Frocione, Syracuse, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because in this unfair, unjust, two-tiered system of governance, there has to be a level playing field somewhere. And this should be it. Do the right and just thing FCC. Do what's best for the majority of the people. That would be to keep net neutrality. It's the best and most important decision you'll ever make.
—Scott Marcus, Dripping Springs, TX

The Internet was developed by public funded research. Why should private enterprise be allowed to determine who gets the best service? The Internet has become critical for daily life and services. Government services, finance, home banking, shopping, education, research, collaboration and entertainment are critical for our society. ISPs should be regulated as common carriers for public benefit rather than monopolistic profit centers.
—Robert Donohoe, Vancouver, WA

A former lobbyist for the cable industry, now a government official, can't be pushing for government action favoring big corporations over the middle class, without looking a lot like a crook--it's just one more Obama administration betrayal of the middle class.
—Mark Hodgson, Medford, MA

This has got to be literally the worst "idea" ever "thought" of. Whoever put a former cable tv lobbiest in charge of regulating these providers should be fired, tarred, and feathered! This proposal would RUIN all that is good about the internet. You morons can color your proposal however you think that mainstream America will ignore it with either boring or fluffy language but WE THE PEOPLE can see right through your BULLSHIT and know that all you are trying to do is make more money for your old cronies and friends at the expense of consumers and innovators and that this will do nothing but create a poor slow and rich fast unfairly treated traffic lanes. If you do this, you better start looking for another job if you haven't already!
—Matthew Adam Kreth, Birmingham, AL

Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is important that that the electronic public forum and marketplace that the internet has become should give fair and equal access to all. Only in this way can we foster innovation and fair competition.
—Michael Watson, Sonoma, CA

We're sick to death of corporate monopolies using their money to bribe government into destroying what's left of Democracy in this country. You should be ashamed.
—Virginia Mazzadi, Aurora, CO

The Internet is the basic method of communication in this country. It has to work well for everyone but it soon won't be if corporations are left in charge. IT MUST BE THE SAME MAXIMUM SPEED FOR ALL.
—Gary L. Wade, Bellingham, WA

I am required to have internet access for school and pretty much all other daily responsibilities that were once conducted via postal mail i.e. paying bills. I am a single mother and on a very tight budget. I am unable to afford to pay more for subparagraph service nor do I have the desire to.
—Gina Ronyak, Warren, OH

Net neutrality and an open internet are essential to the ability of the middle class to keep informed, communicate, and manage their daily lives. ISPs are common carriers and must be classified as such.
—James Dumphy, Bay City, MI

Net neutrality is essential for American innovation!
—Dani Duke, Iowa City, IA

Easy entry into the market, where all players are treated equally and not divided into fast vs slow lanes, keeps the internet diverse.
—Paul V Torek, Ann Arbor, MI

Protect the citizen, not, big corporate interests!!!
—Chris Busch, Missoula, MT

Open and protected Internet in the modern world is everything to true democracy. We're not truely free if we're monitored and watched by the government 24/7....
—Davis, Anonymous, TN

I feel that the Internet should remain part of the public domain. It should not be for sale to the highest bidders, allowing wealthy corporations to wield their influence by buying privileges. Far too much of our media is controlled by wealthy individuals, thus tainting the primary sources of information our society depends on. I believe our strength is in being as democratic as possible. We need to equalize access to as many sources of information as possible to continue to strive toward this lofty goal.
—David Mayer, Olympia, WA

Stop cashing checks and do the right thing by consumers. wtf
—Ricky A. Howe, Tampa, FL

The Internet should not become another means for corporations to control what the public sees. It was never intended that was, and such an idea is disgraceful and disgusting.
—Robert E. Seletsky, Jamaica Plain, MA

To whom it concerns You will not change the Internet, if you do change it you will face the worst damn day of your life. You think that you are so right to fix what doesn't need to be fix. The Internet is working, and by Net Neutrality the Internet gets treated equally of all data! YOU WILL NOT CHANGE THE INTERNET!! YOU WILL NOT MAKE A FAST LANE, AND A SLOW LANE!! YOU WILL NOT FIX WHAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE BROKEN!! GO AWAY FCC WE DON'T NEED YOUR PETTY RULES! A CONCERNED OWNER OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB..
—Justin Gamache, Readsboro, VT

TOM WHEELER, YOU DO NOT BELONG IN OUT GOVERNMENT. GET OUT, YOU NAZI!!! WE NEED AN FCC THAT WILL MEANINGFULLY PROTECT A FREE AND OPEN INTERNET SO EVERYONE CAN BE INFORMED AND ACCESS INFORMATION TO EMPOWER THEM
—Craig Spring, Los Angeles, CA

Regulating internet traffic is wrong. We are America. We should be innovating our internet infrastructure, not making due with what we have! "Hey, I'm America. I still run computers with Win98 on them, because large corporations are the only ones who can afford modern technology!"
—Eric Bennett, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is as much a part of the promise of privacy and public access given us by The Constitution Of The United States and The Bill Of Rights! And the freedom of internet connectedness with out the invasion of all kinds of ads and extra costs that industries try to inveigle at every chance to the point of bombardment. We need this to be free and clear of commerce.
—Joseph H. Lindsley, Greene, NY

Is there anything that the US government has not yet given away free to big business? Strike that -- is there anything that US elected officials have not yet sold to big business in return for campaign donations? Shame Shame Shame.
—Michael Loriaux, Evanston, IL

Keep net neutral do not cave in to big corporations we need open internet
—Wendell Appe Hall, hulen, KY

If approved, the proposed FCC rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. The proposed plan would let Internet service providers create 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. Some Internet companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Fair communication policy demands that the FCC revise these draft rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Andrea Colnes, Montpelier, VT

FCC -- do not let corporations destroy net neutrality. That's what has created the wonders if the internet. If a 2 tier system is allowed, it will drive out the startup sand the innovators and make ordinary people pay exor botany fees because that is what they are after--making the internet impossible for ordinary people to afford. Don't let them do it. Keep net neutrality real!
—Sharon Hollander, St. Louis, MO

Let's leave the internet the way it is.
—Fred Brown, Palomar, CA

You owe us real Net Neutrality!
—Brent Fisher, Ann Arbor, MI

I demand real net neutrality. We will not tolerate anything less. I will not have these clowns who have mismanaged and continue to mismanage my internet connection, cable, telephones, and terrifyingly security systems, to dictate what they think things should be. REAL NET NEUTRALITY. NOW.
—P Roberts, Knoxville, TN

the internet needs to remain free from corporate control. Our country values free speech. Money is not speech. Charging a premium for internet access is absolutely a form of censorship of speech/information based on economic capability. The government and the FCC should be regulating service providers to ensure they in fact are not discriminating on content. People should decide, not corporations.
—Tim Murphy, Everett, WA

Our fragile democracy can NOT sustain another blow, such as ending net neutrality. If the "market place of ideas" is to thrive, it must be in an environment of fairness, and -- yes -- NET NEUTRALITY!
—John Catherine, New York, NY

Please do not continue to allow cable companies to monopolize access to the internet.
—Misty Williams, Greenville, SC

My internet service is already third rate compared to many other countries. Please don't make it worse.
—Kenneth A David, Tucson, AZ

Please don't ruin the internet. I love this place the way it is.
—Michael Gilmore, Edmond, OK

Don't let corporations have this too. A free Internet today is necessary to preserve what's left of democracy in this country.
—Bernadette Counts, Hollistion, MA

The internet MUST be declared a public utility in order to prevent ISPs from establishing faster internet speeds for those who can pay more (fast lanes) and relegating other users to substantially slower speeds (slow lane). This would not only be discriminatory, but would effectively stifle the free flow of ideas and public expression. It would also encourage the monopolization of the internet and the end of the internet as we know it.
—Eduardo Ojeda Jr., Perth Amboy, NJ

Rampant venality is NOT net nutrality.. The corruption of American public servants and deliverate systematic destruction of it's public institutions is treasonous activity... You should think long and hard before you willingly destroy what has fostered and nurtured it's greatness. The whole world is watching... Do you have the moral courage to resist corporate bullying? Or are you just another set of slaves? PROTECT GENUINE NEUTRALITY Tell your corporate masters to go to hell...
—Jeff Berger, San Mateo, CA

The internet is used by the public not just corporations. I would like to feel it is a level field for all not just for corporate interest.
—Ralph Sullender, Dearborn, MO

Don't consider breaking the Internet that has worked well for us for years. This will create more problems and disparity than anything it might fix.
—Joe Muscara, Houston, TX

Please let the internet remain free and open to all. I already pay handsomely just to have access via AT&T. It is unconscionable that I would be charged more to get first class programming. Your rules are not fair and just as they stand. Lizette Weiss lizetteweiss@yahoo.com 95437
—Lizette weiss, Fort Bragg, CA

rampant discrimination online is what we can expect without net neutrality. It is not businesses hat make th net valuable, it is the users.
—Farrel Williams, Springfield, IL

The FCC, like any Federal government agency, exists to regulate activities and actions in the best interest of the citizens of the United States. Abandoning the enforcement of "Net Nutrality" favors private business and not individuals and therefore is inherently the wrong direction of your agency and a violation of your agency's charter.
—Steve LeVine, Brooklyn, NY

Everybody deserves individual freedom; everyone agrees that company agreements are only doing this for $ and it will not prevail. People are angry and will demand their freedom. You can't expect people no matter what their financial situation to bow down and accept to pay for Cablevision, more expensive Netflix, etc. Imagine a world without Youtube. We cannot let this happen further.
—Sky, Hampton Bays, NY

net neutrality is very important we need too be able too havfe the internet whenver we want too be online
—Kenneth Boyle, bentonville, AR

corporations should not own the net. Internet rules should be fair for everyone, not for the highest bidder.
—Roger Goins, Shaker Heights, OH

Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality for Americans.
—Steve A, Gaston, NC

keep your paws off the net !!!!!
—C J, WOOSTER, OH

MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN LIVE IN 4 DIFFERENT STATES. E-MAILS ARE OUR BEST WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH. PLEASE DON'T HINDER OUR ACCESS.
—Cathy Goodrich, Verdugo City, CA

The creation of a two tiered system will only continue the dangerous trajectory we are on to replace our democracy with a corporatocracy. Access across the internet should be equally accessible to everyone.
—Kathryn Vinson, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is critical to the nation, both economically and culturally. Please don't mess up the internet!
—John E. Cammack, Tampa, FL

Businesses want to make money. giving them control over the internet will NOT improve it, it will simply COST more. We already have 3rd world speeds with top end prices. When Google fiber came to KC, everyother company instantly raised bandwidth to compete, they COULD have increased our speed at any time, but DIDNT. Quit selling out OUR rights for the sake of a dollar !!!
—James Barnes, plattsburg, MO

I don't want to see my prices rise every time management wants to protect their business. Keep competition in the foreground.
—Charles Yembrick, Wilmington, DE

We need net neutrality to save the internet as we know it and avoid becoming like cable tv where a buch of companies control all the landscape because of the entry cost barriers. We need it to support innovation and free spech. WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY! Please....
—Marc Rossinyol Casals, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is the thing - in fact the only thing - that allows the free flow of all information between all people. Do not allow mega-corporations and the wealthy to have a "fast lane!" Thanks to Citizens United they already have a fast lane to politicians.
—Rob Falk, North Reading, MA

If the concept of a free market means anything to our government, preserving net neutrality is essential. Big corporations have an overwhelming advantage in the non-cyber world and would love to have that advantage on the internet. For once, let the free market truly remain free on the internet.
—Brian Rice, Indialantic, FL

We are already dealing with a monopoly situation with cable and internet providers. If you do not protect Net Neutrality, things are only going to get worse. Right now, small companies and start-ups have the same playing field as the larger companies. If you create a multi-tier system, small online companies will disappear. The very thing that makes the internet work, will be destroyed. We already pay for the use of the internet. Do not allow the internet providers to double-dip by charging companies premiums to avoid throttling the speed of content. Often, we are stuck with limited choices on who we can choose as our internet provider. Companies should not have to pay ransoms to every single internet provider to allow their content to be seen. Often, they will have to choose. If they choose the provider that is not available to my area, there is nothing I can do about it. If you allow a multi-tier system, the internet will be nothing but a giant ad for the companies that have the funds to get the premium connections.
—Serena Crim, Canton, MA

Switch to Title II and stop this fuckery. The internet is not for huge corporations it is the 21st century vessel of democracy. Also Time Warner and Comcast are the ABSOLUTE WORST!
—Zack Nixon WIllis, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC, please do not allow this to pass. Letus try to be better Americans and stop the monopolies of the cable companies. Not all of us can afford Comcast or time warner providers.
—Linda silberman, Harrisburg, PA

Throw out these evil rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, please.
—Anna Gibson, Florence, AL

The future of the internet as we know it is dependent on a reclassification of ISPs as common carriers. Caving to large commercial carriers is not a representation of the people whom you serve.
—Paul Collins Jr, Hillsborough, NC

I already pay my internet providers for access to the internet. The websites / businesses I go to, already pay those same providers to host their sites, and allow me to access them. By eliminating Net Neutrality you have not only made it legal for providers to restrict my access to webssites however they see fit; but you have made it impossible for small businesses to exist. The internet should be a place to freely access information, and a free, and open marketplace where independent businesses are able to reach potential customers who would otherwise never even know they existed. Etsy with all of it's individual shops of unique, and handmade items has as much right to exist as Walmart. But by the FCC bowing to the will of corporate masters, Walmart will be able to outbuy internet freedom by hundreds of millions; and independent businesses will be buried under the crush of money, and limited access. The United States government, and therefore the FCC exists for the protections, and privilege of every American citizen, not just the few who can pay for it. The FCC does not work for Walmart. The FCC does not work for Comcast, TimeWarner, or the Kochs. The FCC works for every American citizen, and it is far past time you acted like you knew that. Killing Net Neutrality only benefits the mega rich few, and the majority of Americans have demanded that Net Neutrality be protected and enforced. If the FCC does anything but protect Net Neutrality, you will have shown that government priorities are with the corporations, and not with the citizens. You will have shown that what was once a democratic republic, has now become an oligarchy where only the wealthy are represented. Which, if memory serves, was exactly the thing our founding fathers rebelled against.
—Kyle M, Bloomington, IN

Don't mess up a great thing--the internet has been an amazing boon to our economy, creativity, education, and so on... you have an obligation to the American people to protect the internet for future generations of entrepreneurs, students, artists... everyone, in fact.
—Michael J. Neuss, Durham, NC

The internet MUST remain OPEN!!! Big Corporations must not be able to decide how people get and how much people pay for the internet. The PEOPLE will NOT let that happen!!
—Pat Bakalian, Sacramento, CA

Keep the Internet as it is. Don't pollute it with the propaganda that the rich corporations put out !!!!
—Evelyn Rosh, Woodbridge, VA

Internet service providors should be paying the taxpayers for their ability to make money off the net not creating a way that makes it unequal.
—Dennis Murphy, Cambridge, MA

Dear FCC, how in the World can you even consider this? It's enough that, as a customer, I cannot actually choose my cable provider (even though Verizon is evil too...FIOS is better than Xfinity) because they make sure never to offer competing services at the same address. I pay the cable company to provide me a certain level of speed and I would like to be able to access internet content from amazon.com at the same speed as I access content from fsf.org independently of whether or not the organization behind the website has the money to pay the cable company. Just assume that I access ONLY websites of companies that cannot afford to pay the cable company. That means that regardless how much I pay the cable company I still get low Internet speeds! This is just like paying for express shipping at checkout but, despite paying for it, only getting express shipping if the company shipping the product has money to pay the carrier as well. That is, in one word, BULLS**T. Please do what you should do and actually protect customers: maintain Net Neutrality.
—Simina Vasilache, Woodbridge, VA

This plan, would be a disgrace to our country
—Gerald Hassett, Sunnyside, NY

Your new chairman is the fox guarding the chicken coop. DO NOT allow him to undermine the continued growth of electronic commerce with new rules that don't guarantee complete net neutrality. DO reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Graig McHendrie, Palo Alto, CA

Protect Net Neutrality because it is the conscious thing to do.
—Jann Thomas, Newburgh, IN

Hands off my Internet.....
—Andre Drouin, Enfield, CT

The backbone of our new economy relies on affordable high-speed internet access, available to everyone, end-to-end from content providers large and small to consumers everywhere.
—Eric Atherton, Norwood, MA

Comcast no longer supports my 4 basic browsers and gives me 4 they do. I do not like the ones that pile up ads, pop ups and slow slow. No your area, I know. I have no one to fix my video, web, email, phone ... as no one regulates them. You are all out to privitize the world.
—Patrick Craig, Guerneville, CA

We shouldn't have different internet for the "haves" and "have-nots"! Internet should be a public utility like electricity and water. Classify ISPs as common carriers - don't let them have the ability to tell us what we can and cannot see and do on the web.
—Jennifer Russell, Loveland, OH

The internet deserves to be free and equally accessible to us all! Do NOT allow corporate interests to relegate the ordinary user to second class status.
—John Masterson, Jonesboro, AR

I support a free and equal playing field for information exchange.
—Jil Kulander, Moab, UT

Keep the Internet as it is. Don't pollute it with the propaganda that the rich corporations put out !!!!
—Gerald Rosh, Woodbridge, VA

I rely on a neutral 'Net to see not just items that agree with me, not just heavily promoted items, but a wide variety of information from many sources when I do a search. Just as in the library, or over the telephone, I have equal access to whatever I want at the moment—and that can change from day to day. Throttling some parts in favor of others would irreparably damage my Internet experience.
—Sally Jane Gellert, Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Allowing providers to regulate the public internet speeds allows them to determine our content. Do not sell out our freedom to access all information equally.
—Tay Cooper, Carlsbad, CA

DO IT--MAKE ISPs "COMMON CARRIERS"!!! PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!!
—Gayle Goff, Austin, TX

Entrepreneurs keep our economy diverse and robust. Small firms can't pay to compete with large ones when paying for speed. Independent artists keep out arts vibrant and fresh. New artists can't compete with established artists when paying for access. In the end, the only people who'll benefit from "fast lanes" are large telecom companies, and they don't need the help. Don't stifle innovation. Make the Internet a level playing field.
—Tempe O'Kun, Bismarck, ND

A two tiered system will lead to censorship via the big internet companies and their power to command payment from some to gain faster internet speed. There is already some evidence that our internet providers are not competing and therefore pricing is high with lower internet speeds than other countries. Don't fix something that is not broken.
—Carlene Estacion, Sedona, AZ

Save us forms greedy telcos!
—David W. Smith, Hollywood, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and preserve true net neutrality!
—Andrew Thompson, Watertown, MA

This is akin to double taxation!!!!! The cable companies are double billing!!! Double dipping!! -- Companies like NetFlix and Google pay their broadband provider for the Internet. (the uploading of content) -- Subscribers like myself pay their cable company (Cablevision in my case) for the Internet. (the downloading of content) Subscribers will pay more in the end through higher monthly bills. Cable companies are just preparing for the day when all content will be delivered by the Internet and not by traditional cable/coax delivery.
—Marty Weinstein, Wayne, NJ

Let's treat everyone and everything on the Internet equally please. Let's not create a tiered system.
—David park, Miami, FL

A free and open internet is essential to democracy.
—Jean Marie Mueller, st.croix falls, WI

I need net neutrality to access a wide range of sites for my work.
—Laura Miner, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is critical for maintaining the health of e-commerce. The big corporations that would benefit from changing the rules don't need any extra help in their quest to dominate the planet.
—Julie stamper, Westcliffe, CO

The internet is the only vestige of true freedom left in the world. Be sure to watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpbOEoRrHyU
—Joe Reed, Reisterstown, MD

Net neutrality protects our basic freedoms.
—Francis Hittinger, montclair, NJ

I use the internet daily and its speed is slow enough now. I blach to think what it will be if any tiered system is put into effect.Please realize that not all users can afford to pay for faster service. Maintain REAL net neutrality
—David Allen, Newfield, NY

I belong to a minority religion, and I don't want mainstream churches hogging all the bandwidth.
—David R. Burwasser, Oberlin, OH

The Internet is a public utility.
—Randy Robertson, Selinsgrove, PA

I'm a former corporate attorney and state assistant attorney general. The FCC's proposed plan, rejecting net neutrality so as to benefit avaricious media corporations, is unacceptable in a free society. Fix it.
—Peter Free, Colorado Springs, CO

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, being from the cable lobbying industry should resign and allow some semblance of "neutrality" by considering the majority public's view of not being punished for not being able to afford faster internet speeds.
—Richard Cooper, St Paul, MN

Please don't keep your new rules. Any tired system leads to discrimination and unfairness. The internet needs to be the same for everyone.
—Evelyn Shields, Brighton, MA

The internet needs to be treated as the utility it is. The fact that everything including paying taxes is done online makes it a utility and no company should be allowed to pick the winners and losers or discriminate against content and applications.
—Anne Pavlic, Northville, MI

we need real Net Neutrality we don't need taking away from us because they have money
—Steven Lee, Huntsville, AL

Allow big corporations to control the internet and allow democracy to crash. We all know they control Congress and this is the only reason net neutrality is in danger. This is the type of thing that is driving Americans to other countries. Destroy net neutrality and just hammer the nail in the coffin for the U.S.
—Heather Travar, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is important.
—Kale Starbird, Ojai, CA

Quit fighting for big business and fight for the people. Leave the internet alone. You have no idea how much damage you are about to do. quit thinking of just lining your own pockets
—Derek yearwood, greenville, SC

The internet exists for more than coorporations. Free speech in print media is limited by money. Please don't make the internet follow that path.
—Steen Pedersen, Yellow Springs, OH

I know the lobbyist for all the big companies are telling you this is the best thing since sliced bread. That is what they are paid to do. You are paid by us the tax payer and this is who you should be listening to, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Line you pockets with the right thing this time.
—Michael W Proctor, Weeki Wachee, FL

This stinks of having morons in control. This is another bad idea.
—Ben Cavell, Rio Rancho, NM

Net neutrality is essential for a modern democracy.
—Frank Paysen, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality is what made the internet great. Without it the internet will become just another cash cow for the already wealthy. Without it the internet will become just another propaganda voice for the already wealthy to spread their lies which will lead us into a fascist oligarchy. No net neutrality and I do my best to completely boycott the internet.
—Andrew J. Jacobsen, Apache Junction, AZ

Please keep the Internet neutral and free. Don't allow the giants to come in and squash the little guy. The Internet shod be open to everyone, fair and square.
—Tamara Mahoney Kneisel, Denver, CO

You should not even be thinking of this! You should be doing good for the People not the corporations looking to make us all subservient slaves!
—Nathaniel Walsh, ridgway, CO

The internet is a public utility. It is not just a cash cow for a few. The free and open exchange of information is dependent on a free and open internet, not just on who can pay the most.
—Tom T. Keyes Jr, Saint Anthony, MN

I want to see my government act smartly for once or twice in the Obama administration. Internet providers are common carriers ! Got two brain cells ? Use 'em, that is all it takes. COMMON CARRIER can use spell that ?
—Ed Grossheim, Brighton, IL

It is important not to have rampant discrimination online. Those of us who have websites and cannot afford to pay high fees should not have access to our websites restricted. This is not net neutrality. I am surprised you are even considering allowing this kind of discrimination. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real net neutrality.
—Joanne Kelly, Seattle, WA

A Free and Neutral Internet is ESSENTIAL to Democracy and a Free Society.
—Annie Andrews, Evanston, IL

The internet was never meant to be controlled by powerful corporations. Fast lanes will cost us all.
—Rob E. Wilder, Rio Rancho, NM

The internet is the last bastion of free speech in this country. If it is taken over by big corporations, our democracy will suffer,
—Frank Allen, Calera, AL

Our country was built on the concept of freedom. I know true freedom isn't always easy to achieve and we have had our share of problems in the past. The internet has achieved what we as a country have striven for. Anyone can have a voice, anyone can succeed, and anyone can fail. Net neutrality is the epitome of democracy and the people have spoken. Allowing the cable companies to limit and control speed to sites that are unwilling or unable to pay more would be like spitting in the face of the public and the principles this country was founded on. I may sound melodramatic, but this is important.
—Melissa, Auburn, IL

We are all equal under the law. Please include this equality with internet usage also.
—Grey Wolf, The Bronx, NY

hey, equal access to the internet is one of the many things that make net neutrality important enough to get the attention of everyone in the world when greedy despotic jerks try to gain controll and remove that equal acess.
—Tina Comroe, El Paso, TX

discrimination is immoral and should be illegal
—Pat DiMaria, Westminster, MA

If you do away with net neutrality, all 99 per cent of internet users will be disadvantaged because they will no longer be able to afford what the oversize agglomerated companies will charge for high speed internet access. Research will suffer, small businesses will suffer, students will suffer, and the big companies who are already making oversize profits from their internet companies will become just like those banks and other organisations who diddled the US people and others around the world out of trillions of dollars when the global financial crisis erupted some years ago.
—Mannie De Saxe, Preston South,

The Internet belongs to the people. Former lobbyist for the overpriced corporations trying to usurp The Internet needs to step down along with the two democrats that voted in their behalf. The Internet is the new news media for the American people. The corporate-owned propaganda outlets are dying. And that's what they deserve.
—Janet Gaudiello, Plantation, FL

net neutrality equals free speech please help the public
—Christopher riehl, warren, MI

We as individuals must have the same equal rights to the internet as any corporation or other entity. That means access to any thing at any time without any delays or other obstacles to that content. That is what Net Neutrality is!
—Evalyn Pokorny, Hazelhurst, WI

The internet is helping to educate mankind in leaps and bounds. Don't take away or bastardize the current net.
—Jack Cogswell, Fairhaven, MA

The introduction of special fast lanes for the rich and powerful opens the door for new and vast possibilities in matters of (AT LEAST!) political and business propaganda. And the inventiveness of data specialists will SURELY add to these possibilities.
—Ernst Mecke, Helsinki/Finland,

Net Neutrality is important because it allows real, genuine competition. It creates a truly free market. It allows creativity, innovation, and truth to flow freely. It is a vitally important aspect of modern society, and it should not be tinkered with.
—Nicholas Dunn, Cathays,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Theodore Zook, Arlington, VA

ANTI-NET-NEUTRALITY IS THE EQUIVALENT OF BEING A DOMESTIC ENEMY OF THE CONSTITUTION AND IS EGREGIOUSLY NON-DEMOCRATIC AND ANTI-CAPITALISM. CEASE AND DESIST THIS ATTACK ON OUR INTERNET FREEDOMS, NOW!
—Mr. David Morgan, Belmont, NC

WE THE PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL. YOUR PLAN WOULD CATER TO THE WEALTHIEST AMONG US, WHILE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. THROW OUT YOUR RULES, AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Naomi Dunivant, Middletown, OH

I am 82 and shop on the internet because I am unable to drive and find it hard to shop in stores even when someone is kind enough to take me. I prefer to by from small businesses, family owned if possible, but stay away from these huge multi-layered shopping places. If small businesses have to compete with billion dollar companies to be accessed on the internet they will go out of business and I will be stuck. They often offer products that the large businesses find unprofitable so they will not provide them. Small businesses generate more jobs than large businesses, who have a history of buying up little businesses or running them out of business. We need Net Neutrality for many reasons, and I am looking for you to keep the internet open and neutral. You are supposed to be serving the American people, not huge corporations.
—Patricia Grames, Tucson, AZ

We already pay way more money for sub standard service than any other first world country! Do NOT make it worse by ruling in favor of Big Business!
—Paul Wasalaski, Gretna, NE

We all need the internet equally.
—Carolyn Villanova, Pittsfield, MA

I want to surf the net as I see fit. Net neutrality evens the playing field for small businesses. The idea of pay to play it not right and should be avoided.
—Donna Janovsky, Chicago, IL

Our economy worked for most everyone once upon a time. In practice, monopolies are bad for business (especially growing new ones); bad for service and bad for product. If you don't care about any of those things, well nothing anyone will say will matter
—Nancy Gerson, South Dennis, MA

Oligarch's news bobbleheads have ZERO credibility.
—Rick Canning, Aurora, IL

The Internet is free, it's always been free, and no one owns it. It shouldn't be a entity that's influenced by fees, money, or the wealthy!
—Janice Feeley, Fremont, CA

A neutral net is the last hope of the home of the free and level playing field of a democracy which has lost its way in the sloth of greed. The biggest losers will be the level playing field for the seeds of innovation and truth to prosper. Thank you, Richard Clawson DBAGrafix
—Rich Clawson, Billings, MT

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—isaac J marble, Leominster, MA

Because it's my right and freedom. There must not be discriminations.
—Sergey Chunayev, New York, NY

I am on a fixed income and can hardly afford the high cost of the internet already. Your proposals will only make it worse.
—Alan Jenkin, Huntsville, TX

A free internet equals free speech and the freedom of the press... we are NOT giving our freedoms and rights away to the Big multinational Corps that are trying to take them away, and control the media ... If Big Gov't and the NSA spy folks think that the US 'People' are on drugs and alcohol, without any idea of what is going on, think again. The further we get from our constitutional rights, the closer we get to taking a stand for the future generations ! We are not about to let big gov't, the big oil billionaires and corporate interests usurp our rights ! ... Save Net Neutrality ! Now !
—John Burke, Sea Cliff, NY

I do not want my internet access influenced by special interests.
—James Heller, Reno, NV

The FCC should reclassify internet service providers as common carriers to prevent online discrimination against companies and users unable or unwilling to pay the extra fees for high speed. Keep the internet neutral to all!
—Jim Parks, Elmhurst, IL

Democracy is dependent on free and equal access to communication.
—Laurie Wilson, NY, NY

Please reclassify the telecom providers as common carriers and please reject the proposal to abandon net neutrality.
—Anders pedersen, Washington dc, DC

We the People will NOT submit to the elite's New World Order..!
—Raymond Reines, Marietta, GA

Let's give you a great example pf how stupid this is. Think Cable TV. What you have here is Fox, ESPN, all 24-hour New channels and such being shown in real time, while PBS local channels and Discovery being shown with a 15-20 minute delay because they didn't pony up the extra fee for the fast service.
—Jybian Lawinde, Syracuse, NY

TO PENALIZE THE US PUBLIC BY ALLOWING ONLY BIG BUSINESSES TO HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET NOT ONLY DENIES EQUALITY TO PEOPLE BUT REJECTS THE CONCEPT OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNMENT IS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE--NOT CORPORATIONS AS THEY DID NOT HAVE A RIGHT BEFORE THE DARK AGES OF THE ROBERTS COURT. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE ACCEPTED EQUALLY. THERE MUST BE COMPETITORS IN A DEMOCRACY.
—Dr. Arthur Frederick Ide, Radcliffe, IA

The Free Speech amendment is a positive response to the corporate rip off and the Govt. anti-citizen position. Govt. is supposed to positively respond to the citizen's requirements not abuse it's power and favor corporations. President Obama is supposed to look out for the people as he promised.
—Raymond Santiago Jr., Flushing, NY

The internet needs to remain an equal playing field, with no website or service receiving preferential treatment over any other. It is what has allowed the internet to remain the last pure example of the free enterprise system. I support many small internet businesses which rely on the equal playing field to allow them to compete for business. They aren't asking for preferential treatment, and as such, their competitors should not be given any either. Its time for the the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you
—Ronald LaRock, Pleasant Valley, NY

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Trent Block, Incline Village, NV

It is vital we keep the Internet a fair playing field for all. I make my living with the Web and can see how devastatingly bad it would be to make some content more expensive to access, and that's what the big providers will do for sure. PLEASE keep the Internet the way it is now, forever!!
—Jason OConnor, Belchertwon, MA

It is import to keep everyone on equal level so the competition can keep going on. People don't want monopoly so please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jakub Klimunda, Frýdlant nad Ostravicí,

keep net neutrality. do not allow the monopolies, like comcast have even more power. their service is lousy and they stifle all competition as best they can now.
—Mrs. nancy-alyce abbott, vineyard haven, MA

We need Net Neutrality to allow web start-ups the chance to succeed which will breed and encourage new ideas and innovation. If you allow internet providers to divide the internet into fast lanes and slower lanes it will lead to a stifling of innovation with small companies put at a greater disadvantage than they already are.
—Braden Walden, Towson, MD

What you are doing is dangerous to the future and freedom of the internet - something all of humankind should have a basic right to. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers - this is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Calien Fales-Jussel, New York, NY

Chairman Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. This is not fair to us people, while the companies make a bundle on our backs. In addition, these companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online. And they would have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. They already charge too much for slow internet connections--internet is already more expensive in the USA than other countries. Time to stop ratcheting up the price paid by consumers to companies who can laugh all the way to the bank. Time to maintain as open an internet as we have now, at no additional cost.
—Claudia Damon, Concord, NH

Net neutrality is essential to the lives of everyone worldwide.
—George Schmiermann, Liverpool,

ISPs are common carriers, and they need to be classified as such. ISPs should not be allowed to discriminate between this kind of content and that kind of content and privilege some content over others, and especially not on the basis of ability or willingness to pay.
—Cheryl Walsh, Iowa City, IA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers—for the common good. Our economy doesn’t need to stifle future innovation and entrepreneurs, it should, if not encourage it, then at least allow for a level playing field.
—TA Hamilton, Tallahassee, FL

FCC, throw out rules for a 2-tiered internet and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Gretchen Getsinger, Torrington, CT

Ending Net Neutrality would allow two speeds of service and I would be left in the slow lane while wealthy corporations would be able to buy their way into a fast lane. These proposed rule are nothing more than a give away to Comcast. FCC chair Thomas Wheeler is a lobbyist for cable companies and these rules are a payback to his corporate buddies. There is no competition because the monopoly of cable companies are writing the rules. These rules are terrible! There is nothing wrong with the way the internet works and I completely oppose the changes written by the corporations that the FCC is supposed to regulate! Outrageous! DON'T DO IT!!
—Dorie Green, Bozeman, MT

It's bad enough we pay the highest ISP prices in the world and get some of the slowest services. Now they want to censor what we see and collect fees from content providers as well as us the consumers you are charged with protecting. I understand this behavior from a country like China (who by the way in their large cities their delivery speed is higher than ours), but competition is allowed in each city throughout Europe and the markets on their own have given the consumer speeds 3 times our best for less than 1/4 of the price. What is wrong with this picture? Please do you're job and at the very least protect us for further abuse.
—Ronald Salma, Whiting, NJ

If we are to be a competing nation, we must have an internet that is not run as a monopoly - it must be a public utility.
—Matthew Swyers, Livermore, CA

Keep it neutral...we should all have the use of it without interference.
—Helene M. Beeney, INDIAN WELLS, CA

I can not believe that you are even considering this in the USA. I would expect multi-tier systems in Russia or India not here. All men are not created equal if some get more information faster than the rest.
—Bob Duwve, South Lyon, MI

As a tech entrepreneur, Net Neutrality is VITAL to my life. Please keep the net neutral!
—Ingrid Olson, Marshall, NC

Net Neutrality is important because the net is a part of everyday life. Allowing service providers to discriminate will have long ranging consequences due to this.
—Kenneth McDougal, Rachel, WV

The Internet needs to remain accessible to all - without barriers, 'fast' and 'slow' lanes, or divisions of 'fee' and 'free'.
—Adam Driscoll, Dansville, NY

The internet ideally should be a free utility for all americans. At the very least all americans should have EQUAL ACCESS to the net -- no privileged access for rich subscribers.
—Martin Laskin, Hastiings-on-Hudson, NY

I want access to the entire internet as an American. It should be my right to have free and open access to information.
—Dr. Tony Caver, Cordova, TN

throw out your weaselly rules and instead classify isp s as common carriers.
—Mike Smith, arvada, CO

It is the last place where all voices are created equal...the people want to keep it neutral for the sole proprietor to be able to be at the forefront instead of becoming buried by "paid" advertisements and access.
—Ana Biele, Santa Fe, NM

The internet has become our most common of Common Carriers, far surpassing the telephone. In our democracy this important communications tool must remain available to ALL in an equal and neutral manner. I urge you to reclassify the internet as a Common Carrier.
—David Gascon, Lyndonville, VT

The Internet is the great mass communication medium of our times. It's important that the little guys keep the same level of access as large corporations.
—Mark H. Sullivan, Indian Trail, NC

I have received two replies from Tom Wheeler of the FCC, both ending with the statement that "he fully supports net neutrality" -- and yet the actions he recommends are antithetical to net neutrality. Is this hypocrisy some kind of Big Lie? Say it enough and the proles will believe it! Enough! Net neutrality means the internet is treated as a common carrier, where the owners of the physical lines of transmission are forbidden to control interfere with information packets transmitted on those lines on the basis of content, source, or routing. True net neutrality is important to me because: 1) I want to access the websites and content that I choose, instead of having it chosen for me, being directed, "helped," or otherwise manipulated for the profit or agendas of others. 2) I want to be able to create my own small business website and know that it has an equal chance of being seen. Small business is dying in the face of the power of large corporations.
—Alan Barclay, Seattle, WA

Save Net Neutrality!
—Shari E Bruun, Camas, WA

The internet is largest equalizing force in human history. It should not be regulated by for-profit companies. Reclassify broadband services under Title II of the Communications Act.
—James Frazier, Milford, MI

Don't mess with our internet!
—Paul Cook, Channahon, IL

Real Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL to our democracy!!!
—Susan M. Blubaugh, Milford, NJ

I'm a disabled American with a fixed income and net neutrality will make it possible for me to stay on line and shop since I can't go out and do that and also keep in touch and see my loved ones , there are many things I can't do but net neutrality will make it possible for me to stay social and do things I couldn't otherwise . please keep the net neutral for American's like me .
—Jeff T. Grucella, Douglas, WY

For the health and well-being of every internet user, all Internet Service Providers must be equal common carriers. No discrimination for anyone. Yes!! Ann Graham
—Ann Graham, Wichita, KS

So, FCC who's paying you to do this? And, maybe more importantly: Who at FCC is accepting this payment???! Leave the Net alone!!!
—Lynn Schneider, Naples, FL

This country claims to value democracy and equal opportunity, but more and more, democracy is something that is reserved for the one who pays the most for it and equal opportunity is equally bad for the poor and equally guaranteed for the rich and their children. And then there's the Internet: No website is any more powerful than another, because they're all equally accessible to anyone with an Internet connection. Websites succeed or fail on a democratic basis, and Internet users have an equal opportunity to visit any website that interests or edifies them. That is unless the FCC makes the very poor and very wrong decision to do away with true net neutrality and implement a tiered system in which those who can pay for it are more easily and quickly accessible to Internet users. Few of the websites users value the most would even have been discovered--or discoverable--if the plan the ISPs are pushing for (by spending lots and lots of money on lobbying) becomes the way the Internet functions. ISPs are not supposed to be the ones who decide which websites users can access easily any more than telecommunications companies can decide whom their customers can call. ISPs need to be redesignated as telecoms, because this is the only way to keep them from developing fast lanes for sites that can and will pay for the speed advantage that will draw users away from the panoply of offerings that currently are equally accessible and perform as well as the big ones do. You're in your positions in the FCC to protect the people's rights and ability to communicate across the full spectrum of telecom, cellular, and Internet technologies, not to give cable and other communications companies market advantages over the little guys. This is your mission in the FCC, so take care of the needs of the people. This is your prime--and should be your only--directive. Fulfull your mission and work for democracy and equal opportunity. Thanks for your attention.
—Roberta McNair, Gig Harbor, WA

It is time the FCC and other regulatory agencies started protecting and looking after the interests of the People, and not the Corporations and Banksters.
—Paul Barbara, London,

Net Neutrality is what has made the internet what it is today. It allows anyone in the world to create a website and get their thoughts and ideas out to the the rest of the world. This has also been extraordinary helpful for business owners trying to increase their sales or just getting the word out there on their business. Countless business agrees with this. The problem with this proposal is that it would let corporations have dominant speed on the Web and providers would be able to charge more just to view certain websites, effectively killing lower traffic sites, leading to companies and businesses collapsing.
—Christopher Sanford, Tucson, AZ

I thought this country believed in equality - why should large corporations be more equal than me?
—David Pease, Santa Fe, NM

Allowing ISPs to charge additional fees and create a "fast lane" on the internet can do nothing but hurt consumers and limit the exchange of ideas online. Your job is supposed to be to protect the American public through regulation, not to let ISPs ride roughshod over it.
—Christopher Hulme-Lowe, Roseville, MN

The proposed rules jeopardize the the new industry of this country - the burgeoning software companies, of one I own, and markets and the jobs we can create. Our ability to invent and create new technologies is the base of our "new industrial revolution" and our ability to continue to compete in the world market. 18 million in lobbying dollars from Comcast seems to be more important to you than the will of this country and the foundation that it was built on. Allowing content providers to charge companies like Netflix for better delivery is a violation of free commerce and a complete afront and an obvious attempt to protect an industry that want to save itself by changing the rules for their gain and not the public good. You are allowing them to move the flag pole instead of participating in the rules of capitalism and produce something that their customer base is willing to pay for and forcing old men to think in a new way and be innovative for their companies. Network Neutrality is about access to all at the same level for all services, information and ability to participate in todays world. You have been charged to act in the best interest of our country and for the good of the people. Do your job and protect our country, not a small group of corporations with their own agendas.
—Douglas Brown, Charlotte, NC

I oppose the proposed rules. I support real Net Neutrality.
—Alisa McMahon, Scottsdale, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—A Wolf, Cardiff, CA

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. But we have a way to fight back: The FCC has opened up a comment period for us to weigh in on its proposal. Add your comment: 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.
—Kenyon F. Karl, Wentworth, NH

Pay to play is allows large corporations to eliminate potential competition from innovative small companies. Google might never had succeeded if Disney or Time Warner could have degraded their performance. Classify Internet as a utility, and utilize metered bandwidth to cover costs, and drive investment.
—Eric Danley, 60544, IL

I pay Comcast for 50mbps. I expect to get that from all sites and services I access, not just the ones capable of paying Comcast to get special treatment. If FCC allows ISPs to differentiate then it means they are lieing to customers and not providing the access they say they are when I pay them for broadband. And since there is no real competition I can't take my money elsewhere.
—Ben Christensen, San Jose, CA

The internet should be equal access for everything. Make it a public utility and the problem is solved.
—Alexander J Bebout III, SLT, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As an educator, I rely on the internet for teaching and research. Much of the materials valuable to the diverse cultural heritage and future creativity of the United States are maintained online by nonprofit companies and private individuals, in order to be available free of charge to students, educators, researchers, artists, and all American interested in public exchange of ideas, creative arts, and other forms of cultural production. Unless Net Neutrality is maintained, we will not be able to rely on the availability of the Internet as tool for the development and exchange of ideas and creativity.
—Thomas A. King, Somerville, MA

Dear FCC, Stand with the American people to stop private providers from dictating their profiteering plans to the public. Do NOT allow net neutrality to be compromised. The internet should be declared a public utility, not the plaything of private enterprise. As it is, internet providers are giving the U.S. population slower, more expensive service than is provided in Estonia!! Let's allow some REAL competition in this field. Thank you, -Linda V. Kade
—Linda Kade, Berkeley, CA

As consumers we already pay for the data we consume as part of our subscription. ISPs having the ability to charge online companies (Netflix) for the same data that we've already paid them to deliver is -WRONG-. The only solution is reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Anything less is a failure. Do the right thing.
—Mike Wells, raleigh, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to insure Net Neutrality.
—Joan Yates, Portland, ME

Net Neutrality is an important right at maintaining democracy!
—Mark Meyer, Westland, MI

I use my net neutrality in everything I do! Connecting with people, sharing my art, reading and even leisure time.
—Samantha Yigdal, Pittsboro, NC

YOU CAN EITHER SAVE IT OR DESTROY IT. PICK YOUR CHOICE.
—Brendan Reed, Fairfiled, CT

Because the blind lady of justice supports this ideal
—Charles Rutherford, Morganton, GA

Many voices have spoken in favor of net neutrality. It is time to do the peoples' will, not corporations demands. Please do what is correct for our Internet and the people that depend on it. Cordially,
—Bubba Jones, Marietta, GA

Open and fair internet for all needs to be a ubiquitous standard. Favoring large corporations is dangerous because power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. There is too big a risk of the public being taken advantage of. I will not allow this to happen.
—Alex Wolowiecki, Hudson, OH

The Internet belongs to all of us
—Constance Jennings, Pittsburgh, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and quit screwing around!
—Richard Clough, Chicago, IL

The President said he wanted an open internet. He appointed you Mr Wheeler. Don't change it. Keep his promise Sir
—James D McCarthy, Whitestone, NY

Everyone is the same....Leave the net alone and PLEASE let individuals have some kind of affordable entertainment...As the old saying goes and it's so true "you can't take it with you when you leave this world".
—Martha, ripley, ohio, OH

Don't let internet service providers discriminate against online content and applications.
—Joanna Stalker, Margate, FL

As a student I need access to high speed internet, not a slow lane. If my online learning modules crash due to slow speeds, I will get locked out for hours, which I cannot afford.
—Dave Haynes, Calgary,

This is one of the most important decisions of our generation. Keep the Internet free and open. It is a utility and should be treated as such.
—Steven Crampton, Middletown, DE

I'll keep it short. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's a transparent what's happening, and anyone with remotely any technical knowledge knows it.
—Walt Stoneburner, Ashburn, VA

Wealthy individuals and corporations are becoming far too powerful in our country. Do not stifle creativity and innovation from the majority by creating yet another privileged advantage for the wealthy few.
—John Wooldridge, Rio Linda, CA

I pay for my internet access. My ISP shouldn't be able to cripple the source I've chosen to access.
—Joseph Long, Madison, WI

Please ensure equal access to the Internet for all citizens. At it's core, Net Neutrality guarantees equal access to information, education and much more.
—Brian Boyes, Plainfield, VT

Mr Chairman, We need to keep a level playing field for future companies and individuals who are working on technologies we haven't even conceived of yet. Despite what the ISPs promise, they have proven themselves time and again to be untrustworthy and duplicitous in their duty as carriers of what must now be considered a utility as necessary as water and electricity. One need only look to the Netflix debacle to see how companies are essentially blackmailed into capitulation. This must not come to pass.
—Alan Sobkowiak, Ardmore, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I want net neutrality. internet service providers do not need MORE power over me.
—Janet Geanoulis, Amesbury, MA

We want an open internet, don't quash productivity.
—Skip Vena, Woodland Park, CO

Do not throw Net Neutrality away. To do so is callus. It's irksome. And it's way worse than just wrong-headed - it's mean-spirited. To destroy Net Neutrality is to make lame - in fact to cripple - American democracy in the modern, technological age. If you do this dastardly thing the American public, indeed the people of the world - will become even more dispirited than we are now, if such a thing is even possible. And we do know that it is possible, with certainty.
—Graham Ross Barnes, Topeka, KS

Allowing business to modify the open internet will decrease freedom of speech and free access to information by everyone.
—Walter Jamrose, Orland Park, IL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is life changing, please keep it neutral for everyone, everywhere. Think of this legacy like the library system, making education available to all.
—Marjorie Weir, St. Paul, MN

I am very concerned about the potential for the restriction of free speech and the expression of dissenting opinions if a few corporations are in control of the internet without appropriate government regulation. We live in a time when corporations and wealthy individuals are actively seeking to control the government of the United States for their own economic gain. If this oligarchy gains control it will mean the end of our noble experiment in democracy. The internet should be treated as a regulated public utility. This would allow a fair rate of return to investors while protecting our form of government and constitutional rights.
—Steve Radcliffe, Grants Pass, OR

It is unfair that organizations that have big money should be put into the fast lane and the less fortunate put into the slow lane.
—Mary Thoma, Dayton, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is a form of economic discrimination, and here is an example of how that will happen. For job seekers, many applications are required to be submitted online only. This will be disadvantageous not only to small and medium-sized businesses, but also for individual families. And what about the impact on education? Schools struggle with funding as it is, and this will make it even more difficult to maintain the technology currently incorporated into our curriculums. This decision will be a step backwards educationally. Please reconsider this decision. Allow us to progress forward and not be thwarted by large corporations who care only about their profits.
—Jennifer Gardner, Columbus, OH

The internet should be a free and open platform, not a vehicle for corporate profit.
—Nadine Van Dyk, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Democracy to me means equal access to communication. As an institution of a democratic country, the FCC needs to represent the principles of this country. The internet is a vital means of communication for countless people. Let's keep it neutral.
—Constance Sohodski, Ruby, NY

Why is everything that should be a common resource being turned into a commodity? The ability to communicate is essential in this day and age. Please keep net neutrality and the best service for the benefit of all, not just the privilege of the wealthy few.
—John Rockwell, Barnet, VT

you cant let these monopoly's control the internet. you will take away our choice which is already to little as it is . I would not be able to afford it. I cant Imagine my kids not having the vast resource at there fingertips because some money hungry influenced people couldn't stand up for there people..
—Jim Wittenbrock, Coeur d' Alene, ID

We need to know what's going on in the world, not just what corporations and those who are wealthy enough to affect our politics want us to know. Without net neutrality the Internet will be nothing but a propaganda machine. Don't take away equal access to information!!!
—Barb MACKIE, Melbourne, FL

Keep Net Neutrality. The internet is the one place we are all equal.
—Donna L. Childs, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality equals the First Amendment right of FREEdom of Speech. FREEdom isn't FREE however money cannot buy FREEdom. FREEdom requires FREE speech. Once a price tag is placed on speech then speech is no longer FREE. Water and electricity are public utilitites. And so should be the Internet. You need to desiginate the Internet as a utility and keep it NEUTRAL and FREE. Thank you.
—Pat Palmer, Indianola, IA

Oh, I guess because I'd really rather cling to the illusion that there is at least one thing in our country that isn't intricately and diabolically crafted such that it screws everyone save The Entitled. Yes, I guess that's one good reason why. One of these days the rampantly greedy, those who not so secretly want to leave us with nothing that it ours except for six square feet in which to stand and befoul ourselves--one of these days, for these wonderful folks, all things will be--how did Yeats put it? "Changed--changed utterly--a terrible beauty is born."
—Mr. Atty-at-Law R.W. Walker, Olympia, WA

Corporate control of the interner would effectively shut down the flow of information necessary for a free and informed society.
—Steven Linden, Hendersonville, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me since the big Internet Service Providers are very greedy and only care about money, not the internet. If given the choice they will undoubtedly only allow websites that pay them to deliver content to their customers by slowing non paying websites to the point that they can not be accessed.
—Chris Deakin, Lilburn, GA

FCC is not a icon for Feed Corporate Coffers. Keep the mainstream internet totally free of corporate dominance. Thanks
—Dennis Myhre, Menomonie, WI

Two tiers equals inequality. In our Democracy, money shouldn't get you anything you want, especially at the expense of everyone else.
—Tom Brink, York, NE

Because the internet is the only way I can communicate with friends abroad.
—Ana Keenum, Haltom City, TX

I am a professional scientist directing a 501c3 non-profit organization.
—Dr. James Lazell, Jackson, MS

The internet in part is so successful because anyone can find out anything on the internet. The internet is the printing press a million times over. Keep the internet's wealth of knowledge free and available to everyone.
—Marissa Flores, Ann Arbor, MI

The internet is as important to each US citizen as any utility adn must be treated as a utility so all citizen's have their rights protected.
—Hugh Moore, El Cajon, CA

Enough erosion of freedom!
—Bernard Winegrad, Tucson, AZ

Stop pimping for the industry giants. Just for once, do the right thing for the citizens. The net belongs to all humans not a few corp's.
—Richard Cinotto, Fort Myers, FL

Net Neutrality is an extension of the freedoms and rights all Americans have under the US Constitution. People from all walks of life support this principle. Support it and NEED it. Do the right thing and be remembered with respect and gratefulness.
—Raymond Soulard, Melrose, MA

There is other, more valuable currency than money in a forward-thinking society. There is innovation, imagination, creativity, knowledge, communication, and so much more. To value the former over the latter is to smother the best humanity has to offer.
—Julie Rist, Phoenix, AZ

in a free society information she remained free.
—Terrance Knox, Upper Marlboro, MD

Destroying net neutrality is so absolutely unamerican that any govt official who supports it should be immediately deported. You all have made enough money doing nothing, there is no reason to allow these companies to suck our county dry.
—Mykaal Tamayo, Whittier, CA

Net Neutrality MUST be protected!!!
—Aaron Keniski, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL for Democracy. We cannot let any special interest mal-affect our information flow, or we will simply have no democracy. We demand equal access internet service.
—Bill Haschke, Bastrop, TX

Net Neutrality supports growth and innovation. Treating connections differently will hinder new ideas from small companies and inventors. As a consumer, I want to choose my content providers based on content, not their ability to pay for better delivery.
—Robert Ritzenhein, Fenton, MI

The internet is really - and most simply - a common carrier. My provider should not decide for me which web sites are more "convenient" to visit. And I don't want others' access to my own modest site affected by outside interests.
—Melissa M Nece, Palm Harbor, FL

If the Internet service providers would choose who's is best to have "high speed" Internet, it wouldn't be "neutrality".
—Ronald Le, San Jose, CA

Allowing internet providers to discriminate is like letting people discriminate against blacks. The internet is a place for little people and companies grow. Not for corprate thugs to take all control and choke the little man.
—Aidan Gladwell, Halifax, VA

This is a no brainer. You're either with the people or the cable companies. Please side with the people.
—Greg Puppione, Seattle, WA

I use my computer everyday to see which petitions I need to sign, and what is going on in our government and elsewhere!
—Mercy Drake, Mesa, AZ

The internet needs to be open to the public and serve on speeds depending on individual and group plans. It helps out the communications process and wiring is so much easier. Consider
—Victor Monjaras, Newcastle, CA

The Internet has provided huge economic growth and expanded the general knowledge of thousands of people, not to mention the sociological impact of trends like #YesAllWomen that effect huge social change. Getting rid of all of those benefits so that companies can line their pockets with even more money would be, quite frankly, tragic.
—Ashley Flakus, Naperville, IL

I do much searching on line. I do not have to wait around for some rich company to get all their communications through before me and other ordinary people.
—Jane McCloskey, Deer Isle, ME

Don't let the dingo eat the baby.
—Hayley MacDonald, Bristol, CT

The free flow of ideas and information, without a "fast lane" for the rich, is integral to a functioning democratic society. Net Neutrality is critical.
—Thad Zajdowicz, bethesda, MD

Free and open access to information is a pillar of our democratic nation.
—Scarlett shockey, holyoke, MA

I would like to be part of a neutral communication network without any qualifications from an outside source.....educational experience.
—Mary Bourn, Noel, MO

Net Neutrality is fundamental to open and free communication on the internet. The internet is our communications commons. It should not be owned or controlled by companies or groups with big bucks and vested interests. This is counter to the fundamentals of free communication in a Democracy. Please, do give complete and full consideration to this matter from the standpoint of users. Thank you.
—Bob Sandidge, Algonquin, IL

Stop protecting the profits and options of ISPs at the direct and clear expense of the people of the USA. ISP do not deserve the right to interfere in our communications. They must treat all traffic equally.
—David Hecht, Uniontown, PA

Please keep it a level playing field for all entrants. Money seems to be becoming our society's God.
—J Patrick George, Charlotte, NC

CORPORATE AMERICA SUCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TELL BIG CORPORATIONS TO GO FUCK THEMSELVES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THEY ARE ALL WORTHLESS AND CORRUPT!!!!!!!!!!!! THE WORLD WIDE WEB SHOULD BE FOR AMERICANS!!!! NOT CORPORATIONS!
—Charles harles Petrik, Norcross, GA

When will or government through the FCC act in favor of consumers? Net neutrality needs protected, not tiered. The internet is NOT broken despite the money broadband providers are lining the FCC chairman's pocket with. The internet is already so level it is what non internet private business wishes they had. Any company that can spend $18 million in lobby dollars every year does not need to double dip on traffic to give consumers what they need.
—Mr. Christopher Kerth Boyer, Morgantown, WV

All my Congressmen will know your name and all my congressmen are against FCC intrusion into the Internet. For your short memory, we broke-up Bell AT&T into "Baby Bells" for a reason.
—Pete Rossberg, Katy, TX

The internet is a public utility and should be treated as such...no special deals for the rich. Duplicitous, is what this is...the pres. promised net neutrality until the overlords(1% got a hold of the commissioners). Those who screw the public should be publicly punished.
—Darrell Schmidt, Rose Hill, KS

Net Neutrality is equated with democracy and equality in America. One cannot exist without the other.
—James P Dougherty, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality supports everything that the net was created for after it was given over to the public (beyond its initial military use). The World Wide Web was supposed to be just that- not a place with a bunch of stop gaps and toll bridges. Not keeping the net open and free sets America back in the world of business. It will make it ridiculously difficult for small businesses and the 'average Joe' to succeed and truly 'The American Dream' of having a chance to make it will die away. As Americans we are already overcharged for our internet access and usage- don't you think we know what access our European friends have and how little they pay for it? We are NOT ignorant to the world stage. Please keep America a competitive business place in a free and open market by not hampering commerce through making the internet one big toll booth for Americans. thank you.
—Ms. Andrea Mucci Mucci, Ypsilanti, MI

The internet is the last true medium for free, accessible speech. Please don't let it be sold.
—Eric Bonnett, Powell, OH

My wife and I own a small art gallery and rely upon the net to make our 9000 plus works of art available worldwide. If our website cold only be reached via the slow lane, most of our image-heavy page would travel very slowly and we would probably try the patience of too many potential customers and lose potential buyers (and our business). WIthout net neutrality, too many people might never have access to all of the research we put into talking about our art and the artists (late 15th-century to the present) who made them and the culture in which they were produced.
—Andrew D. Weiner, Upton, MA

NO "FAST LANES"!!!! KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN TO ALL AS A COMMON CARRIER!
—Peter Curia, Scottsdale, AZ

Society cannot function without an equal, open, and neutral internet. We already have too many concessions made to corporations and big businesses... our way of life depends on keeping the Internet as accessible as possible.
—Brian Stanley, city, VA

You've given us NO REASON to trust you, and we certainly don't want this to be a "trust" issue anyways. We want clearly written laws that protect the people more than those corporate lobbyists bribing you with $$$$. They are not your priority. We are.
—Nick Disney, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is absolutely essential for a free society. If we give media companies the power to choose which sites they give priority to, then we are at the mercy of what they want us to know. Moreover it can stifle creativity and research on the net. For example, would you be satisfied using the second best search engine, or knowledge base just because some corporation owns them?
—Howard C. Schoeberlein, Ellicott City, MD

The internet is so important to so many people - it needs to be considered a carrier system like the telephone. Protect it for the American public (the people you claim to care about, not Comcast).
—Damiana Vance, Macon, GA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Kathryn Plitt, Gig Harbor, WA

Allowing the people who own only the last mile of the internet chain dictate what websites are going to load quickly and what websites are going to be bogged down is a terrible idea. Had regulations such as this been in place 10 years ago would have completely changed the development of the internet. It would have turned into the internet Comcast wanted it to be instead of the economy-driving internet of today.
—William Lummus, Nashville, TN

The internet allows me as a nurse to obtain medical knowledge and research information for my patients. It is essential rah my internet remain as rapid as possible. Plus a fast lane/ slow lane set up is not democratic but instead is favoritism. We are all equal in the eyes of the law and that should be the same for my internet access.
—Alexandra Bryan, ellenwood, GA

MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY, PLEASE. GIVING CABLE COMPANIES CONTROL OVER INTERNET DATA AND ACCESS IS LIKE GIVING MY BABY TO A DINGO AND EXPECTING IT NOT TO CHEW OFF ITS ARM WHENEVER IT WANTS TO DO SO. DO NOT ALLOW CORPORATE MONIES TO BUY EVERYTHING IN THE GOVT. AGH. RECLASSIFY ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS.
—Tegan Swanson, Ames, IA

Keeping the internet as a free and equal forum of expression is necessary in a free democracy.
—John Meser Meserve, pembroke, MA

The internet must not become yet another area in which big corporate interests dominate. Net neutrality must be preserved to maintain equal access to the net for all.
—Andrea Doukas, Brookline, MA

Do not discriminate. No fast lane/slow lane on the Internet. Thanks.
—Cynthia Baldwin, Chicago, IL

I know my rights as a citizen of the usa and that includes net neutrality.
—Logan Ledbetter, Denver, CO

I am what is called a fangirl... I quite enjoy watching Netflix... And I would really love it if you didn't force Netflix to raise their fee for their services... I enjoy only having to pay $8 a month... I would be incredibly grateful if you didn't slow down the speeds of my free fanfiction sights... I really like it when my Netflix, and YouTube, and Hulu don't have to buffer every 30 seconds... I like it when I don't have to wait an hour for my fanfiction to upload... And I love it when I can go on tumblr and all the gifs are loaded already. Please don't do this, none of the people who matter, the citizens of the country, the people who pay all the taxes and do all the volunteer work to make sure the side of the highway isn't littered with paper cups because apparently the government can't figure out how to enforce the no littering laws, none of them want Net Neutrality to end, all the small buissness owners, with their new websites to advertise for their coffee shops, or bike stores, or frozen yogurt stands, none of them want Net Neutrality to end, and none of the boys and girls who get home from school, bored to death by their math teacher, who just want to watch an episode of Doctor Who before doing their homework, none of them want Net Neutrality to end. Please, think about them, and not the companies who wish only for more money.
—Rebecca Seaman, Pittsburgh, PA

The FCC needs to protect the rights and equal access of ALL citizens.
—Ann Wright, Ann Arbor, MI

ISP's should be classified as Common Carriers.
—Robert Burke, Unionville, CT

Dear FCC: True Net Neutrality requires that all ISPs be barred from offering varying levels (or "tiers") of service based on ability to pay. Given all the regulatory mistakes made by the FCC over the last several years, and the recent Supreme Court decisions purporting to grant constitutional rights previously accorded only to natural persons to fictional corporate entities, it is imperative for bold, remedial action to protect the rights of ordinary citizens. Kindly reclassify Internet providers as common carriers as quickly as possible to begin the process of restoring the American democracy. Thank you, Russell Stein Cocoa, FL
—Russell Stein, Cocoa, FL

A free and open internet in a free and open country, anything else isn't Democracy!!!
—Jim Davis, Billings,, MT

As a business person that works with start-ups and someone interested in the development of the U.S. economy, I strongly encourage the FCC to NOT allow a "fast-lane" and "slow-lane" strategy for internet access. Education in the United States is most often a non-profit or low profit business. Education would be put in the slow lane. Start-ups that offer a great hope for innovation and growth start as low or no profit ventures. They would be in the slow lane. NO to this bad idea of giving "the last mile" providers the ability to control what has become a very, very important part of our national economy. NO NO NO to a tiered system. Thank you, Colin Murphy
—Colin Murphy, Providence, RI

Net Neutrality is needed to protect those individuals who can't afford the big bucks for sophisticated systems. Access to the net via cheap connections, and places such as libraries, is absolutely necessary to main fairness to the minorities, and underprivileged.
—John Coker, East Peoria, IL

we already know most of the FCC is getting paid off by Verizon,Comcast and AA&T, but ending net neutrality would just be rubbing our noses in it,and you guy would just say it's for the common good...just how much of this bullshit do you think we can eat anyway...stop working for them and start working for us..even thou they pay you more ...at least pretend you work for us and keep net neutrality.
—William D. Gaskill, punta gorda, FL

As an educator, Net nuetrality is essential to my students' learning. The internet needs to be accessable and affordable to all citizens.
—Jacqueline LOusier, San Antonio, TX

The internet is a public good and should be treated as a utility that all people have access to equally.
—Kathleen Moore, marshfield, VT

Once, the Internet may have been a nice to have. No longer. Today it is so ingrained in our day-to-day lives that it is needed as much or more than having a phone. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Alexander Nolley, Columbia, MD

PROTECT REAL NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Tony Vazquez, Albany, NY

We need to keep the internet free of discrimination.
—Robin Youngblood, Marysville, WA

The Internet was not envisioned or designed by big business. Please do not allow big business to usurp the good works of creative people that took a concept and built it into the Internet as we know it today. There is still plenty of money to be made by big business without their usurping the original premise of creating a level playing field for all concerns. The newly proposed rules under consideration puts control of the Internet and its usability in the hands of big business. Your recent actions look a lot like you have been bought and paid for. Please show everyone that this is not the case and you stand for equality and Net Neutrality.
—Edward Elliott, Westland, MI

I value the ability of all to access the net and to make their opinions known. I can learn from these opinions whether or not I agree with them.
—Michael G. Price, Los Angeles, CA

Stop cable company fuckery now!
—Brian Meyers, Woodstock, IL

We don't need more bridge-trolls charging rent. That doesn't help people do things; it stops them from doing things. We need net neutrality.
—Kate Kasserman, Chicago, IL

Improve the internet not destroy it. high speed internet should be free to all americans/.
—Stephen Neimoyer, fresno, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Peter Jardine, San Francisco, CA

I want to give all companies and individuals equal access and bandwidth on the internet. It is critical for both innovation and freedom. If a wealthy corporation can use money to optimize its delivery over and above others, then they can prevent innovation, they can deliver propaganda and muffle diverse opinion. That's the reality, because that's exactly what television is today. When I buy internet access I should be buying local and backbone access. The webs tentacles should extend from me out to all the points of the internet. The bandwidth should be allocated based on demand, not on supply.
—Michael Tinker, Carlsbad, CA

The Internet should be kept open and free; allowing carrier's to dicate the viewers ability to surf, browse or buy is simply wrong. It amazes me (perhaps it should not) that the FCC would allow ISP's to dictate both price and access.
—J P. Kelly, Florence, MA

Please protect Net Neutrality by not allowing fast lanes and slow lanes. All data should be treated equally.
—Nishant Rao, Austin, TX

SAVING THE F***ING MIDDLE CLASS!!!
—Monica Ogen, Batavia, IL

Give all users on the net equal access. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gerard Gorman, SPARTA, NJ

The internet is the last bastion of equality, democracy, and freedom of information in this nation. If you proceed to take that away, God help us! Allowing big service providers to control who sees what and when would spell the death knell to our democracy as well as being a serious blow to things like innovation. Please don't do it. Listen to our voices!
—S J Munson, Winston Salem, NC

The internet is my way of communicating with friends and family who are spread far and wide. Without internet service at a reasonable price, I would not have that ability.
—P C. Wilson, San Angelo, TX

I operate a small hosting business. I can not compete against the large, well funded corporations that seem to have paid someone off in the FCC to push their fast lane agenda. As a regular customer of an ISP for my home I am already paying for access that is currently unrestricted regardless of the sites I visit. Why wouldn't it be? I paid for it. If I frequent websites that can't afford a fast lane then their traffic is slowed down for me? Tell me how this is fair? I have already paid for Internet access on my end. Tom Wheeler needs to be fired or should step down from his current position. It would be the ethical thing to do considering his background and the corporations he has as friends.
—Dave Lozier, Scandinavia, WI

Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is the best way to preserve a fair and equitable internet.
—Alice Harrigan, Dorchester, MA

The internet is a global network for the people. It is not up to any corporation to regulate,control and or restrict access for financial gain. It is operated and built by individuals and remain that way.
—Jabowen Dixon, chicago, IL

We already went through the bandwidth squeeze for dial-up customers and know how that affected the speed of our internet access. Why would we want to do that for the high speed users, as well. Doesn't anyone in government have a clue? Or do they exist to punish the public for not being billionaires? If we cannot trust our legislators to stop favoring certain advertisers over others on the web, then we all become puppets, just like our politicians! Keep the internet neutral! We all deserve equal access! If the internet is too slow, let's make it faster and more accessible (for everyone)!
—Jack Spallino, Anaheim, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Mitchell Sendrowitz, Roslindale, MA

All content should be of equal value, just like the principal of free speech.
—Kristin Kaul, Ann Arbor, MI

Fast lane Internet will empower corporations to gain competitive advantage. More corporate domination is the last thing we want.
—Brian Rasche, Orlando, FL

I'M ON A FIXED INCOME. I CAN'T COMPETE WITH RICH ASSES LIKE COMCAST, ATT, AND VERIZON AND THEIR MONOPOLIES. MUCH OF THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD ENJOYS HIGH SPEED NET NEUTRALITY WHILE YOU WANT TO REVERSE THAT IN THE U.S. AND SEND US BACK TO THE DARK AGES. YOU ARE PROSTITUTING THE FCC TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. DO YOUR JOB FOR THE TAX PAYER, NOT THESE CORPORATE TAX DODGERS PAYING YOU BILLIONS FOR YOUR FAVORS.
—Stephan Armstrong, Watsontown, PA

To create a fair and unbiased Internet, bring back Net Neutrality for the sake of creating a free communication network for everyone.
—Robert Garrison, Mansfield, PA

Without net neutrality, the net is destroyed.
—Alan D. Kardoff, Palm Bay, FL

How much money do the net providers need anyway. Compared to Europe we in the US pay more for lesser speed. This is nothing but a money grab by separating big users, think money, from the little users, think money again. Speed to the bug users and the little users pay the bill. Thanks again US government..... INSURE NET NUTRALITY!!!!
—Mike D Miller, Slidell, LA

The internet is a utility, much like power or water, that should be open and fair for all users. Allowing tiers will stifle innovation and facilitate censorship.
—E J Cruz, Pasco, WA

Small business and innovation is the backbone of the US. I run a small, online business. This proposal would hurt me. Also, what will happen to our international competition when other industrialized nations maintain their Internet as a public utility? Please classify the Internet as common carrier.
—Thomas Eugene Musselman, Tucson, AZ

Allowing ISPs to provide a two payment system whereby some traffic gets preference over the rest is against the basic principles of the Internet. Already Verizon is throttling my Netflix traffic and has been doing so for months. That tells me these people in regard to this issue are not to be trusted. I rely on you, the FCC, to control companies like Verizon. I don't expect you to collude with them on a shakedown. I pay them for Internet access. I don't pay them to monitor what I am doing with it and choosing what I can see and how fast I can see it. That is effectively censorship. If they want to offer companies faster service then they can build a separate network. Don't use the one I already pay to use. It is just not possible to give specific companies e.g. Netflix priority without my service being degradated. Do the right thing and say NO. Net Neutrality and the idea of two speeds - one for the rich and one for everyone else does not
—Kym Romanets, Brooklun, NY

To Who It Concerns: It is of utmost importance that all data be treated equally on the Internet. CHOICE - If we allow the purchase of preferential treatment for Internet traffic, we are essentially a captive audience. Personal liberty includes our right to choose--we must keep the Internet neutral and cultivate disparate sources of online information. Without proper access to all of the data sources, we will be confined to the ideas and information deemed important to those with the deepest pockets. VOICE - The Internet is a virtual extension of our society--if we allow some members of the virtual space to pay for better access to Internet audiences, the voice of the individual will be lost. Our freedom of speech is at stake. Please support net neutrality. Sincerely, Shannon Grothaus
—Shannon Grothaus, Cooper City, FL

Government is for the people - corporations are not people. Internet is for the people.
—Marilyn Livote, Buena Park, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Linda Masters, Nantucket, MA

This rule will harm innovation and small businesses. Small businesses and startups may not have the funds like a major corporation to pay for their customers to have faster access to their services. This also allows ISP to manage bandwidth without the need to improve their service offerings. Essentially not having the need to compete with each other for consumers. It's bad enough the the USA pays more per Megabit than other developed nations. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Michael Joseph Gaul II, Northglenn, CO

The telecommunications companies do not need to restrict the internet to make more profit than they already do.
—Joseph E Jacklovich Sr USA Ret, Wichita, KS

leave it as it was free and open if you start charging the only the rich and wealthy will be able to afford and me as poverty its my way of job searching and applying to do applications online to search for jobs and help
—Ray Motsch Jr, manahawkin, NJ

this is why we need Net Neutrality. http://i.imgur.com/7yAV1CW.png ?1. By the way we pay for 3MB up we only get half of a MB.
—Inderpal Singh, Fresno, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James P. Brunton, Tampa, FL

Without Net Neutrality the American people will be subject to the whims of big corporations and the monied elite deciding what information will be available and when.
—Robert Weld, Hoffman Estates, IL

Preserve net neutrality for equal access to all users.
—Dallas Windham, Dallas, TX

I want people to be able to use Netflix without exorbitant price increases so that Netflix can continue to pump out great shows like Orange is the New Black, which does a good job of having a transsexual actor play a transsexual character. I want start ups, small companies with often very little funding, to be able to compete with established giants on the web like Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, and reddit. Please protect real net neutrality so that the continuing monopolization of Internet Service Providers will not further infringe on people's ability to have an open, free, and equal Internet.
—Solona Jade Sisco, Hummelstown, PA

net neutrality is crucial to keeping just a few corporations from taking over the net. it's ridiculous this is even being considered. STOP this now. i am sick of our government giving more and more power to big money corporations.
—Colleen Kelly, salem, OR

I don't want the money politics of the Internet service providers to interfere with the delivery of information to the masses! Reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers! Keep the net neutral!!!
—Christen Higgins, Huntersville, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This will protect real Net Neutrality. It's the ONLY way. It's fair and it's very important to me and to millions of Americans.
—Karen Keating-Secular, Rego Park, NY

Do not sell out the American people to big business telecom companies that already abuse our trust and misuse government funding paid for by our taxes. It is an obvious insult to everyone, and one that will not be taken lightly.
—Joshua Gray, Pittsburgh, PA

The Net is the only truly democratic institution left In Corporate Dominated America.
—James Peloquen MD, NY, NY

Loss of Net Neutrality would mean that programs and movies I stream would not load and subjects (such as Net Neutrality) not approved by my internet service provider would not get to me. Petitions and email not in agreement with my ISP would be silenced, and Free Speech would be a thing of the past. As everyone requires internet for communication, Net Neutrality is Free Speech. ISP's are utilities, and must be regulated as such. The alternative is a public uprising, the nationalization of ISP's and the end of private ISP's like Time Warner and Comcast. Net Neutrality protects the public from loss of freedom and it protects business from public outcry and nationalization.
—Charles Brobst, Binghamton, NY

Net Neutrality is important for both innovation in how bandwidth is used, and for giving people a practical way of exercising their free speech rights which media corporations will not respect.
—Ranjit Chacko, San Francisco, CA

Keep the internet equal access for everyone - no fast and slow lanes. It should remain a public resource equally accessible to all.
—Kristin Lawton, denver, CO

Because ALL AMERICANS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE EQUAL EQUALITY!!!!!!!!! WHICH WE DON'T
—Barbara Morales, Belmont, NC

I have had the privilege to be born and live in this great country for 77 years. Watching technological and political progress over this period has been both wondrous and frightening. We have made more scientific progress in my lifetime than in all previous history. Unfortunately the very freedom that allowed even fostered this progress has been corrupted by the greed of a powerful few. They have used the very freedoms that enabled their anti-human activity to destroy said freedom. There was a time when these destructive forces could operate without detection, due to the lack of universal communication. The advent of perhaps our greatest achievement, the Internet, has threatened the power of this developing “corporatocracy”. The final frontiers of our democracy are now being threatened by corporate control of the Internet. The majority of our citizens and humanity worldwide are opposed to any limits on the freedom of this unparalleled icon of freedom. The FCC is a government agency that constitutionally must answer to the will of the people, not corporate pressure. I fear a failure to acquiesce to clear public desire for an Internet free of corporate control, will be just one more step toward eventual destruction of our democracy. Limiting the freedom of the Internet is just another step into eventual public uprising on a scale that could take the United States into the dark ages.
—Creswell Charles, Salinas, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am against ISP's creating 'lanes' just so they can make even more money off of my limited income. All a tiered system will do is induce another layer of unfairness into a system already rife with inequality and injustice; all in the name of capitalistic greed. Be warned. The 1% and their lapdog politicians seem to think that we will continue to roll over for the bullshit they have been throwing at us...like forever. It ain't gunna continue.
—Steve Engle, Jefferson, TX

With out Net Neutrality it will be just a commercial and nothing else and people will not be able to use properly, student will be waiting hours to get info for their projects, Doctors will wait for urgent medical info for patients unless they fork addition dollars - for what they already paying for - it will be complete nightmare for common man
—Jay Dugar, Clifton, NJ

FCC, please do your job!
—Gavin N Lipscomb, Lawrenceville, GA

I am absolutely opposed to the proposed two-tiered Internet. Do not let big business have its way!
—Stephen Anderson, Deerfield, IL

Please use your best and most appropriate option: reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret Hollenbach Ph.D., Sequim, WA

The FCC's current proposal is a threat to the open internet. Reclassifying internet service providers as common carriers is the only way to protect REAL Net Neutrality.
—Jessica Mack, Salt Lake City, UT

The Reclassification of Broadband internet providers as a common carrier services is the ONLY socially responsible way forward please stand up for the rights of the people you are suppose to serve and keep the telecom industry in line a fair and open internet is the kind of internet we deserve.
—Eli Brown, Johnson City, TN

The FCC has failed to protect the public interest and instead served the needs of the privileged few.
—Thomas R Blakeslee, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA

Keep the net free of corruption and favoritism and big money!
—Jill Timm, Wenatchee, WA

The internet has been the keystone of the American economy because its egalitarian nature allowed small operations to enter and thrive. Please maintain that egalitarianism!!
—Alan Jackman, Davis, CA

Net Neutrality is very important because the Internet was developed with our tax dollars and is part of our "commons" that you (FCC) were created to protect. No single or group of private corporations should have any control over what "We the People" own. Do your job!
—Mr. Robert J. Lotti, East Boston, MA

Keep the world free, don't censor the internet.
—Peter Eide, Brooklyn, NY

I use Skype to communicate with my friends and family across the globe. The internet helps connect us all with our loved ones at the tap of a screen and I believe we need Net Neutrality to maintain and develop this innovative communication with each other.
—Andrew McNulty, Austin, TX

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am opposed to the new FCC rules. Net Neutrality is a must for small business like mine! I already pay a premium for internet service, and this bill will negate that.
—Erik Mayes, Indianapolis, IN

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Juvena McMAHAN, GREENWOOD, SC

Freedom of expression should not just be about how much money you have.
—Mr. Ryan Houlette, Cambridge, MA

Everyone deserves access to the internet.
—Margaret Redus, Denver, CO

THE CORPORATIONS get money from you by selling their product, which you pay for. They get money by paying the workers who made the item less than they are worth. They get money by selling you a fake repair guarantees. They make money by plopping a big fat ad every time you click on your mouse. Now they have come up with the brilliant idea of making MORE MONEY by making you pay AGAIN for the service- copper, silver gold or platinum service. They have no shame.
—Forrest Hopping, LA, CA

FCC, DO YOU THINK I'M DONE WITH YOUR PASTY ASSES? IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR MINDS AND PULL YOUR HEADS OUT OF YOUR ASSES, CRASHING YOUR SITE WILL BECOME A WEEKLY SPORT IN THIS COUNTRY
—Matthew Terzuola, Brooklyn, NY

I pay my ISP for internet service. My requirements for this service should not have to take a back seat to someone else's requirements just because they have more money. Please do not make those that can't afford "top of the line" service sit in the back of the internet bus. As with most things, this controversy comes down to who has the most money. For a change, please decide in favor of equality instead of corporate wealth. Be tough and fair, not wimpy and crooked.
—Fred Waiss, Prairie du Chien, WI

I am poor and need to communicate.
—Ruthie, Worcester, MA

It is important that all internet traffic is treated equally and without priority or special preference. Free or paid prioritization fundamentally changes how the Internet works. Paid prioritization puts small, innovative companies at a disadvantage as they cannot afford to pay for the speed they need. The next Netflix, Facebook, or YouTube could go out of business because they cannot afford the fees that Comcast or others are charging for access to the "fast lanes" that their business needs. For this reason, the allowance for paid prioritization should be removed from the FCC Net Neutrality rules.
—Kelly Kramer, Gadreb Grove, CA

It is important that the internet is allowed to be in a position where it is not slowed down for a number of reasons: 1. Corporations should not be allowed to increase their speed via paying to have a higher speed. That is not a level playing field and hurts small business and entrepreneurs. 2. Charging for speed will mean ultimately mean the consumer will pay. 3. I do not want an internet company controlling what web sites I choose to use by slowing down speed on those sites.
—Jan Best, Prior Lake, MN

IF NET NEUTRALITY IS NOT PROTECTED, DESPITE EVERYONE BUT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES BEING AGAINST IT, IT CERTAINLY SEEMS TO INDICATE COLLUSION BETWEEN THE FCC CHAIRMAN, A FORMER LOBBYIST FOR THE INTERESTS HIS DECISION WOULD BENEFIT, AND THE MONOPOLY SYSTEM THAT IS TODAY'S CABLE AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER INDUSTRY.
—Stephen Weber, Wentzville, MO

Even casual observers of government officials know that just a little power warps the minds of those who are drawn to what is euphemistically referred to as "government service." Such people tend to regard those citizens they are ostensibly "serving" as, to quote a former staffer for Senator Harry Reid, "noise." They pretend to listen, and then do whatever the major campaign donor de jour wants them to do. Isn't that right, Mr. Adelson? In the so-called "net neutrality" issue currently being considered by the FCC, Chairman Wheeler made all the noises and gestures he thought the public wanted to hear, and then proceeded to do the bidding of the telecom giants. These companies want to stifle dissent by strangling the last medium of free expression left to those who are determined to resist the totalitarianism. These draconian rules are being implemented by those who, though they make the appropriate noises and gestures, actually loathe the thought of representative democracy, and defile the very name, "Democrat." Forget the Republicans; they've been fascists from Day One. Just look at the treasonous actions of Frederick Koch, or Prescott Bush, to name just two. The rotten apples did not fall far from those family trees. Corporatism, as Mussolini preferred to call his system of government, is thriving in America, and it is the single most malevolent and poisonous economic and political force fouling our country and the entire planet. Its proponents must - and WILL - be stopped before they succeed in enslaving the entire population. Best you get on the right side of history while you still can, Mr. Wheeler.
—Gregory Crawford, Stockbridge, VT

Because turning free speech into how much can you pay to be heard is bad regardless of the medium. And making a tiered internet will dampen innovation and competition for anyone who can't afford to compete.
—Michael Sweeney, Bensalem, PA

If people want faster Internet, let's build out a robust Internet across the nation, not let the companies with the WORST customer service in the USA dominate the Internet, just so they can make more moneyl
—Larry McLaughlin, Aurora, CO

Equal access please :)
—Darren Sand, Boise, ID

Electricity suppliers don't have a separate fee depending on whether I power my air-conditioner or my clock radio. Water suppliers don't have a separate fee depending on whether I wash a dish or wash my hands. I can understand and support differentiated pricing based on quality of product or service. If the telephone and cable companies are prepared to give me a guarantee on the performance and reliability of a service based on different costs of service, that is totally reasonable. But they shouldn't have different costs of service for different types of data that they deliver as my network supplier!
—Ashok Srinath, Los Altos, CA

Please protect true net neutrality -- no favored treatment for big carriers, like ATT.
—M Winkler, Peoria, IL

THE NET MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL SO THAT IT IS EQUALLY ACCESSIBLE ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO BARELY HAVE ENOUGH TO MAKE ENDS MEET!
—Nancy Radclyffe, Santa Ana, CA

You are doing a disservice to society and the very idea of progression. How dare you further enable these big companies, who make enough without your help? Endowing them with the power to 'police' the Internet is a grievous step backwards that many are disgusted with. Remove your rules, which do not merge with the concept of 'moving forward,' and reclass ISPs as common carriers.
—Teddi Salsgiver, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet is the last and most important space for free speech and information sharing in this country. Everything else has been bought by corporations who are now defined as citizens and control our access to information, the votes of the politicians, and our ability to organize for democracy. This is not about what tv channel streams at what speed. It is about fair and equitable communication. The internet is not a luxury, but our primary common carrier. Please reclassify it as such. Failure to do so will foreclose the very possibility of a democratic dialogue and an informed public. If you value the ideals of democracy -- rather than simply those of capitalism -- you must protect this forum for public speech. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret Mass, Chicago, IL

Everyone should have access to the net.
—Evelyn Haas, {Phila., PA

Wheeler is a perfect example of what is wrong with our political system. he works for and gets bought out by the cable/sattelite corporations, the revolving door opens up at the FCC and he gives them a big gift and destroys the internet as we know it in the name of greed and money and a corrupt political system.
—Carl McGarry, clinton, WA

We citizens are sick and tired of all this media control at our expense!!!! These high rollers need to be banned from acquiring monopolies and telling the rest of us what we can and cannot have. Our country is not a kingdom!!!! The rich don't give a damn about those of us who do all the work!!!! Keep the airwaves neutral and open to all in equal status!!!!!!
—Carol Kern, Oberlin, OH

Please keep net neutrality a reality! It is necessary and an integral part of society.
—Bethany Calhoun, Edmond, OK

ISPs are common carriers and should be classified that way. I am expecting net neutrality!!
—Annette Spanhel, Driftwood, TX

It is obvious in places like China where the internet is throttled how important neutrality is to our access to information and our freedom. At least set a minimum speed so that every site is guaranteed access that can not be set by commercial or political interests
—Martin Springer, washington, DC

from the very first minute I heard that the FCC would not consider classifying ISP providers as common carrier utilities, allowing a handful of super rich corporations to completely control what should be freely available on an equal basis to every citizen, I was appalled... to know that your organization has allowed this to continue to this point is disheartening to the extreme. regulate these super corporations and prevent them from making high speed internet available to the highest bidders, who will then have full control of the messages and information the citizens are allowed to easily access. stop them from decimating the actual right to free speech and public assembly that is reserved for the CITIZENS of the united states, not merely the richest and the most powerful. be the protection to the public from those corporate powers that the FCC was created to be. don't let me down.
—Lorie Long, Saint Louis, MO

The Internet was intended to be an equal provider for all,not the pay for play that has become the mantra of all things political and all things washington dc.
—William McKenzie, National City, MI

Please protect the open internet. If America is going to continue to create jobs from small businesses, then please don't hurt innovation like this. Tiering the internet will hurt online innovation so badly, VC's are already walking away from deals who provide any sort of streaming service. Please don't be evil, and don't let a few corporations walk all over the future of entrepreneurs everywhere.
—Kyle Ivins, Pleasant Grove, UT

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Protect net neutrality!
—Andrea Saunders, Bethlehem, PA

Internet should be a common carrier, equally accessible to all.
—Richard McGowan, San Jose, CA

Keep all corporations from controlling and increasing there profits by controlling access to the internet. The internet should be designated as a public.
—David H. Bullard, Gansevoort, NY

i strongly urge the FCC to retain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sumi Rose, santa fe, NM

No additional fees to ISP's! Corporate ISP's already make obscene amounts of money. It is important for ISP's to remain common carriers because your proposed policy just means bigger profits to those same corportations. If sites want to participate and pay more for fast access, you can be sure that those costs will be passed on to people like me who live on limited budgets already. No thanks for your new regulations.
—Ann M Stock, smithtown, NY

We all deserve a free and open internet. ISPs must be reclassified as Common carriers.
—William Cruz, New York, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Michael J. Norden, Defiance, OH

Free and open communication allows the best of ourselves to emerge as a culture. Contrived control by short term interests like corporations and governments amassing power limits our collective potential for good. We must protect the Commons, in this case the inter connectivity of human endeavor.
—Anne Whitefield, durham, NC

All people need and deserve full and equal acess to the internet.
—Marsha Straubing, venice, CA

It is the greatest promoter of and support for democracy worldwide. Don't impede it to cater to profit-motive-only corporations!
—Joy Williams Schilling, Colorado Springs, CO

An internet free of corporate interests is important to the free flow of ideas and information. It also as Oliver points out is the only way to keep the internet innovating new ways for us to communicate and share those ideas and information. Also the Obama appointee should step down immediately and ask the president to appoint someone with less of a conflict of interest.
—Sean Samford, Gainesville, FL

The internet companies have local monopolies no different than the telephone, gas or electric companies serving American homes. I have no choice of providers if I need service. As such, why should they NOT be treated as any other utility with equal access for all?
—Don Ely, Tacoma, WA

Please do not give money yet another advantage. Keep the internet an even playing field for all.
—Marion Tidwell, Merrillville, IN

It is simply unAmerican to give preference to big money interests at the expense of others. It stifles democracy. It is basically censorship by the big providers.
—Phillip L. Crown, IOLA, KS

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Thomas Shafer, San Francisco, CA

All access should be equal. Period. It's as necessary to the economy as wind or rain is to the health of the earth, circulating the best and getting rid of the junk. And long term lobbyists and shareholders shouldn't be in charge of their own interests' regulatory agencies. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Deborah A Goss, Lexington, MA

The neutral internet is the only medium keeping democracy alive in the United States.
—Paul Nagle, New York, NY

Leave my internet alone! Live free or die!!!
—Noah Bennett, new orleans, LA

We should not have Big Providers such as Comcast, Verizon and AT&T picking Winners and Losers, Discriminating against online content and applications, creating a two-tiered Internet, the outcome ~ Inequality, Fascism, the end of Democracy! The FCC should throw out it's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. This is the only way to Protect real Net Neutrality!
—Cinthia Davey, Kendall, WI

Corporations shouldn't decide which websites are easier to access by determining the speed at which they load. Freedom of information and unaltered access to that information is of the upmost importance in a democratic society.
—Anthony Magana, Boise, ID

Free America depends on a free and open internet.
—James Benson, Silver Spring, MD

The internet is the single greatest communication tool ever created by humankind. This source of open information and freedom to express oneself is the epitome of free speech. By limiting it to those who can most afford it you are limiting the First Amendment, one of the most important clauses ever written! Net neutrality ensures this freedom remains in place. Don't limit my free speech!
—Joel Watt, Indio, CA

This proposal is a sick moneymaking scheme that is destroying the fairness of the internet. Keep net neutrality and don't allow this to happen! -Zac
—Zach, Cork,

ANY government control is the DEATH of a FREE forum and FREE dissemination of information about anything. A controlled internet is a political forum for the RULLING CLASS and NOODY else can tell people what is actually going wrong with our government and CORRUPTION will flourish and GROW at an astounding rate.
—Donald Mccormick, Portland, OR

As I retired person on a fixed income and one who depends on the internet for various reasons, I would find it difficult to pay more to receive good, quick service. Be fair to all citizens.
—Grace Golata, Milwaukee, WI

Please keep real net neutrality! No speed differences for any content!
—Ron Paider, Schaumburg, IL

Wheeler's "open internet" is not the same as a free, neutral internet and he knows it.
—John Hauf, Fairfax, CA

The Internet was the only democracy we had left. Now that's under attack, too.
—Amy Burns, Janesville, WI

If providers can charge for faster speeds, they can hold speed hostage until they are paid. This is not right and should not be allowed. Stop the insanity and bring the us out of the dark ages. Help us catch up to The rest of the civilized world in internet connection speed. With all this money spent in mergers and messing around trying to improve all their profit invested in internet infrastructure instead, we could all have much faster fiber optic speed, including the ones wanting the fast lane.
—Connie Corbaley, Daytona Beach Shores, FL

The Internet, as we currently know it, must be preserved. It is a public utility and rates should be the same for all; it has become critical to the operation of our daily lives.
—Leslie Fox, Evergreen, CO

I really think net neutrality is important. Around 1995, I worked for an Internet company and built complex web applications. The U.S. will lose the ability to compete with other nations, if Net Neutrality fails. I am sure service in some markets will suffer if a carrier (ISP) can charge different rates based on your tier. From what I understand, an ISP should be classified as a common carrier.
—Raj A. Upadhyaya, Hoffman Estates, IL

Killing net neutrality is like killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. Stop taking bribes from Comcast and make the internet a public utility!
—Matthew Baucco, Bloomington, IN

Reclassify ISPs as common carries as they should have been in the first place.
—Benjamin Au, Manassas, VA

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. The internet is a shared resource that should not be allowed into the control of any corporation(s). It without question puts the free exchange of ideas and information and data at risk. This two tiered proposal puts access and control in the hands of a few rather than the "democratic" ideal of an internet that is owned and accessed by all equally.
—William Eckert, Paso Robles, CA

My daughter has been able to start her small business and mount a website on the Internet because access to the Internet is free and open to anyone without restriction.
—Agnes Raeder, Santa Monica, CA

dear fcc, by making the internet a non neutral playing ground you are starting the process of it becoming a place where only big business survives, like much of the rest of the world. stop it. Sincerely, net neutrality
—Nathaniel Streeter, lexington, MA

The internet belongs to all of us. No one individual or corporation should have control over access.
—Adam Versenyi, Carrboro, NC

If you allow a private entity to control the internet you are handing over control of information to a gop owner and free speech will definitely end and lies will be the rule of the land .!
—Cliff Jordan, Jeffersontown, KY

Do NOT allow internet "Fast Lanes"!!!!! KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!
—Thomas W Cox, PLAINFIELD, IL

The Internet is the last bastion of freedom and democracy. Please do your job and maintain Internet neutrality.
—Jack Harmell, North Grafton, MA

Use of the full Internet should not depend on how much money a person or company has. The Internet should be designated as a public utility, as it is in most other countries in the world, open to all.
—Maria Lambert, Marshfield, MA

Net neutrality is no different than any other freedom that our country proclaims to have. Major corporations have been eroding our freedom for money since the beginning of the country. We need to stand against them and keep them in check. Net neutrality ensures that everyone has equal opportunity to make money with the net and ensures that these leaches don't find a new way to suck money out of our pockets. You shouldn't have a bigger voice just because you have more money. Everyone should be treated equally and fairly. This ends that just like money and power has eroded the rights of everyone in this country over the centuries. We are not supposed to be a class based system. Everyone is supposed to be treated equally and have equal opportunity to apply themselves and be great. Don't end net neutrality and take away yet another opportunity for success. Most people have so few as it is.
—Dan S Adams, Pickerington, OH

As a teacher I find it to be very important to instill the truly American concept of Freedom of Speech in my students. The internet, as it has been up to this point, is one of the most valuable lessons in this concept. As a nearly unregulated enterprise the internet provides a huge variety of experiences both good and bad. Without true Net Neutrality, my students will not get the full experience that the Net can provide. Don't rob them of this experience.
—Andrew King, Augusta, GA

I am handicapped and my only enjoyment is a free internet
—Angela M Wilson, Troutville, VA

Freedom freedom freedom freedom freedom
—Emily A Schultz, Greenwood, IN

Don't let Big Telecom act like dicks towards their own customers.
—Andrew Stutt, Nepean,

I AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND FACE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL RUIN IF THIS SO-CALLED INTERNET FAST LANE GOES THROUGH. NOBODY WANTS THIS EXCEPT FOR THE MAJOR CORPORATIONS THAT CAN AFFORD IT.
—William B Malkus, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet fair and equal by reclassifying internet service providers as common carriers. Thank you.
—Tamara Paul, Riverside, CA

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Leave the internet the way it is. Equal and Fair. This is America. Don't take those words for granted. Don't try fixing something that isn't broken.
—Kyle T Dominy, Naugatuck, CT

My job, my employer and hundreds of employees rely on the internet. Turning the internet over to large multinational corporations will only wreck the US economy Please stop the insanity
—Charles Welty, Carlsbad, CA

As a consumer, I pay for bandwidth coming into my house. Whether I'm purchasing something, streaming a movie, or doing my taxes online, I expect to use that full bandwidth on that activity. Without net neutrality, the provider of this telecommunication commodity can and will keep me from being able to use all of the bandwidth I've purchased for my activities by limiting the bandwidth of the service provider.
—Marcus Blough, Ann Arbor, MI

All internet users have the right to a public presence, and to make their views known; not just the rich.
—Mike Regan, hadlock, WA

We need real net neutrality!
—William Oeseburg, San Diego, CA

THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. The Internet is just about the last part of our lives that has not (yet) been co-opted by masses of self-serving corporate money. There must be a level playing field. My phone service is provided by Comcast. That should certainly put them in the same category -- and subject to the same rules -- as other telephone companies.
—Mr. Bill Marvin, Gig Harbor, WA

You can not be serious about ending net neutrality. Please don't sell us out to these profiteers.
—Nicholas C Baylis, Bristol,

For once in you jaded lifetime do something for the average Joe
—Sharon Rabb, richardson, TX

Please keep the internet open and free. No "fast lanes" for those who pay extra leaving the rest of us behind. This is critical for the growth of small online entrepreneurial businesses like mine!
—Leon Wagner, Manhattan Beach, CA

net neutrality is what keeps the internet free to everyone around the world. Slowly big brother has been trying to strip away our freedoms and this is no exception. Show everyone that you are with the American people and keep net neutrality alive.
—Bryan Reyes, danville, VA

I'm fed up with poor service from Comcast. Support net neutrality and end monopolies instead of aiding and abetting these cartels!
—Bob Herrschaft, Sonoma, CA

We need bigger pipes! The Internet is like a highway system. If we need a speed limit on the internet, it should be the same for light users and heavy users, just like we have the same speed limit for passenger cars & trucks on the highway system. (We also limit the weight that the trucks can carry so that they don't exceed it design limits)
—Tom Bailey, Concord, MA

If ever anything good occurs in this country, at some point 22,000 well-heeled jackals will get together to figure out some way to "monetize" it, meaning how they can together "legally" twist the screws so that average Americans will have to pay through the nose for "services" (which will now deteriorate unless one is oneself a well-heeled jackal able to afford the costs of "upgrades" or of "super-fast" over just "merely fast" -- yeah, right!) that once were operating just fine without the self-serving intervention of the 22,000 jackals looking for another cash cow. We can see what you're doing, FCC, Comcast, Verizon, & even my own Internet service provider -- yeah, AT&T, I'm talking to you! -- and we're absolutely appalled by your arrogance, avariciousness, and contempt for the people you allegedly serve. So we are asking you to do the Right Thing, for once in your miserable commercial lives, FCC, and declare all ISPs as common carriers. Don't break something that isn't broken. Don't "fix" -- or "put the fix in" on -- something that requires no "fixing" whatsoever . . . except a ruling that ends this sickening grab for power, cash, and control FOREVER. That's my public comment, FCC, and it's one that everybody I know and talk to agrees is the only way to resolve this question. Even Senator Johnny Isakson, the junior senator from Georgia, with whom I heartily disagree on many other issues, is on OUR side in this matter, which proves that even HE has a few working brain cells that are not at the beck and call of Beck and Limbaugh. So, FCC, for God's sake, live up to your true commission -- improving (rather than sabotaging) effective communication for the people of our nation and DO THE DECENT AND RIGHT THING. And forgive me for going well over the minimum comment of "at least five words" -- Michael and Jeri Bishop, Pine Mountain, Georgia
—Michael Bishop, Pine Mountain, GA

Please keep the internet neutral. Don't set a precedent where paying allows faster information transfer.
—Karen Wickert, Medford, MA

I think the entire present government is too corrupt and under the influence of Wall Street, etc. for this petition do do any good. The bad guys have won and we can only look forward to the coming extinction of our species. It is the unfortunate characteristic of an largely under-regulated capitalism that leads to immediate seeking of profit and to fail to see the later inevitable and disasterous consequences.
—Jerome J. Keser, Clearwater, FL

Please just leave the internet alone none of us (the blue collar people of the world) want this.
—Tristan, Winchester,

WE ARE ANONYMOUS. WE ARE LEGION. WE DO NOT FORGIVE. WE DO NOT FORGET. EXPECT US.
—Anonymous Painter, INTERNETLANDIA, MA

THE INTERNET IS A PUBLIC UTILITY, PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC MONEY. IT IS LIKE A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SHOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS FOR ALL! DON'T SELL US OUT! YOU'VE ALREADY SOLD THE PUBLIC'S AIRWAVES TO PRIVATE CONCERNS. WE NEED EQUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION, WE NEED AN EQUAL VOICE! THANK YOU, RETA SORGE
—Ms. Reta Sorge, Tillson, NY

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Carol Long, Santa Cruz, CA

Hello, based on what I heard quoted below: "AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it". I will say what I said before as well just make INTERNET A "COMMON CARRIER" AND BE DONE WITH IT. iT IS THAT SIMPLE. I already pay internet for high speed access, I don't want the potential of this new crazy plan for me to notice slow speeds possible. I really have no idea why the fcc chairman can't just end all of this crazyness and make it a common carrier.
—Sean Keating, Saint Charles, IL

The internet does not belong to private companies, it belongs to the people. A democracy can be maintained only if the people are free to communicate with one another without interference from powerful or wealthy to control what is allowed to be said. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jack Keyes, Portland, OR

I am for net neutrality and not one where there are multiple tiers. If it takes reclassifing isp as common carriers then you should do so. Than you. W. Lim
—Mr. W Lim, Prattville, AL

We don't want class warfare? Then we have to get rid of the kind of past and present cast systems that include the ancient system of Brahmin versus Untouchables in India, Jim Crow laws and segregation in the US (where, for example, our schools are becoming increasingly re-segregated and the color line still seems visible in who we imprison and execute), toll roads (privileging corporate profits and those who can afford them), the US Supreme Court's split Citizens United versus the Federal Elections Commission allowing those with the most money to have the greatest power to influence voters, and so on. Now the wealthy and powerful want to get rid of Net Neutrality so that they can become even more wealthy and powerful at everyone else's expense, creating an Internet toll road cast system. Not only have they set out to attack Net Neutrality through the FCC, they've included the abolition of Net Neutrality in the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement they're pushing (which would also enable a tribunal to overturn any law or regulation getting in they way as they seek even more power and wealth, a tribunal that can overrule Congress and the US Supreme Court).
—John Young, San Benito, TX

How is it that tax dollars funded the creation of the internet, our government then gave it to businesses to sell to the people who funded its creation, and now the agency charged with regulating the industry is headed by a head of that very industry? Is it any surprise that Tom Wheeler wants to sweeten the deal? Tom Wheeler needs to resign for blatant conflict of interest, the internet needs to be put into the public commons, considering that we funded its creation, and the government needs to stop granting monopoly power to businesses that donate most heavily to our leaders (I'm looking at you, Comcast, with your $18 million in bribes last year... I mean "lobbying.") To whoever reads this, if anybody reads this: do the right thing. Don't give further advantages to the giants of an industry that enjoys the near monopoly of 96% of users having two or fewer options to choose from. Net Neutrality is important!
—Daniel Liebeskind, Baton Rouge, LA

All people have a right to use the internet because they are equal. Money or status does not make them special.
—Tom Barron, Beaverton, OR

The internet is the only thing left corporations don't have complete control over. We need for it to remain free of corporate interests.
—Buffy Hake, Pendleton, OR

Although removing regulation from internet service might seem like interesting idea, putting more power in the hands of the USA's internet service providers, at a time when they have near-monopolies in their markets and consistently overcharge in comparison to much of the rest of world, is a terrible idea. If cable and telecom companies want to move toward less regulation, force them to compete on price and service first, to protect both consumers and small businesses that currently rely on net neutrality.
—Alex Nauda, Melrose, MA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, In a nutshell, I do not want "pay for play internet"...Tell Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and any other Billion Dollar Corporation to Shove It. Regards, Luke Mele
—Luke Mele, Melrose Park, IL

Leave one thing that corporations don't control. The internet was designed for the people with the people's money. Corporations are taking it over. We have already seen that self regulation does not work.
—Harry Applin, North Waterboro, ME

Democracy depends on giving people equal access. The internet is instrumental in having people participate in government and civic action. As taxpayers, we underwrote the cost of creating an internet - it should not be given to select companies for their profit.
—Virginia Brien, Charlotte, NC

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me as a Constitutional right (i.e. freedom of the press and freedom of speech). If we start to police the internet, we will be as bad as the countries we criticize for such policing (e.g. the Chinese with Tiananmen Square, Taiwan and Europe with royal cover ups, the Middle East with almost everything, etc.). We are the United States and we are better than this. We need to walk the talk, not just talk the talk. Otherwise we are just as corrupt as those we criticize. Also we are better than bribery, despite its temptations from those with large checkbooks.
—Amara Lang, Menomonee Falls, WI

Internet freedom is extremely important and it does not belong in corporate hands, they will destroy and censor it, but that is what the government wants right? DO WHAT THE CITIZENS WANT FOR ONCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Then Tom Wheeler, you will prove weather or not you are a corporate whore
—Nick Quinlan, mt pleasant, MI

I don't want a 'fast lane for hire'. All sites should be treated the same and people should be free to read, see and say what they want and where they want. That's what the First Amendment was all about and it doesn't (or shouldn't) matter what medium or media you're using to do it in.
—Martha Johnson, Chandler, AZ

The big telecom companies were already acting as oligopoly before this proposed change. If this is put into place, the U.S. population and all small businesses will be subject to Mafia-style extortion. Large corporations will be shaken down, as well, and all consumers will pay for that with increased prices. It is unconscionable to allow this to happen. It is anti-freedom, and anti-liberty. It is patently unfair.
—Kathy Ahlers, Minneapolis, MN

I'm just an ordinary woman who should be able to access anything I want on the internet, with the same speed and openness as any other person or busines..
—JeVerna Haynes, Fredericksburg, VA

FCC throw your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Julius Salinas, Esko, MN

As a part-time college instructor, I am on a very limited budget and I use the internet as a teaching tool in and out of the classroom. My students are also on very limited budgets and they can't always afford to access the materials I would like to use to enhance their education. The internet is a tool for information, you limit peoples ability to have access due to cost, then you limit their access to information. You will allow the wealth and those in power to continue to dumb down society.
—Amy Brown, Olympia Fields, IL

The internet should remain an equal playing field for everyone.
—Joanna Behrens, Star Valley Ranch, WY

How many outraged and motivated people does it take for you to finally side with the American people and not the corporate interest? You were put in a position to fight for us, not against.
—Andrew Jackson, West Lawn, PA

Net neutrality serves the public. A tiered net serves only special interest groups. Why would our government stoop to better serve these groups in a democracy?
—Michele Sherriton, Hollywood, FL

As a developer of small websites for local businesses, I'm concerned for my clients who are already challenged by competition with large corporations. Having their websites load more slowly will only worsen their situation.
—Lucy Kenyon, Santa Rosa, CA

The effort to destroy Net Neutrality is proof that the entire telecommunications network needs to be made into public property and run like a public utility.
—Martin T Wirth, Bailey, CO

The internet is for all people and it is suppose to be free, so all people can afford it.
—Jeaneen Andretta, Florham Park, NJ

Net Neutrality is central to our democracy - or whatever is left of it.
—Alice Clemente, Cumberland, RI

Everyone who relies on the internet, rural or urban, rich or poor should be treated the same.
—Marcia Halligan, Viroqua, WI

Net neutrality is not just something we want, but something we need. For the internet to be something of value it must remain open to all.
—Jacob Wright, MT Shasta, CA

IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT....AND IT AIN'T BROKE! THIS MONOPOLISTIC POWER-GRAB IS CRIMINAL. DO YOUR JOB & STOP THIS GREEDY TRAVESTY ONCE & FOR ALL.
—Tom roberts, fresno, CA

To keep the Internet open an fair. The changes you propose will destroy the internet. Please keep the internet protected like any other utility. Lastly, it damn well should not cost me more to watch Netflix or a YouTube video, or the ISP will buffer me to death.
—Barry Evans, Dayton, TX

So you want to get rid of NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!! THIS IS HORRIBLE. Obviously the only people that benefit from messing with Net Neutrality is the cable companies and the politicians in Congress that get money from the Communication Industry. I will have to decide what action I will take if this goes through, and I will make sure my network of people I have influence with support me.
—Darryl Davis, Wading River, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers--I want the Internet to be open to everyone at the same speed, not dominated by wealthy coroporations.
—Kindy Kemp, Port Townsend, WA

We are on to you. You greedy corporate oligarchs will not stem nor control the uniquely democratic conduit that is the internet. We will fight you and we will win. Shame on you for rescinding your positions as fellow world citizens in favor of acting as self-serving, short-sighted opportunists. Shame shame shame on you all.
—Marilyn Carino, Brooklyn, NY

Other than dial-up, there was a time when only Comcast broadband was available in my neighborhood. The service was inconsistent, with constant outages, I spent hours on the phone with the worst customer service I have ever encountered, and when DSL was finally available in our area, I switched immediately. Nearly 10 years later, they remain the only two equally crappy options. My internet provider has 3 speed options: 7, 12, 20, and "OH WOW!" 40 mbps, depending on how much I am willing to spend. Now at 40 mbps, there is no noticeable change: pages still take forever to load, movies still have to stop and buffer, unwanted advertisements still play faster and clearer that the chosen video content, and customer service continues to be outsources to Bangladesh, where representatives are only able to read from a script and put me on hold ... TIERS and FASTLANES have not improved that quality of my internet life, regardless of the ever-rising costs. It is a policy that should NOT be applied to the internet as a whole. I've seen what internet and cable companies have done with it on an intimate level, DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. They will stamp out progress, innovation and competition, and we will pay more and more for the privilege. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality.
—Cindy Wardell, Salt Lake City, UT

I absolutely favor net neutrality The only advantage is to cable companies to increase their bottom line with total disregard for the consumer. Leave the internet alone.
—Robert Merritt, Lakeland, FL

The Internet needs to be open and accessible to everyone regardless of who you are or where you live
—Francis Mercier, Ventura, CA

it's a no-brainer
—Daniel J McCormick, moline, IL

Net neutrality is essential to restore citizen participation in government.
—Randolph Jorgen, Moab, UT

This is a public utility, everyone is treated equally!
—Patricia Martin, Hillsboro, OR

This is a clear case of setting up corporations to gain profit at the expense of a level, fair playing field. It is giving away the shop for all who use and depend upon equal access to decent downloading rates. As a regulatory company representing the people, it is your duty to protect us from handing over this unfair advantage and setting up future costs that all will not be able to afford.
—Elizabeth Shelton, Brooklyn, NY

My wife and I desperately wish to live in a FREE country.
—David and Susanne S. S., Houston, TX

Corporations are NOT people...regardless of what the Supreme Court declared.
—Olivia Schlosser, Mansfield Center, CT

I am a Senior Citizen and can't afford the costs of internet "captures" by the large companies. The computer has become my source for: news, entertainment, and family communications.
—Jo-Ann Varga, Lakewood, OH

The internet should be treated just like phone lines - it is a public utility and all traffic should be treated equally. The last thing we need is for broadband companies to be able to limit usage or content of the Internet.
—Todd Patton, Durham, NC

I say NO to two-tier Internet! Please maintain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In America you're not allowed to discriminate against age, race, religion or political belief, why then would you allow a company to discriminate against people according to purchasing power? The internet is the greatest tool we have (to learn, to grow, to gain understanding of other cultures, to communicate). It's the only place where we are all truly equal. Don't mess that up and set a precedent for other countries to follow!
—Yolimar Arbelo, Puerto de Sagunto,

Since I live in a rural area, I already pay a premium for decent internet, having switched from dial-up to satellite a few years ago. Paying more is not feasible, now that I'm retired; in fact, I've been looking for part-time income to augment my Social Security in order to stay current with rising prices on virtually everything. The thought of going back to dial-up speeds is concerning me, since my main way of communicating and keeping up with friends and family is through the internet.
—Gretchen Olsen, Goldendale, WA

A true democracy requires a truly open internet
—Colin Minor, denver, CO

Net neutrality is essential to maintain the freedom of the internet.
—David Mokler, Biddeford, ME

The interrnet like the airwaves belong to the people. It is an information highway that cannot be divided up into class structure, wealth equaling higher and privileged status on the net. We are already battling that status or difference in our schools, in out economy etc. Thu is a slippery slope in which you will invite more opportunities to harm the public through class and racial lines. By eliminating net neutrality, you will affect considerably and quite negatively the flow of information which is our right under a supposed democracy.
—Elise Hernandez, Union City, NJ

The internet download speed in the U.S. is SLOWER than that of the country of Estonia. We MUST have an open internet. No monopolies in the provision of internet service. The FCC should be on the side of its employers, we the people. Tom Wheeler, we pay your salary. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Arnie McKnight, Vestal, NY

The internet should serve all the public equally. Tiered service is not right for what should be considered a public utility.
—Claire Garden, Columbia, MO

Net Neutrality is not only extremely important to myself but to our entire country. If neutrality is not returned, it would represent a turning point at which our country has become more authoritarian than democratic in nature. Not only would we loose our free access to all information and be fed filtered content, but it would prove that lobbying can buy our government in the bold face of opposition by the majority of individuals. Keep our country free and democratic! Return the neutrality that once ensured that we have access to all information made available to all by all and do not authorize a zombification campaign by service providers!
—Brian O'Connell, Erie, PA

The internet is my main means of communication. I am a retired teacher of limited means, so having the internet become prejudiced against me would certainly reduce the quality of my life.
—Barbara Hughes, Sanford, FL

Freedom of speech, easy access and cost.
—Steve Aydelott, Bend, OR

We can't afford not to keep net neutrality.
—Diane M Money, Northport, MI

My freedom of choice TRUMPS money, power and all forms of corporate control!!
—Jean Hart, Columbus, NC

The internet is a telecommunications service that should be maintained as a service that is fair and equal to all people of all income levels. To allow people with more money to get 'faster' access is discriminating to those who are in lower income brackets. Fair and equal access to all as a service is the right thing to do.
—Teena Morgalis, Seattle, WA

My husband and I are doing Open Source Software Language Workbench research, which benefits everyone. This takes place on line using Github. Having a slower internet would impede our research and slow any economic development derived from our research.
—Andronetta Douglass, Blaine, WA

A FREE INTERNET IS WHAT IT WAS DESIGNED FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE!
—David Cobb, Jacksonville, FL

Most of us don't have a choice of our ISP. Personally I'm tired of reading where the U.S. has the highest cost and slowest internet service in the developed world. Recently Netflix had to pay comcast to treat their internet traffic so Netflix subscribers on Comcast can actually use their service. What a ripoff! Force internet service providers to treat all internet traffic the same, no exceptions for their BS excuses of bandwidth management or any other schemes to cheat their customers or content providers. No other utility is allowed to charge extra to provide the service promised at the time of taking on another user/customer. Neither should ISP's be allowed to.
—Paul Gondran, Austin, TX

The internet should be equally available to all people.
—Martha Dragovich, Martinez, CA

That the FCC is even considering abandoning Net Neutrality makes it abundantly clear that the FCC does not represent the PEOPLE that they claim, and are supposed, to represent. Welcome to the Oligarchy.
—Sara West, San Luis Obispo, CA

The internet should actually be free to all Americans but that's not going to happen since in America business rules. That being said we can't allow businesses the freedon to decide who can pay for faster speeds and who has to have much slower internet speeds.Save the internet for everyone to be equal.
—Wesa Keith Sweeney, Willisburg, KY

Reclassify ISPs and common carriers because in this day and time that is exactly what they are. Protect neutrality now!
—Cheryl Umberger, Nashville, TN

The destruction of net neutrality would be one more nail of the coffin of democracy.
—Alan Lowe, Waldoboro, ME

Comcast basically has a monopoly in my area because of tall trees and location. I can barely afford my basic internet now. If the big providers are allowed to charge more for decent connections, they low income people and, really, everyone will lose. I am also concerned this ruling will allow them to block or slow down sites they don't approve of and further interfer with our communication. The interned is a utility and is essential for everyone. Please listen to the American people and don't do this. Do your job and protect us not greedy profiteers like Comcast.
—Cheryl Biale, olympia, WA

Do not let AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon become the drug cartels of cyberspace. Big Business already controls the Supreme Court, congress and mainstream media. Do not let internet providers dictate who is allowed access to the last open frontier, the Internet.
—Jo Anne Fannin, Willoughby, OH

Internet service provides should classified as common carriers. Companies like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast did not invent the internet and they should not be allowed to gain monetarily from destroying net neutrality. We need to protect everyone who accesses the internet without discrimination based on income or any other factor that would hamper their access to high speed internet service.
—Joan Davis, Palm Bay, FL

AT&T, Comcast, Verizon et al have been overcharging for sub par internet for years. Instead of allowing them to charge more money for inadequate speeds,why not make it a national priority to offer high speed internet for all? At a reasonable price?
—Mr. Robert W. Lynch, Port Saint Lucie, FL

Why is the FCC bowing to corporate greed? Please be brave and stand up for ALL of us, not just the 1%. ALL of us use the internet. ALL of us are entitled to an equal chance at bandwidth. NET NEUTRALITY NOW.
—Earl Smith, Evansville, IN

I want REAL net neutrality. Not two speeds, with those who have the most money to pay for the faster speed at the front. That would mean the end of a a real public resource, turning it into the private profit-making domain of large companies, and stifling an open democratic resource for us all.
—Bruce Nissen, Sts. Peteresburg, FL

Corporations act like sociopaths. They shouldn't control the Internet. Make Net Neutrality the law.
—Rick Potthoff, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is important to me in order to keep the internet fair, and accessible to everyone. Can't have that when an, ahem, certain group is trying to discriminate.
—Autumn, Lewis Center, OH

The FCC should be protection American civil rights and not be whores to a corporatocracy.
—Lauri Fielding, gloucester, MA

What you are proposing is very unfair to the average internet user !
—Joan Ward, Camden-Wyoming, DE

Net neutrality aids innovation and provides a platform for job creation.
—Brian Machida, Richmond Hill, NY

Please do not allow A T & T, Verizon & Comcast to achieve an advantage in Internet speed or the “Net Neutrality” issue. Thank You Sandy
—Sandra Mandigo, Panama City, FL

The internet should not be split up into two-tiered internet.
—Kristyn Aurand, Franklin, GA

Keep the NET NEUTRAL. Privatization is strangling America and will do so to the millions of businesses and entrepreneurs keeping this economy going. NO to PRIVATIZATION of the NET!! An open and free net is the basis of our now technological society and the world.
—Ch, Albuquerque, NM

Dear Mr. Wheeler, In a nutshell, I do not want "Pay For Play Internet"...Tell Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and any other Billion Dollar Corporation to Shove It._ Regards, Luke Mele
—Luke Mele, Melrose Park, IL

Keep innovation alive. The internet had made innovation available to everyone and lets a global audience participate. Destroying this would only consolidate wealth for those that already have it and create instability among our population.
—Todd Mera, Underwood, WA

This is a great example..... going down this road will mean that people will not be able to fill out this comment form Because they won't be able to afford to get online. Of course the only people you want to hear from in the future are the wealthy ones.
—Suzanne Simmons, Salt Lake City, UT

The proposed Net Neutrality revisions would only benefit AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. The development of a tier system would allow these monopolistic companies to expand their control over the growing media outlet of the net and reduce the responsibilities to their customer base. The quality of the internet in connectivity, speed and cost does not show 'good faith' on the part of these companies where global comparisons place our internet in the lower ranks of service... to reward these same companies with the potential of greater fees can only be described as a gift.
—Jay Block, Bridgewater, MA

cut the crap that big corruption bought by big money is what we need...
—Bob Nace, pleasant hill, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone deserves free internet. It is how we stay in touch with people we care about and how businesses run.
—Carling Kirby, N/A,

The internet (like the Postal service) is a necessity that belongs to the people. By granting higher speeds to one class and not to the general public is a form of discrimination-plain and simple. I will boycott every business or company given this special treatment.
—William Hamilton, Holiday, FL

The internet should not be for sale.
—Steve Culliton, Belgrade, MT

Reclassify the ISPs as common Carriers! Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Kenneth R. Clark, Unionville, TN

We will fight this corporate power grab.
—Robert Satler, Marseilles, IL

Because i don' t want any person or corporation dictating what i can do or read online.
—Brian Smith, ellington, CT

We need it for our livelihood, and mental wellbeing.
—Mr. Chris Robbins, Clay City, KY

I rely on the internet to keep in touch with distant friends and relatives every day, not to mention looking for the best routes to a destination, the hours a business is open, what the weather is going to be, what's going on in the world, what businesses carry the product I want, what developments there are in the hobby I pursue, when my library books are due. I also use it to stream movies, listen to music, and skype with my distant family. Just as I cannot imagine life without the internet, I can't imagine life with an internet fast-lane for corporations and a slower lane for citizens. Why are we talking about a fast-lane and a slow-lane, when we should be talking about how to increase internet speed for *everyone* everywhere in the country? The US has some of the slowest internet speeds in the world, and the rural parts of the US are virtual internet deserts. Please make the internet a public utility!
—Laura Gottlieb, Madison, WI

The internet is to the 21st century what the telephone was to the 20th century. The internet should be classified as a utility with equal access to everyone at a reasonable price rather than a tool only available to the wealthy. Without net neutrality the internet will be carved up into a "cable television style" of service with people only able to access those areas they can afford. Innovation will be stifled and information will be partitioned in to islands of affordability. It is obvious that the major players are making money with a free and open internet. Otherwise Comcast could not afford to pay billions for Time Warner and AT&T could not afford to pay billions for Direct TV. It is already a travesty that cell phones and cable tv businesses have been allowed to gouge the American public by offering so little for so much money. If the internet is allowed to be taken over by these greedy monopolistic corporations with only cursory regulation, it will prove that our government no longer represents the interests of the American people. For once, stand up to these wealthy corporations and individuals and do what is right for the country.
—Phillip John, Mount Juliet, TN

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone should have equal access to the internet. A tiered system would be one more nail in the coffin of economic equality.
—Elizabeth Berteaux, Davis, CA

Equity for all on the Internet is integral to 1st Amendment rights. No special privileges for those who can pay more.
—Martha Milne, Fort Myers, FL

I want to hear perspectives from everyone, not just those who can afford to pay.
—Ms. Ellen Kratka, Woodbury, CT

Removing net neutrality benefits huge corporations and punishes the individual citizen. America and the world are watching you closely now, and reclassifying ISP's as common carriers is the only solution that will be considered acceptable. Don't ignore the people you are supposed to be serving. Do the right thing!
—Brian Lamprecht, Marquette, MI

Our Internet rights should be protected by the FCC. The freedom of information and communication should not be restricted by the party we pay to provide the information. This is the worst form of corporate favoritism! Please fulfill your duties to protect the American public and keep our right to access information open and available for all.
—Ally Cohen, Mendham, NJ

If I pay for high speed internet, ALL the data I chose to look at should come through at the same speed. In a open and fair marketplace if the ISP want me to watch their content, they should have to make it appeal to me. Furthermore I believe the internet should be classified as an utility. Too many people rely on it for companies to be able to hold it hostage to their whims.
—Dennis ST.Pierre, Venom, CT

The Internet is working just fine, companies are making money, so WHY MESS things up?
—Stephen Stuczynski, Grafton, MA

I Demand an open Internet for ALL! Not just those who can afford it.
—Mr DONALD B WATSON, MONROVIA, MD

Governmental and commercial intervention will open the internet to ideological manipulation and political control, threatening democracy and individual liberty as no form of technology has previously done. I will support no politician who does not respect the principle of net neutrality, and I will oppose all governmental intrusion into this medium.
—Robert W. Haynes, Laredo, TX

Because we are tired of being dictated to by corporate America. They tell us what TV channels we must subscribe to. They tell us who may call us on our phones (Do Not Call is a joke!). Now, with your help, us little guys will pay more for less service on the internet while the rich pay less for better service. Reclassify the providers as common carriers - it's that simple.
—John Quadros, Fremont, CA

Keep Net Neutrality! Classify ISPs as common carriers; any thing else is a slap in the face.
—Robin Wolfe, San Tan Valley, AZ

Make ISPs common carriers !!
—CJ Taylor, Austin, TX

It's a part of democracy, equality, and for everyone having a voice in what matters to their lives. Our country was built on the foundation of individual liberty and freedom. If the people with the most money and corporations are allowed to make the rules for communication, democracy and freedom are compromised for ordinary citizens.
—Marie Snavely, Lititz, PA

With every person in the country required by law to utilise the internet, restricting or selling access, allowing the providers to pick and choose who has ease of access - all of this will give those with money all the advantage and make the gap between classes even wider. The internet access must be free and neutral. The purchase of government by corporations is unacceptable. Do NOT allow the approval of these rules that encourage monopolies. Break the monopoly these companies are trying to form and keep the internet free and neutral for all users.
—Candace Hibbard Lillie, Eucha, OK

Please strengthen the Internet's position às one of the few level playing fields remaining in a world where money talks and money controls. Stand up for the people whose interests you are there to safeguard! Be courageous!
—Mary Ellen Roche, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Please do not allow discrimination online.
—William V Patterson, New Oxford, PA

The internet should be available to everyone equally for a reasonable price. This is a basic service and should be regulated as are basic utilities.
—Margot Gwin, Desert Hot Springs, CA

Please preserve net neutrality. Using the internet is expensive enough!
—Roger Jones, Sacramento, CA

I'm a Librarian at a public library and see daily the importance of the internet, and also witness the digital divide. Those without the income to afford internet access come here to apply for jobs, social services, do schoolwork, etc. Free access to all information for all people should not be compromised by the "have's" and corporate greed.
—Stacy Reyer, Sanford, FL

Sounds to me like the FCC is taking kickbacks from the major ISPs. That is no surprise to me with the corrupt government that we all now have to live with in this money hungry greed stricken world we live in. Hopefully the FCC will take the high road here and do the right thing. However no one is holding their breath for that.
—Jeff Naumann, Belleville, IL

Do not give the internet to the corporations. I pay for service and based on the amount of bandwidth, I pay more than the average. I also know much of the laid fiber isn't being used, so this isn't about anything but control. Billions in profits tells the whole story. They make enough money already and they don't give enough back to the people. Corporations don't need more power and you should be fired. You are the face of the oppression and suppression... Want to do something useful? Push for corporations to be labeled as a fictional entity and take away "rights" given to them by other extremists and profiteers. That would be something positive and beneficial.
—Dave Jaeger, Frisco, TX

The Internet should be for "We the People" and not controlled by big corporate interests.
—Mark T. Lundholm, Palatine, IL

We're supposed to be a nation of laws and not men. The rules as proposed rely entirely on the FCC determining after the fact that a TELCO has violated the spirit of the regulation instead of laying out clear rules to maintain net neutrality. This is a prescription for failure. I don't want to stumble through the net having to pay various content providers additional fees (either as fees or added advertizing) because they have paid for more bandwidth. The internet needs to be a common carrier to provide a common service for the nation's citizens.
—Jeff Harrison, Worley, ID

Foster capitalism, do not make it more difficult for new businesses!
—Joseph Lomonaco, brattleboro, VT

Please keep the internet NEUTRAL.
—Robert Wohlberg, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it will affect the type of websites I can access.
—Mr. Martin Adams, 18042, PA

We're gouged for every penny in every other aspect of American life. Please don't conjure up more reasons to charge us further. It's corporate greed, nothing more.
—R Eagleton, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep Big Corporation from being able to decide who gets faster internet service!
—Susan Meiers, Macomb, IL

I pay my isp to be able to access the internet. I should be able to access the data/sites that I want and the speeds that I'm paying for, instead of being forced to use sites that have been extorted by cable companies. ISPs neet to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Peter Thompson, Toronto, WA

I depend on the internet daily.
—Connie Meadows, Portland, OR

Net neutrality will help to support small businesses using the Internet.
—Aaron Riep, MCKINLEYVILLE, CA

I am a web application developer. My business has been focused around the internet since its inception. This attack on the very infrastructure of that system is bad for business, bad for innovators, and bad for entrepreneurs like myself. The power to limit bandwidth is too much power to be placed in the hands of a select few corporations.
—Todd Moyer, Los Angeles, CA

The FCC cannot enable Internet Service Providers (ISP) to create a mutli-tiered internet. Regardless of an ISP's assurances that they won't slow down internet streaming capabilities of it's customers, we know that is a LIE. In an effort to get Netflix to bend to it's will, Verizon intentionally slowed down the streaming speeds of Netflix. Only when Netflix agreed to Verizon's terms did Netflix streaming speed return to normal. THIS IS A CRIME. The FCC cannot enable, condone or facilitate abuse of power by an ISP. The only way to prevent ISP abuse of power is to reclassify ALL ISP's must be classified as common carriers.
—Miss Kathleen Hamilton, Maplewood, MN

Having different net tiers will break the net, and only benefit large corporations.
—Brent C. Brolin, New City, NY

Access to the internet should be considered a RIGHT not a PRIVILEGE in a democratic societ. Please keep the internet neutral - please do not sell our freedom to big corporations. thanks, russ anderson Laramie, WY
—Mr. Russ Anderson, highland park, NJ

Open internet is a part of a true democracy. Protect our nation by protecting free internet
—Vanessa lasko, Va beach, VA

Please please please do not sell the neutral internet to the highest bidder! Please represent us, the people, not the richest corporations that just want MORE of our money and offer us LESS for it. Please enable us to surf without being limited by what the ISP's want us to see. I can turn off my TV, I can't function without my internet. Thank you.
—Kurt Streit, Albuquerque, NM

I do not want to be a second-class user on the Net.
—Frances Waksler, Cambridge, MA

The air is free and so should all information be free!
—Jean Gerson-Greer, New York, NY

Keep the net NEUTRAL Please
—Shane Finnie, morongo valley, CA

I AM A SOVEREIGN BEING THAT HAS THE INALIENABLE AND SOVEREIGN BIRTHRIGHT TO SPEAK MY MIND, SEARCH THE INTERNET AND MOVE ABOUT WITHOUT SURVEILLANCE AND WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM AN OUT OF CONTROL "ACTING" GOVERNMENT. I NEITHER REQUIRE NOR DESIRE YOUR SURVEILLANCE OR ATTEMPTED CONTROL ON MY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES AND YOUR INTERFERENCE IS A CRIME!!!!! I AM NOT ASKING YOU, I AM DEMANDING THAT YOU KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!!!
—Ms. Holly McDuffie, Los Angeles, CA

We, as citizens of the United States of America, have been experiencing nothing but "Too big to fail" everywhere we look. Hopefully more and more of the public are waking up to how bad and wrong it is. The sad thing is, it proves more and more how pathetic our governmental system has become. Instead of a government of the people, by the people, for the people, our government is comprised of above middle class, if not wealthy people, who are well connected and ingrained in the various lines of business that they're supposed to be keeping an eye on and making sure they don't run over the public in their greedy quest to make more and more money. There are good reasons for our anti monopoly laws, unfortunately they're being trampled every day due to the big corporate, big company, wealthy buy out of our government. The appointment of Tom Wheeler, a well ingrained industry insider/lobbyist, as FCC Chairman, by our Democratic President proves that both parties no longer have the public's best interest in mind. By some miracle maybe someone will eventually end the destruction and sell out of our country for the benefit of a few who already have more than they'll ever need.
—Enrico Pelausa, Manassas Park, VA

It's too easy for the people with tons of money to buy their way into politics and just about everything else. Don't let them have the internet, too. Because you know that's what would happen; whatever supported their bottom line would be available, what contradicted their hype would be buried. Please don't let it happen.
—Julie Hagan Bloch, Hurleyville, NY

Net neutrality is Paramount to maintain the use of the internet as a place for free speech.
—Alex Stanfield, Birmingham, AL

we need to be able to have free speech for all not just the wealthy
—Catherine Griffin, Southbury, CT

Never mind your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Time to do some real regulating, fairly. Remove all "fast lanes" for those who can afford the extra fees, giving them the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Dr. Ross McCluney, Cape Canaveral, FL

I am part owner in a startup that would be seriously hurt if we were to lose Net Neutrality. Please do not let the large corporations take the internet that we have built and turn it into a cash cow for their use.
—Kenneth Daybreak Loafman, Plano, TX

It is essential to save the scraps of democracy we have left. It is in your court. Do you believe in the is country and democracy? If you limit the internet, you vote for oligarchy.
—Valerie Lucznikowska, New York, NY

You must NOT allow the needs and wishes of rich and powerful corporations to be considered over and above the needs and wishes of real people. Corporations are NOT people, no matter what SCOTUS says. Real people do NOT want monopolies. We want a fair playing field for all.
—Leona Lee, St. James,

We absolutely need to have a level playing field for EVERYONE. The reason the Internet has been able to thrive is because everyone gets an equal say on it. Limiting someone's capability to say their piece on the Internet is a violation of free speech.
—Aaron Light, Sterling, VA

Equal treatment for all is the necessary and right thing to protect.
—Richard Whipple, Dallas, OR

the internet is one of the most important resources we have. it works precisely because it's open and neutral. it is the great even playing field. just because corporations suddenly decide they should be making more money off it by limiting access and favoring premium packages doesn't mean they control the people's right to their information superhighway. please don't take this first step down a slippery slope - it will be remembered as the first incompetent step on a long road of internet ruin. this will not be where this ends. fast lanes and slow lanes are just the beginning, and our internet in america is already slower most of the world. let us not look back 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 20 years later and wonder why we let the internet be controlled by greed.
—Jordan Clifford, Brooklyn, NY

I have been paying income taxes since 1962. It was our tax dollars that created the internet. It is a public good. It is unAmerican to now give it to monopolies-- that do not pay income taxes-- so they can extort even more money from us. This isn't China or Putin's Russia.
—M C Kubiak, BMI, IL

In 2014, freedom of expression as guarenyred in the 1st amendment requires net neutrality. There are other ways express our right to freedom of speech, but the internet has become a mainstay to this right. This right is guarenyred without interference by the government, so you're up against the 1st amendment if you don't overturn this. Keep the internet free and neutral!
—Lindsay Black, Santa Cruz, CA

It is undemocratic, and blatantly insulting and unjust to the vast majority of internet users, for service providers to be able to discriminate against content and applications. Net neutrality must be preserved.
—Kathleen McMahon, Ypsilanti, MI

Net neutrality is important to me because I can't afford to pay more for specific websites. My internet service provider already charges me too much.
—Brian Lara, Miami, FL

The internet must remain a level field for everyone.
—Sharon M. Callahan, East Windsor, NJ

The free flow of information is vital for the functioning of an open, democratic society. Preserve net neutrality.
—Paul Nagy, Forest City, IA

An informed public is essential for a functioning democracy. Control of the information flow is anathema to a democracy. The internet is the only conduit that the telecom giants don't control. Ironic that they are the same hypocrites who disingenuously speak about "free markets" and the evils of regulation when in fact that is precisely what the do NOT want. The fact that they have manipulated legislation in several states to prevent community-owned IPs- clearly designed to kill competition- speaks volumes.
—Cecily Stephens, Pittsburg, KS

I am a teacher who runs an educational website for my class, this website is accesses by my public school students at home and at school. I find your proposal would place my site the slow lane. Since, I could not negotiate nor pay to have the site place in the "fast lane". My students, if your proposal was in place, would be place at an educational disadvantage. They would find the site slow and become frustrated. Yet, sites run for profit, Google and Netflix, all fine. The net in the future, under the FCC proposal, would not be decided by us the users, but by the cable companies. This new course laid out by the FCC would harm our future generations and their access to knowledge and in the end to an open and free education. Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—William Cavada, San Jose, CA

The Internet needs to be free of all control, and must belong to the individual who use it. These individuals should use the internet how they want to, when they want to, and be in full control of its content. It is one of the last few means of total free communication and should remain so!
—Prakash Singh, Kolkata,

I support true net neutrality.
—Chuck F. Hedges Jr., Midland, TX

Free speech,Free Internet. Leave it alone!
—peewee green, Elmsford, NY

It's beyond a huge disservice to citizens and companies who deserve equal access to information at equal speeds. Please reject the monopoly of power in the information delivery industry.
—Margaret NATARIO, Waltham, MA

The internet has become a necessity, like water and electricity. It should be regulated as if it were a utility.
—Carol O'Neill, Shorewood, WI

The internet must be FREE AND EQUAL, in order that we U.S. citizens remain FREE AND EQUAL before the law.
—Hank Rodgers, Silverado, CA

I don't want my internet company or anyone else telling me that a product that I pay for should cost more for certain sites than others!
—Alexa King, Denver, CO

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. A free and open internet promotes innovation. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech.
—Anna Patton, Tucson, AZ

As a researcher and the sole proprietor of a small service business, I need unfettered access to information, and unfettered ability for potential clients to find me. As an American citizen, I want my First Amendment rights fully protected. As a human being, I want to be able to communicate freely and easily with other human beings, as I have been able to do on the internet up to this point. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Amy Stoller, New York, NY

The internet is the only media where the majority of the content is not controlled by big money. It's the only place where one can find points of view that are radically different from main-stream media without having to pay a fee. That's why net neutrality is precious to me.
—Eliot Kleinberg, Glendale, CA

Don't create 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, without a way to do anything about it. If you're truly serious about "net neutrality" the only way to avoid discrimination against online content and applications is to: CLASSIFY ISP's AS COMMON CARRIERS. Please protect REAL NET NEUTRALITY and do the right thing for people and not for corporations that have only a profit motive. Thank you.
—Jan Stewart, Shoreline, WA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, push for deregulation of city's and state's fiber use laws, and replace Tom Wheeler with John Oliver (and pay him a boatload of money for rescuing us)
—Michael Monteleone, APO, NY

That this proposal is actually under serious consideration is indicative of how far down the road of the Corporate takeover of America we've become. I barely recognize the America I grew up in. Neutrality = EQUALITY. The busting of net equality will usher in an internet age of corporate elitism. It will effectively drown out equal opportunity for small business who won't be able to compete in the more expensive "fast lane." The result will be the creation of monopolies. DUH!!! If approved, it will be yet another travesty against the system this country is supposed to embody but hasn't actually seen for decades now: democracy. Shame on Pres. Obama, whom I voted for, for nominating Wheeler, proving again that Obama is just another politician under the corporate influence of his campaign contributors, to the neglect of the rest of us.
—Christine Woods, Hudson, NY

Because there are no privileged bits.
—Linda Wilscam, Rockville, CT

The major ISPs already make enough money without being able to charge tech companies for fast lane service. I already pay (and pay more than the rest of the world for slower service) to have the internet come to my home. There is no reason (except for Tom Wheeler being an ISP shill) for allowing a two tier system.
—Dennis O'Brien, Milton, DE

This is a very sad turn of events for me who grew up in the USA and freedom of the press was considered a basic part of the peoples' rights. Let us all hope these rules will be seen as more corporate abuse of people and dismissed promptly.
—Gregory Anderson, williamsport, PA

I work from home and use the internet for my entertainment in a very rural area. I need complete and timely access.
—Barbara Moore-Lewis, Brinnon, WA

I know capitalism is a good thing but this will destroy what should be available equally to all people that use the internet. These rules will allow companies and the wealthy to have even more power and those that don't have such money, such as a freelance artist, to be pushed to the side and will absolutely ruin their business.
—Kapila Hazelett, Powell, TN

The internet has to stay a level playing field if the US is to stay at least competitive in the world's economy and at best a leader.
—Carol Gilbert Gilbert-Sacks, Charlottesville, VA

To save the internet for EVERYone, EVERYwhere. We've already learned that theSeparate But Equal is essentially flawed and does not work.
—Ruth W. Tuft, New York, NY

The free internet is one of the best equality leveling tools to happen in the world. Don't rob us of this.
—Michele Temple, Woodside, NY

PLEASE! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julie Schmiess, Talent, OR

Why do I keep wishing I was born in a Scandinavian country? Or that Canada was to the east or west of us, not north? Greatest country on earth -- yeah, right.
—Lori Nichols, Shutesbury, MA

Thanks to the recent explanation, by John Oliver, of what the proposed Net Neutrality controversy means for our future access to and use of the internet, I am appealing to the FCC to use better judgment in resolution of the matters presently under consideration, than appears to have been the case in previous statements of record.
—Charles Anderson, Wells,, ME

Net neutrality is vital to keeping a level playing field. Don't throw the little guys under the bus.
—Lillian Paynter, Oxnard, CA

FCC - throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—William Layman, Fishersville, VA

The Internet must offer free access to all without "pay for routing" deals which allow internet providers to block traffic for commercial reasons.
—Seth Cenac, Miami, FL

The proposed FCC rules are genuinely disappointing. They are discriminatory and will be unfair to enormous numbers of Internet users. I therefore urge that they be discarded and that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.
—Frieda Brown, Okemos, MI

Net neutrality is censorship light.
—Les, Aurora, IL

Do NOT take away Net Neutrality!
—Janet K, Sydney,

YOUR FAST TRACK IDEA RANKS RIGHT UP THERE WITH "LET THEM EAT CAKE". IT IS UNCLEAR IF YOU ARE ALL REALLY THAT STUPID, OR THAT CORRUPT! BUT WHATEVER THE REASON, YOU APPEAR HELLBENT ON DESTROYING ANYTHING EVEN RESEMBLING A DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY. NO FAST TRACK!!! NO TIERED INTERNET!!!
—Myrolee Stanfield, Tucson, AZ

Dear FCC, Please don't allow cable companies to regulate our download speeds based on ISP. I would also like to see some change that would allow for more competition among ISPs.
—Michael Schaffer, Aliso Viejo, CA

The internet provides incredible opportunities for communication for which users already pay in plans often tiered but speed and other metered capacity features. It is not obvious what ISPs need to be able to make further legal distinctions and discriminations between their customers. Since vast numbers of persons now depend on internet in lieu of landline and will soon be using their cellphones as internet voice communication devices there is a strong logic to declaring internet content delivery a public utility. Please protect open internet.
—James Dwyer, Claremont, CA

Corporate controlled media has left the Internet as the last bastion of free speech. Your rules will destroy our First Amendment rights and are a despicable indication of how controlled you are. This is not a time for you to yield to the scent of money, but is a time for a real moral decision. Reclassify these large Internet providers as Common Carriers, now.
—Mr. Leonard Heether, Trufant, MI

Don't cave in to the giant corporations. Think of people first.
—Hoyt Mathews, Riverwoods, IL

Do not sell out the Internet. Remember the little guy.
—Suzanne Bedat, Brandon, FL

The Internet is the last true vestige of equality in the world. No matter how noble the intentions of those putting these rules in place (mind you, I don't believe nobility has anything to do with this) they are only going to be used to hurt people who don't deserve to be hurt. None of these companies cares about anything but their bottom line; customers are always secondary. Money and profit has always been more important to... well, pretty much everyone. The Internet was always the one exception-- if you paid for the same service as everyone else, you GOT the same service as everyone else. Let the Internet stand as the last vestige of true equality in the world. Because despite everything that everyone else says to the contrary, as a poor citizen in the United States, I can tell you there IS no other equality, at least in the USA.
—Jessica Freeman, St. Louis, MO

The net helped me connect with the world at a time when my depression kept me isolated. I use it to write, and to research articles, and depend on being able to access all sorts of information.
—Rachel Port, Catalina, AZ

Please do not sell the internet...
—Mr. Michael Krall, Lander, WY

The Oligarchy already has too much power. A two tier internet will only allow them more. It will silence voices they don't agree with and will stifle economic competition. The proposed new rules are nothing more than a massive sellout to big business.
—Brian Cheverie, Buffalo, NY

It is a way for me to communiccate and I do not have he money to pay big bucks to a communication company to use it.
—Gerald Lorenz, Salem, OR

Don't establish discriminatory fast lanes for internet access... Please keep a level playing field!
—Phil Broussard, Portland, OR

As the publisher of a small magazine, we won't be easily found on an internet search if we lose net neutrality. There are millions more Americans in the same situation. The deck will be stacked against us, and FOR the very wealthy large corporations, etc. You CANNOT do this to us, we work hard and have a right just as much as anyone else to run a business using a level playing field.
—Ariel Monserrat, Sneedville, TN

Please protect the internet for the people not the CORPORATIONS, corporations are not people! MICHAEL P ABRAMS JR
—Michael Abrams, PARKESBURG, PA

The argument that ISP's want to create prioritization lanes to improve service for consumers is a facade. These corporations also want control over these prioritizations so that they can monetize them for profit. As consumers, this deal would limit our freedom as web users and expand the freedom of massive corporations. Yes, it might improve efficiency, but the cost will inevitably be passed down to the consumer and we'll also be ceding even more of our power to to these companies. It's a bad deal for individuals, plain and simple. As the FCC, it's job to strike a fair balance of power among different parties. The individual citizens of the US should be your first and foremost priority! Think about how powerful these billion dollar corporations have already become. They don't need any more control over our daily lives! The fact that they have influential money in politics is already far too corrupt, and now they want to gain control over the one thing that unites people around the world and serves as our strongest platform for political change. Just say no, PLEASE!
—Levi Toback, Philadelphia, PA

Neutrality is important to protect our free use of the internet, without discrimination.
—Faith Freeman, Lampeter,

Net neutrality is key to allowing the Internet to operate as the engine of commerce, free speech, and innovation that it is today. Allowing ISP's to create fast lanes or charge content providers for access will stifle innovation and reduce competition by making it more difficult for new businesses to find an audience. Free speech will be at the mercy of ISP's as well. All Comcast or Time Warner has to do to silence websites critical of them is make those websites unusably slow. A fast lane or multi-tiered Internet is bad for consumers and bad for businesses that aren't ISP's. Maintain net neutrality.
—Jeremy Kirkman, Indianapolis, IN

It is our right to net neutrality.
—Bill leblanc, Lafayette, LA

No one should have the power to put people on different tracks. One of the best things about the internet is its ability to join people from all over the world, who would not ordinarily be able to communicate. There shouldn't be any segregation. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Carmen Ramirez Ramirez, Tallahassee, FL

Please keep the internet the way it is in terms of neutrality. Don't allow two speeds on the internet.
—Gregory Penniston, Tucson, AZ

It represents the spirit of true capitalism.
—Alex Boucher, New Rochelle, NY

Net Neutrality is the important because it provides affordable access to education and the civic responsibility of being an engaged citizen for all. To take away this level field of access is to clearly establish a class system; just like the caste systems of oppression in other parts of the world. Chairman Wheeler, is enforcing this caste system to be your legacy?
—James Ranstrom, Vashon, WA

A cease and desist letter was sent by Verizon to Netflix due to alleged slowed streaming, to which Verizon denies...This leaves me with a very bad impression of what will happen if the merger is actually approved...
—Suzanne Horsburgh, Laverne, CA

corporations should not be allowed to take over our freedoms that this country was created on. i want to be proud to be an american, not embarrassed. NET NEUTRALITY!
—Amy Romanowski, bethpage, NY

I want to be assured the game is not 'rigged' in favor of corporations with big dollars. I do not want any 'slowdown' of information that I choose to see.
—Paula Brennecke, Bonham, TX

Opednews, the Electronic Freedom Frontier and too many other progressive organizations to name have been organizing petitions, marches, etc. for over a year (the policy has been put forward in other forms, each swatted down by freedom-loving foes, until this one, which seems the most credible threat yet). I suggest a way of charging "rent" based on number of users, but I admit this is not fully worked out. Companies ought to pay for their use of the commons, which belong to all of us, whether that commons is physical or virtual. Some method of providing funds for future internet development has to be found which also does not impinge on the basic freedom to create new sites and have a fair chance of having them seen and used. Those with the largest numbers of users - Facebook, Netflix, Google, etc. - are benefiting from that even more than from their technology, and therefore they owe the rest of us "bandwith rent" that could be channeled into upgrades and maintenance. If a service drives a double-wide trailer down a limited highway, as Netflix does nightly, there is reason to charge them more too, but with backroom deals, I'm not sure that isn't being done already. We have to be very careful that the right to charge some high usage users more doesn't morph into the right to cut back service for everyone else. And to make sure that all have equal access to their rightful share of the common bandwidth.
—Scott Baker, New York City, NY

The internet should not be governed by the corporations which is what will happen if net neutrality is not safeguarded.
—Dina Willner, Mahwah, NJ

CORPORATION RUN BY OUT-OF-TOUCH MILLIONAIRES DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT ON THE INTERNET! THE RICH DO NOT GET TO REGULATE THE MORALITY OF THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS!
—Maurice LaTier, Talent, OR

Please show us that we have not been completely sold out to the cable companies! Preserve the field that has lad to incredible innovation and development. Keep the internet equal, neutral, and serving all citizens equal.
—Eileen Keller, Oakland, CA

freedom of speech and non discrimination based on finances and class.
—David tiene, nutley, NJ

Fairness for everyone is important to me. If Internet Service Providers can make more money by a two tiered system, who knows how far that would take us increasingly from the ideal of Net Neutrality.
—Patricia Beetle, Castleton, NY

Please rethink your rules regarding net neutrality. This country was founded on freedom, not having the large corporations take over everything. The internet is for all citizens.
—Susan Materer, Arlington Heights, IL

There should be equal access to everyone. Corporate sanctioned restrictions on which content wil be delivered faster than other is ridiculous.
—Debra Humphreys, Saint Johns, FL

You should throw out the FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan for creating two-tiered internet. What must be done is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks,
—Pinar Ozsoy, San Geronimo, CA

Information should be freely available to all. There should be no diffrtance between wtiten, verbal, and digital speech, creation, and innovation. Without net neutrality everyone who uses the internet is harmed, the people lose at a small victory for a few large corporations. The internet is for everyone, and should be left open and free for all to use as they please.
—Brock Usher, cambridge,

The internet is a Commons! It cannot be usurped by corporate America! Do the right thing Tom!
—Joseph Taylor, Burbank, CA

It is very important to me that Net Neutrality be protected.
—Margaret Needham, East Brunswick, NJ

The Internet is our highway to the future do not reduce it to a cow path. It would be treasonous to do otherwise
—Stephen Sarnoff, Clearwater, FL

Don't let special (money making) interest win again.
—Laura Collins, NY, NY

The internet has now become essentially a common carrier / utility and should not be allowed to be controlled by corporations.
—Mr. Steve Winberg, Phoenix, AZ

Leave the internet neutral. Allowing companies to pay extra for faster speed is not net neutrality, it's nothing more than selling out. It will also hinder innovation and eliminate start up competitiveness. Keep it neutral!
—Andre fas, Tucson, AZ

I've been trying to write something here that is to the point and profound, but I realize this will fall on deaf ears. So let me be blunt: THE NEED TO CONTROL EVERYTHING SPEAKS OF A VERY DEEP PATHOLOGY. The universe is an extremely large place. Your pettiness is meaningless to everyone but you. Keep the internet neutral because there is more to be gained by this than you can imagine.
—Michael Smith, Winchester, MA

leave it alone...
—Greg Bard, a, TX

We are supposed to be a country of free speech!!
—Al Krause, nyc, NY

Let's keep a level playing field for EVERYONE on the Internet, our last bastion of FREE SPEECH.
—Burton Tschache, Kelseyville, CA

As for SPEED, the FCC must Rapidly Quicken its opposition to corporate take-over or any kind of corporate control of the Internet. NET NEUTRALITY is a must for freedom to prevail. Do NOT allow ISP to charge for faster speed. No! to inequality for Internet access and/or use. U.S. residents pay more but receive less. Let's pay less and receive more. FCC must attend to needs of U.S. citizens, not corporate profits which already exceed universal expectations. Time/need to move in the opposite direction.
—Donna Besser Stone, Boynton Beach, FL

Corporate control has rendered the 'public' airwaves useless as a source of news and information, they are saturated with the corporatist agenda. The lack of reliable, accurate information on important social and political issues has had a serious, detrimental effect on our 'democracy'; we must not allow a corporate takeover of the internet as well.
—Ron Weinberg, La Mirada, CA

Isps must be reclassified as common carriers to avoid having comcast and other carriers discriminate against content (such as political sites that dont lean right, as their political contributions suggest they support). Further, there is clearly a monopoly in this sphere that must be rectified, as there is currently no real competition. As a result, the service is expensive and crappy.
—Lynne Lasser, evanston, IL

As a 15-year-old high school freshman and aspiring software engineer, I am deeply concerned about the current handling of net neutrality by the FCC. I have been able to succeed thus far in my journey to learn as much about software engineering as possible due to the Internet. Using a massive range of online resources such as YouTube, countless forums, and innumerable blog posts and articles, I've amassed an unprecedented amount of knowledge on computers and their intricacies. If the FCC allows ISPs to limit my bandwidth to certain online resources, I may not be able to continue doing so. Others may not be able to enjoy the things we software engineers develop for them. Children who do not have access to formal education in a variety of intellectual enterprises may not be able to educate themselves online because their ISP decided that the resource that they wish to use deserves to be throttled. I sincerely hope that the FCC makes the right call and upholds net neutrality at all costs. I know that the major multibillion dollar corporations are throwing countless millions to you below the table but I believe that the people at FCC are intelligent and good-willed enough to make the right choice, and preserve net neutrality instead of cashing out. The economic benefits of net neutrality cannot be put into words, and if net neutrality goes, never-before-seen consequences will inevitably erupt. The risk is not worth it. I implore you, FCC, to uphold net neutrality.
—Devan Snow, Russell Springs, KY

It's about personal freedom. It's about not letting the 1% take yet another thing for their profit. Remember when cable was advertised as "commercial free"?
—T Beaver, Mount Vernon, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bradley Burtner, Deerfield Beach, FL

Mr. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow service for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This would be a terrible development, with severely negative impacts to society. And, it is obviously based on moneyed interests. If this plan is adopted, it will be another example of the institutionalized corruption that is built into our political system. My heartfelt prayer is that Mr Wheeler's plan is rejected. It is my hope that Internet service will be recognized as a public utility and regulated as such.
—David Zox, Cambridge, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Evelyn Mcchesney, Seattle, WA

PLEASE DON'T DICTATE THE INTERNET OR WE WON'T ENJOY ANYTHING TO COME IN THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET!
—Peter Thompsen, Calverton, NY

Internet access is in the common interest, both for private citizens and businesses alike. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as Type II commom carriers. You can let lawyers ruin one of the greatest inventions in human history, you just can't.
—Killian Hermann, Burlington, VT

To protect free speech online, please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Judith Reed, Keene, NH

Equal internet access & cost for everyone allows creativity in all fields of endeavor and for all economic levels of society and all ages of participants, thereby allowing and sustaining new vibrant and previously unimaginable solutions to society's and the planet's urgent and long-term needs.
—Rich Goldberg, Penngrove, CA

Internet should be for everyone - reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Diane Black, Salem, OR

NOBODY wants your new rules but a few gigantic corporations. And yet you are supposed to be protecting the interests of ALL Americans. You need to dump these rules and instate net neutrality for real, NOW. Net neutrality IS democracy, IS free speech, and you don't have the right to sell in to the highest bidder which is what you just did. It is shameful, and shameless pandering to mega-corporations who CLEARLY have shown they will trample our constitutional rights to augment their profits. Your job is NOT to help them do that.
—P Welland, Florence, MA

It is not possible to allow ISPs to prioritize some traffic without negatively impacting the speed of non prioritized traffic. It is impossible to do. DO NOT ALLOW PRIORITIZED TRAFFIC
—J Scott Wright, Marietta, GA

Please do not let corporations own our internet. No rule changes.
—Susan van der Naald, Oregon City, OR

Meet neutrality is the only fair solution.
—Chris Riley, Scotch Plains, NJ

Freedom. America. Patriotism. All these hinge in their future on try net neutrality.
—Erik Fulkerson, Fullerton, CA

Please classify ISPs as a common carrier so that no one company can have an advantage over another or over citizens who use the Internet.
—Jesse Moore, Terlton, OK

I believe strongly that TOTAL 'net neutrality' is essential. To continue equal access of use of the internet is essential to allow the continued growth and spirit of entrepreneurship that evolved due to the equal access to broadband that now exists. How many websites and social media as well as all other media & educational access exists now only because of that equal access? We must continue the policies of the past. They have worked beautifully and if it's not broken, there is nothing to 'fix'. Leave them in place. No tiers!
—Mr. Paul Shuck, Kokomo, IN

You always respond to my emails telling me that you support "net neutrality" yet you continue to push a plan that would make the internet very UN-neutral! I know you are a cable/ISP company pawn and you probably wont read this and will do what the money tells you to do and will harm our internet, the millions of companies that depend on it, and limit the abilities of future entrepreneurs that will improve the internet, but I would just love it if you could provide myself and all of the millions of us that are outraged by your proposals with just a little bit of hope that the political system is not COMPLETELY BROKEN and keep the internet TRULY NEUTRAL! I'm sure you will disappoint us and make sure the big money gets bigger while the quality of service continues to decay, but just imagine if you didn't! IMAGINE IF YOU DID WHAT WAS RIGHT AND DID WHAT 99% OF THE PEOPLE WILL AND LEAVE THE INTERNET AS IT!!!!
—Joel Webb, Albany, CA

ISPs MUST AND SHOULD BE RECLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS. THIS WOULD EQUATE TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR ALL NOT JUST FOR THE CHOSEN FEW. CAPS ARE INTENTIONAL FOR
—Garry Ford, Blue Ridge Summit, PA

How about we take away all your freedoms and leave you with minimum wage trying to pay for everything? Wouldn't like it would ya? So stop this nonsense and leave the internet be!
—Kyle Krause, Miami, FL

I already feel like I have very few choices, and am spending more and more for less and less service. That last thing in the world I need now is for you to weaken net neutrality so I have to pay more for even less service. And of course that will happen if you do this. In fact, I believe you need to strengthen net neutrality, not weaken it!
—Mary Bolack, Tulsa, OK

98% of the people would not benefit if net neutrality were to end.
—Mary Davis, Guntown, MS

Tiered access undermines the ideals of the Internet by giving preferential treatment to those that pay more. Internet access providers are hardly neutral players and it is in their interest to steer users to sites that benefit them. The Internet is about giving users choice not setting up new revenue streams for access providers. Regulating providers like utilities would be a step in the right direction while removing network neutrality is not.
—Brian Kelly, Fullerton, CA

Stop being WIMPS to these corporations! Absolutely disgusting. Force these companies to keep the whole internet equal for ALL! And create laws that penalize "choking or the slowing of" those that don't have BILLIONS!
—Gary Bater, Bellefonte, PA

I depend on an open Internet for research and job related information - the Internet is a public good that must be protected
—Joseph A. Palermo, Sacramento, CA

In this world and especially this country where the real power is dictated by the wealthy, if you let net neutrality get beat down, there will be next to nothing that everyday people can truly call their own. To let big corporations run the net and vacuum even more money from the rest of us would take us a step into a direction that most of us fear. Please step up and make at least a tiny part of our past and what our soldiers thought they were fighting for become true.
—Steve and Roberta Raps, Eaton, OH

I'm don't want to live in a Corporation ruled world.
—Faith Franck, las vegas, NV

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers,the internet belongs to the people not these corporations who suck the people dry.
—Lj Lombardo, Beaumont, TX

net neutrality is at the core of democracy, and is key to maximizing our evolutionary potential. There is no ethical basis for obstructing our freedom in order to build shareholder profit
—Robin Cohen, Boynton Beach, FL

In today's world Internet access is as necessary as any other utility. You can NOT search for a job, pay your bills, or participate fully in anything without access.
—Jerry Holmes, Franklinton, NC

I oppose a closed network where corporations can block content on the Internet, and favor others. All Internet traffic should be treated equally.
—David Rossi, San Antonio, TX

The FCC rules are out and they are terrible. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Change them.
—Sara Garcia, Garland, TX

Real net neutrality is important because it means that the internet can be used as a tool for real grassroots democracy in America and in the world.
—Laura Jordan, Flint, MI

Please throw out your present rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality!
—Vernon and Mary Joyce Dixon, Hiawassee, GA

Treat ISPs as a common carrier -- BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE!
—David Kemnitzer, Oakland, CA

This is a blatant example of monopolies running amok.
—Cheryl North, Phoenix, MD

Please support net neutrality. Equal access is so important.
—Diana van Eyk, Nelson,

As someone who works on websites for small businesses and independent artists, I would be extremely negatively affected by the loss of fair and equal bandwidth. A fair and equal internet is one of the greatest things to happen in my lifetime. Please don't sell it to the highest bidder. You should consider what people want, not just sell out.
—Janet Jackson, STATEN ISLAND, NY

Big money interest should not be getting special favor.
—Dennis J Sabourin, chicopee, MA

Please do not end net neutrality to benefit a few companies at the expense of all other companies and the general public.
—James Anderson, Storden, MN

One word: FREEDOM!
—Michael L. Dellger, Sheboygan, WI

The Net was originally developed through tax dollars financing for our collective benefit. Not for the benefit of corporations. The Net is a 21st century utility. Treat it as such. Thank you.
—Michael Neeman, Dayton, OH

Because: I am a God fearing American born citizen who believes in the Constitution, the rights of man and that to describe a corporation as a person is absolute stupidity and who served my country on active duty for 20 years all in good standing to defend my beliefs and not to have them sold to the highest bidder.
—John Wernsdorfer, Rio Rancho, NM

Don't allow companies to pick winners or losers on what I want to watch or the excersize of free speech based on affordability or conveniance. The internet is a Utility just like the road system and power grid that should not in anyway discriminate the users
—Barry Danielson, New Westminster, AZ

The Internet should not be for sale to the highest bidder. Stifling the internet with your new rules will stifle creativity and productivity. Throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. And please stop saying you support an open and free Internet when your actions say otherwise.
—Mary Barker, Lancaster, CA

Let the internet remain free and available to everyone.
—Samantha James, Johnson city, TN

Please stop bowing to corporate interests and leave the internet alone.
—Chad Moss, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because without it we loose the wonderful equalizer and deseminator of information that the Internet is. It's the global brain that connects us all. Don't perform a lobotomy! The internet is, and should be protected like, a public utility.
—Carol Fusco, Berkeley, CA

Dear members of the FCC, I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to allow the internet to remain open and free. The internet nowadays is a necessity and should not be regulated by corporations. There's no reason for me to keep explaining each and every point because you already know very well that what you're doing is plain wrong! Regards.
—Cristiano Migliore, Duluth, MN

Don't place the internet under the control of the cable companies! Stop bowing to your corporate masters!
—Nolan Carpenter, Huntsville, AL

Giving cable companies more power to extort fees from people is a horrible idea! These companies are already horrible bullies and terrible for communities, don't get them more power to behave even worse!
—Charles W Hooks, Schaumburg, IL

WHY SHOULD BIG MONEY HAVE THIS INTERNET FAST LANE AND NOT THE COMMON PEOPLE WHERE ALL THE MONEY COMES FROM? WHAT MAKES THEM MORE IMPORTANT THAN, SAY MY DAUGHTER'S AT HOME BUSINESS?
—Tom LIndsey, San Mateo, CA

I do not want to see the internet go the way of cable TV. Cable TV is over priced, most of the content is commercials. I will not tolerate an internet controlled by greedy corporations. I have sold my TV and do not expect to ever buy an other TV.
—Robert Anderson, Rapid City, MI

This plan would let the large established Internet service providers like create 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. This wold be very harmful for small emerging businesses on the web, and the average consumer. PLEASE FCC throw out your own rules and INSTEAD reclassify ISPs as common carriers. THANKS!
—Rick Martinez, Jersey City, NJ

We need you to keep the internet as a common carrier. The internet needs to be equal for all because if the large corporations are allowed to screw us even more than they already do, and take advantage of their huge monopolies, the small business person will never be able to succeed, and there will no longer be a creative force in the USA. We will wither and die, and all creativity will go elsewhere in the world, where the internet is made free, and equal and often provided by their government and is HIGHLY REGULATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC!!! Instead of being watched by the foxes who used to work for the people who are now trying to fix it so they can gouge everyone.
—Vivian Donahue, Charlottesville, VA

This rich have everything else. The poor need the internet.
—Carol Lynn Jones, Martinsburg, WV

Would you have 'slow' phone service for those who couldn't afford paying the most? Would you have 'weak' electric? These policies help the rich stay rich, and everyone else stay poor. So many other countries are thriving without these kinds of policies. This is the wrong direction.
—Ray James, madison, WI

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income receiving a govt pension. My years of serving the people of this country were at a sacrifice financially. My internet usage should not suffer because I chose service over personal gain.
—Salim Ali, East Orange, NJ

Fast Internet should be available to all!
—Peg LeClair, Lee, MA

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—Natalie Kleiner, Duluth, MN

It is important people have the option to choose whatever provider they'd like without feeling as if they're trapped with only one option. Along with this, it is integral to the spirit of America that there are no fast-lanes - everyone should have the same priority, speed, and accessibility. Reclassify ISPs as an Act II Telecommunications service.
—Amanda, Mequon, WI

What the fuck are you thinking? Seriously. I'm Canadian so, in theory, this shouldn't effect me at all but even I'm terrified that you're going to further monopolize the flow of information and free speach. America has done some really, REALLY, stupid shit in my time on this continent but this just might take the cake. Do you people eat cake or do Verizon and Time/Warner own that too? Do people have to pay extra if they want their cake faster? I bet buttercream icing costs extra. I never thought I'd see the day when America would try to stem the flow of buttercream icing. That shit is delicious. Every American should be able to access buttercream whenever they want at an efficient speed without having to worry about being held hostage to a mega-corporation. I know some cakes have fondant, but that's like paving a cake with a sheet of sugary turd. I suppose that might be a good metaphor for all of this. Let the people have delicious buttercream squeezed out of an icing bag at whatever rate they choose. It may not be pretty, icing a cake is hard yo, but it's better than a sheet of rolled fondant smothering that shit. Idiots.
—Robert Scott, Saskatoon,

Please don't pander to bloated corporate profit mongering. A two tiered internet is absurd and can in no way be of benefit to the American people. Please reclassify the internet as a utility.
—Christopher Aeron Polly, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is important to me for many reasons. It protects my first amendment rights by ensuring my voice can be delivered as effectively as anyone else's; it enables my business to communicate as fast as any other business; and it keeps opportunities for healthy competition alive in all industries. It also helps keep prices for online services low.
—Tom Goodell, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet is public, not private, and should never provide preferential treatment or different levels of service to any of its users.
—Robert Janetzko, Naperville, IL

The federal government has allowed the telecomm companies to become monopolies. You are failing, don't let that be your Wikipedia headline when your descendants go to look at what you did with your life.
—Bradley Colden, Whittier, CA

I like to find balanced reportage of issues...international, political, medical, ... everything. I subscribe to both liberal and conservative sites, to learn what both sides are saying / thinking. I already fear that our access to ALL the news is filtered by owners of TV channels, newspapers, etc. PLEASE don't block my one remaining means of "checking the facts" and making my own decisions!
—Judith Passmore, Middletown, CT

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We don't need any changes to the way the internet is RIGHT NOW!
—John George, Grand Rapids, MI

I am a web developer, entrepreneur, and job creator. The free, open, and neutral internet makes that possible. Please do the patriot and economically responsible thing: uphold and enforce net neutrality.
—Joshua Reyes, Cambridge, MA

freedom
—Kent Swenson, franklin, NC

monopolies and too big to fail corporations are the economies of the worlds worst enemies. now you seem to think that everything is alright with the way the middle class is progressing and are ready to put another obstacle in the real business worlds way. without new ideas and start-ups, business will turn stale, whither and die and our world with it.
—Thomas Gayle H. and Kelly, Edmonds, WA

The internet needs to be recognized as a common carrier and ISP's should not be allowed to give preferential treatment to one entity over another. A diversity of ideas and content is essential to a healthy society, just as a diversity of organisms is essential to a healthy ecosystem.
—David Kozlowski, Santa Fe, NM

There should not be a two tiered system for the internet. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The internet is a necessary utility. I use it for communication as much as I use the telephone and the fax machine for my personal life and for my business.
—Martha Jean Ottina Ph.D., Sherman Oaks,, CA

The internet is the great equalizer no matter your income. Take away net neutrality and that gives the advantage to large corporations with deep pockets. The small innovative startups will never have a chance.
—Stephen Hamre, Forest Lake, MN

It is important that we have a free and open internet. No one entity should have preference over another. It is good for all businesses to advertise their products and new start-ups to reach prospective customers, but it is also necessary to get information on health, finances, travel, history – all kinds of basic information. It is not just advertising and no one should be denied access. We have a diverse world population and there should be room for everyone’s needs for information to be met.
—Betty Jean Colson, Austin, TX

It is vitally important as someone who depends on the internet for a living to have equal access to all of it and not just the marginally insignificant drivel that would be the norm if net neutrality were to become history. I implore you to keep the internet open to everyone and not just those with the money because it can be a financial savior to many struggling people with no other means of avoiding poverty. Don't let big corporations gobble up more power than they already have.
—Jeff S, Ogdensburg, NY

Why am I not surprised the FCC would side with big business. It's a shakedown. You should be ashamed.
—Candace Bieneman, san francisco, CA

If this needs to be explained to you, then you have no business being at the FCC.
—Chris Reid, Clovis, CA

We have the right to no restrictions if any kind. Creating a fast lane goes directly against the ethos behind the creation of the internet and hurts the primary users
—Marc Cobb, Seattle, WA

The internet should be free and open and not controlled by corporations.
—Benjamin Scott, richmond, VA

The internet is one of the very last things not to be completely corrupted and distorted by greedy, self aggrandizing, dishonest corporations. The internet is where I get speedy access to genuinely alternative points of view and information. Absolutely the last thing that needs to happen is for this great information superhighway to be controlled by the worst forms of human endeavor on the planet!
—Duncan Brown, Tucson, AZ

The Internet, like the entire IT industry, only exists because the massive start-up costs were financed with our tax dollars via government programs, mainly in the Defense Department. The ISP's profit margins are already in the stratosphere, while speed and quality lags behind that in other advanced nations.
—David Ronk, Hollywood, FL

Without net neutrality, small businesses will be stifled.
—Ronn D Koester, Toledo, OH

We need a free internet, just like we need a free press.
—Thomas Bousman, kansas city, MO

Please discard your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As a student entrepreneur, I rely on the unfettered transmission of data to perform extensive research and to set up the data-intensive processes that will run my startup company. I'm not very sympathetic to ISP arguments: they laughed at the very idea of the Internet when it was first proposed yet now seem to think they're entitled to turn it into a toll road of sorts. This is insane: I can't think of a better way to ruin innovation and further stagnate our leadership in the world. Without net neutrality, Alta Vista could have simply bought faster access than Google, despite its delivery of inferior value to consumers. Facebook might never have gotten out of a dorm room, and Amazon would still be in a Seattle garage. It's un-American and unacceptable to simply let us drift back to the oligarchies of the past. We don't need a new age of hi-tech railroad barons and oil magnates. In my area, Time Warner Cable is the only true choice for cable Internet. Verizon, ATT, and satellite Internet providers offer even less than TWC. It's a monopoly and it's horrible: they never upgrade service, upload/download speeds are consistently slow (by modern standards), and service is lackluster at best. Most recently, I was stuck waiting for a service rep the entire day; he never showed up. There's fiber laid throughout the city, but we can't use it for whatever reason. I doubt letting Comcast merge with TWC will make service any better. In fact, basic economics tells us--with a wealth of historical data--that service will likely become worse and more expensive as Comcast/TWC move to extract even more rents from their monopoly. Please, let innovation rule, not money. Keep the infrastructure of the Internet neutral, upgrade it, and expand it.
—Grant Shuler, Cincinnati, OH

STOP GIVING THE COMMON GOOD, WHICH IS THE INTERNET, AWAY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!
—Howard R. Katz, Batavia, IL

Because I use the internet to help support myself, keep in contact with friends & family, and entertain myself.
—Delila Owens, Bakersfield, CA

Your plans to change the rules on the internet are clearly designed to benefit the large cable companies...NOT THE CONSUMER!!! Having Tom Wheeler as the Chairman of the FCC with his ties to lobbying for the Cable Companies is a joke. Assuming that the FCC is truly interested or cares what we think, then heed these words that I and many others are saying...scrap this nonsense attempt to destroy TRUE Net Neutrality.
—Stan Gershon, Marietta, GA

Because the internet was developed as a research tool for everyone, and not an advertising pipeline or a commercial utility, there for the highest bidder.
—Samuel C. Blackman MD, PhD, Philadelphia, PA

Think about your responsibilities as FCC representatives in a free country with freedom of speech and freedom of choice.
—Jeff Jelinek, Austin, TX

How often is is so TOTALLY OBVIOUS that the greedy, insane, "NEVER CAN STEAL ENOUGH" 1-percent in this country is trying to DO THAT AGAIN. Is there any "Common Sense" (in both meanings) left inside the Beltway? JUST DO IT: WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO TOTALLY MAKE THE INTERNET (in this country) a public utility, subject to full FCC regulatory control. STOP GIVING AWAY YOU (and OUR) power to rich, Satanic, cash-spewing lobbyists. Otherwise, you will create TOTAL, CRUSHING CITIZEN RAGE for not doing your job, for a change. Enough said. Deal with it. DO IT.
—Berkeley Fuller-Lewis, Emeryville, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality. Classify ISPs a common carriers. We already have the big corporate interests calling the shots in everything from elections to banking, transportation and most of the rest of business. And in Washington (let me guess how many of their lobbyists you have heard from exercising their free $peech). The people need at least one place where they get equal access.
—Peter DeGroot, Ashland, OR

The Internet does NOT belong to huge corporations. If Democracy means anything at all, this power grab must be stopped. Personally I use the Internet quite often but the sites that interest me the most are not the sites that get millions of hits. How many artblogs do you know that get millions of people looking at them???? I do not see why I am not deserving of equal treatment online simply because I am not connecting to the giants. Also, where I live I have only one internet cable provider to "choose" from. I hope you will make the right decision on this and think about the true meaning of a democratic society where everyone is equal under the law. Sincerely, Marilyn Kirsch
—Marilyn Kirsch, New York, NY

The funding for the creation and development of the Internet came from the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation. Since all taxpayers support these government institutions, they should remain free and equal to all citizens. No private company or government agency has a right to restrict access to the Internet or censure its use. Collecting personal data or eaves dropping on all people should not be allowed unless a court approves it. That should be limited to unlawful behavior such as terrorist activity. Internet service providers should not be allowed to control which content comes up in a search engine. All people and businesses should have an equal chance for coming up on a search. No company or person should receive preferential treatment. There should not be a two-tiered speed for those who can afford more speed. The Internet should be classified and regulated as a public utility. It needs to be classified as a common carrier because It has become a way we communicate. We write letters (email) like the postal service. We watch videos. educational show, sports, and sitcom shows like cable television. We make telephone calls through the Internet like our current phone companies. The Internet gives all people an equal chance to voice their views on all topics including politics. We should not let any person or company restrict or charge more for different groups with various political views. All should be allowed to speak freely. A billionaire should not be able to have any more voice than a poor person. A large company should not have any special treatment over a small business. The Internet belongs to us all and needs to be preserved for all to use it freely and equally.
—Julius L. Simmons, Waxahachie, TX

Please do the job you are tasked and protect our Internet from more interference from the corporate masters who seem to run most of the rest of our lives...and yours.
—Steven W. Jackson, Lakewood, CO

This is just legalized looting and blackmail and what happens when you appoint a fox to watch the hen house. The President should be ashamed of himself and his appointment. Keep the Internet free and open.
—Kevin Riley, Nashville, TN

TREAT THE INTERNET LIKE A PUBLIC UTILITY. THE WORLD WIDE WEB IS FOR EVERYONE EQUALLY! DON'T RUIN IT WITH THESE FAST LANES THAT FAVOR THE WEALTHIEST. THE WORLD WIDE WEB IS FOR ALL.
—Elizabeth Scheppler, Arlington, TX

As the owner of a small technology company, I have enough problems trying to compete with larger, more established companies. If net neutrality is not maintained, there is no way I will be able to afford to provide the same level of service offered by my larger competitors. It could, quite literally, put me out of business. Net neutrality is essential in promoting competition and upholding the principles of the free market. PLEASE do not kill net neutrality!!
—Katherine Washut, Cedar Falls, IA

The net could be the main tool we use to build a future for communities across the country. We don't need another tool by which communities are mined for their wealth and given nothing in return accept a quality of life that much lower. The net could be the thing, if civic mindedly cultivated, could increase the number of small business in my community, create a locally informed labor exchange, and revolutionize education out of the broken, industrial age education-in- (expensive) classroom buildings concept from which it currently convoluted suffers.
—Keith Baughman, Ashford, CT

Don't sell out the public. We have a right to equal internet speed for all.
—Judith Gardner, Durham, NH

My right to communicate via the internet is not inferior to that of any rich man/corporation.
—Doug JAcques, Ottawa,

The success of the internet is founded on it's openness and by offering a true equal footing for all. Any form of restriction, no matter how well intended, will only reduce the openness and equal playing field. The efforts to reduce true net neutrality are pushed by telecoms seeking to extract more revenue by monopolistic and extortion practices, rather than compete with each other and being forced to improve services.
—Matthias Johnson, Westminster, CO

Everyone needs to have equal access to the internet
—Bob Atwood, Redding, CA

Please allow the internet to remain open. Too often an argument for not making change is the slippery slope argument. In this case I would have to agree. If you look at how cable was originally rolled out to where cable is today as far as it originally being free and/or very low cost compared to very expensive now, the same thing could happen with Net Neutrality. You could start with a fast and slow lane and after that, the gap can just widen and widen. Everything in the United States has to be made into something that can always be more profitable, but can't regulators do their job and actually just regulate something for once?
—Emmanuel Psihountas, Mahopac, NY

This would be so unfair. This would suppress creativity and free speech, suppress research of/the expansion of technology, suppress small business, it refutes the whole idea of capitalism and free market, and it would allow monopolies to flourish. Please vote against this. Thank you.
—Cheryl Wankmueller, Monroe Township, NJ

The internet is a utility and equal access to all is a basic civil right. Please don't further the growing American oligarchy by creating an elite tier for the rich. Classify the internet as a utility and make the internet a neutral place where opportunity is equal to all.
—Erik Bogle, Houson, TX

Net Neutrality is the only way to guarantee true competetive business practices and full consumer access.
—Patrick Flaherty, San Francisco, CA

Please keep your hands and mind off the current Internet. The internet belongs to We The People You should understand your ideas for change are dishonest, disloyal and disgusting. I am 88 years old and served in WWII to preserve our Freedoms. AS far as I know your generation has done zilch to better our country.
—Duane O. Jackson, Saint Croix Falls,, WI

Everybody wake up. What's the old saying? "if it ain't broke don't fix it" A portion of people figured out a way to generate money by changing how the Internet is operated. So change the whole Internet to accompany the small portion of people? Everybody uses the Internet, but not everybody is tuned into what you're trying to do. Once everybody knows what you're trying to do there will be the biggest backlash in the history of United States. Leave it alone! Nobody owns the Internet. And for God sakes does the chairman of the FCC have to have a history with the other side? Do you really think where THAT! dumb. You're about to wake a sleeping monster leave it alone.
—George Hutchinson, Roswell, GA

If you allow the internet to be taken over by big business, you are effectively stifling the voices of the people who rely on the internet to communicate. The internet is a public domain and as such should not be subject to restrictions dictated by the highest bidder. Do not allow the destruction of net neutrality. The internet belongs to all of us.
—Francine Gillis, Harker hts, TX

Your job is to protect the public, not serve big business. You owe it to the public to provide a level playing field in net usage. Do your job
—Albert L. Wiest, Birbsboro, PA

Keep the net free, do not allow your greed to blind you to the consequences. This is not your decision to make!!! SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!
—Whitney Baker, Eagle Point, OR

we need a free internet, not one conrtolled by soulless, rapacious corporations. Support Net Neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers now.
—Richard Crawford, Middletown, OH

Corporate entities should not be allowed to control the activity of the internet.
—Andy Lupenko, Lemon Grove, CA

I use the Internet all the time for my work. I often have to research difficult terms - I am a technical translator. Often I find the answers I need at smaller websites, due to the highly specific nature of my research. It would be a disaster for me and for others like me, if I could not access the websites from smaller entities/companies, due to discrimination in favor of large, rich companies. The Internet is as important and crucial to us ordinary 99% of the American people, as being able to use the Post office or the phone, or even listen to the radio. Please do not take this right away from us! Please preserve Net neutrality, and an Internet that operates on equal terms for everyone, regardless of how much money we happen to have in the bank. The Internet needs to be accessible in equal terms for 100% of the American people - not just the rich 1% of corporate America.
—Pia Alm-Basu, Loveland, OH

Startup companies, academics, and people in daily life need a fair shot at communication. It is the same as free speech in our society.
—Dr. Norman Howden, Dallas, TX

Stop Time Warner and Comcast from manipulating the internet! The internet is not broken but the greedy assholes that want to change it, need to do the right thing instead of the money hungry thing!!!
—Debra L Watson, Gering, NE

It is OUR Net !
—don P, Norman, OK

Throw out the old rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steve R. Banyai, PORT MANSFIELD, TX

We must protect Net Neutrality at all cost.
—Maurice Fluellen, Philadelphia, PA

Fairness and equality are critical! Please keep Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Michelle Steger, Longmeadow, MA

In addition to stifling innovation, small enterprise and the like, Net Neutrality provides ESSENTIAL means of COMMUNICATIONS for seniors, the disabled, the less mobile. RECLASSIFY BROADBAND AS A UTILITY - NOW!
—Jl Keith, Providence, RI

This invites corruption and bullying
—Jim Dyson, Glocester, RI

PLEASE PROTECT THE NET AND KEEP IT FREE AND OPEN, NOT FAIR GAME TO BIG CORPORATIONS WHO WOULD THEN DICTATE HOW THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WILL USE IT. THAT'S NOT FAIR !!!
—Sherrie Pizzo, Elmira, NY

The Internet is important to me as I am an invalid and earning my college degree is the most important thing. In fact, I have had numerous opportunities just by accessing the Internet checking my email accounts for proposed job prospects. Despite my disability, some employers are patient in scheduling my interviews on FaceTime. Without the Internet I would lose many opportunities to a normal life. Please FCC Tom Wheeler, throw out those rules on your proposal and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is a benefit to many Americans who don't know how to speak up to voice their position. Please allow the underprivileged who want to work but have disabilities that challenge how we work, please allow me the opportunity to acquire an education and employment through this medium. Find another interest and pursue that idea. Retain Net Neutrality Chairperson Tom Wheeler, leave the Open Internet the way it is, for my sake, please!
—Michael Divarden, Silver Spring, MD

to speak ,, and hear the words ,, that keep us togather as one , bless
—Earl F Martin, hollywood, FL

Non-discrimination IS the American way!
—Emil Reisman, Encino, CA

Freedom from the money influences!!!!!!!!!
—John Pinezich, Longmont, CO

Online discrimination by ISPs would be a stab in the back for Internet freedom.
—Abraham Rozman, Albion, NY

In one word - Freedom! It is beyond ridiculous that this is even an issue in the United States. It's all about money and control, control of OUR internet to the highest bidder! Please stop this unconscionable attack!
—Cheryl Conklin, Austin, TX

The internet is a utility, just like the electric, gas and water. As such, it should be regulated and available equally to everyone.
—James Long, Hummelstown, PA

The world at large can accept nothing less than complete NET NUTRALITY. I AM ONE OF THE AT LARGE. PLEASE LISTEN TO US. it's YOUR FUTURE TOO.
—Danny Bobeck, ballston lake, NY

Net neutrality helps keeps costs down if special connections speeds are rewarded by who pays more it will be the everyday user who suffers because the cost of being online will go up. Also it limits those services and slows them down that do not have the money to compete.
—David Lund, Springfield, MO

The internet is a valuable public service, which shouldn't fall to the hands of corporations who would deny us our rights to the free exchange of information in order to make a profit. For once, our government should represent the rights of the people, and not cave into corporate corruption.
—MP Nunan, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important so that I can talk to YOU! Turn it into lanes and do you really think YOU or the people you put your boss in office will ever hear from us? You're not even listening now. So why do I try? Because it's important to save us from folks like YOU. Thanks for listening...
—Leslie Kappes, Hewitt, NJ

The cable companies and telcos need to stop this nonsense. The net needs to be fair and equal for all who access.
—Mitch Dalition, San Francisco, CA

Please maintain the openness of the internet by designating it as a public entity rather than a private or semi-private one. To comply with the wishes of the few may be advantageous to you personally because of some favor the rich will repay to you, but do you really want to be a betrayer? Do you really want to grovel on your knees and kiss the posteriors of the rich to get your personal advantage? Do you value yourself and your role as a person who fights for the good of all? Please fight for the good of all! Thank you.
—Chris Anderson, Lancaster, OH

Net neutrality keeps the playing field level; America's democratic future -- and its capitalistic innovation -- depends on keeping the Internet neutral. How is it possible that a former telecommunication industry lobbyist would be considered for FCC chairman?
—Gerald Stone, Boynton Beach, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler & FCC Commissioners, We need Universal Ultra-High Speed Internet service for everyone in the USA so that we can compete with the World. Being 30th worldwide in net download speeds behind Russia & above Slovakia means that we are essentially a 3rd World Country & NOT a Tech Powerhouse. We must have ALL NET PROVIDERS (ISPs) classified as Title II Common Carriers & mandated Ultra-High Speed service for all, but especially to all schools & pubic librairies. Thank you very kindly for your time and attention & that of your fine staff. Yours truly, Mr. Brett Greisen NYC 10025
—Mr. Brett A. Greisen, New York, NY

The internet needs to be treated as a utility, which it is, and be available to everyone on this planet. I am disabled and rely on the internet for my life, for contact with the world.
—Amy Sophia Marashinsky, Shutesbury, MA

Everyone is sick to death of major corporations having control of our lives. This attempt by the FCC is just another way for big companies to control us. Stop it. Or are you getting so many backhanders from them it's financially disadvantage for you to do so?
—Michell Topham, Wilmington, NC

Net neutrality is the most serious issue facing internet users around the world. And you are on the wrong side. I am 76 but I care tremendously about what the future world will look like. This world must be about more than serving the big guys and their greed for both money and power. MY ACADEMIC FIELD IS THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THIS MOMENT will matter to the future of AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS, AMERICAN EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, AMERICAN INGENUITY AND POTENTIALLY AMERICN DEMOCRACY. THE NEW RULES ARE DANGEROUS FOR OUR FUTURE.
—David Wade Chambers, Santa Fe, NM

IF IT AIN"T BROKE.....ending net nuetrality would give all advantages to profit driven mega companies! They have already acted unethically and now you want to reward them?? And give them a monopoly?? Are you crazy? Or are you making money on this too at the expense of free enterprise.....it is time to stop all this special interest nonsense and stop trying to fix what isn't broken!
—Catherine Campbell, Umatilla, FL

AT&T is already picking my pocket with a bundle DSL package (it has wireless that I don't use). I can't get my old DSL (toast.net) any more because AT&T "updated" my phone line, and is blocking out third party DSL. I am now forced to pay a substantially higher monthly rate for the same speed DSL. This is the kind of monopolizing AT&T is already guilty of. Anybody who wants to give them the power to reduce the speed of or block access on the internet, due to how much a user is paying, is just helping monopolies (under a different name so they don't legally have to admit it is a monopoly).
—David M. Brown, Ypsilanti, MI

Big monopolistic companies are bad for our freedom. Please protect us and keep them from ruining the internet. Save net neutrality!!!
—Kurt Cummings, Olympia Fields, IL

Please keep the net equally accessible to everyone. Corporations and independent entrepreneurs should have equal ground.
—Amy Jasmer-Flanders, Paynesville, MN

The internet must be treated as a public utility. Access for all - with full performance for all - should be a national goal. We should no more tolerate variable net performance than we would tolerate variations in the quality and price of electricity, water, or sewage.
—Steve Beall, Columbia, MD

Radio and TV airwaves are open and free. Why should the internet be any different so you allow different classes of online messages to take preference?
—James Grau, Santa Rosa, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and protect net neutrality!
—Ty Frazier, Tacoma, WA

The internet should not be hijacked from the public by greedy mega corporations. Do the right thing please.
—Silas peacock, Fresno, CA

No big corporation or government should control the internet. Let it be open to all..not controlled by corporations or governments.
—Phyl Morello, White Pine, TN

Those of us already on 'the slow road' in less urban environments, do not need another form of discrimination. Also, is this in the spirit of Tim Berners-Lee's gift of the web? Commercial firms can buy private connections now, and should not be allowed to buy us off the internet, to save them money.
—Mr Nick J H Dibben, Matlock,

Freedom of speech means free access to internet. Not some providers' version of it. Only have to look to China to see what the extreme version of this slippery slope looks like. Keep the net truly free.
—Derek Punch, san diego, CA

Please do not create Atwood tiered internet, one super fast lane for big corporate entities with the deep pockets and financial clout to buy advantages for themselves, and a slow lane for everyone else - diversity and variety of content, viewpoint and information availability on a "level playing field" have served the American people and the internet well. Don't give way to corporate giants for their greedy interests at the expense of neutrality for the internet, so everyone's voice can be heard or accessed!
—Bob Rankin, Austin, TX

I am TIRED of my government deferring to the richest corporations on the planet! I want my government to stand up for the vast majority of Americans whose labor and civic commitments MAKE AMERICA WHAT IT IS! Stop giving our internet to these corporations.
—Larry Dennison, Port Townsend, WA

Don't let money win out over the good of the people. The net was just getting really good. Keep the internet neutral!
—Laurie Staley, Spokane, WA

As a small business owner and entrepreneur I need net neutrality to ensure a fair environment for my work.
—Timothy Scott Barnes, Ruther Glen, VA

Internet is no longer a extra service. It's essential utility just like water and electricity and garbage utilization and maybe as far as being of importance like medical insurance. You can't sell cleaner water for more money or more stable electricity for more money etc I think users who exceed and abuse their download caps should be forced to pay extra. These money can cover whatever extra expenses are. But it's not logical or moral and should be illegal these days to filter which traffic (that I pay for equally!) should be prioritized or slowed down on my behalf. That is a form of censorship! Whose interest FCC is protecting and where it's loyalty must be?
—Vlad Mayzel, Coquitlam,

There are laws against monopolies for a reason. Enforce them and understand why they are important. Competition is good for everyone. But like I really think you care in the least what's right for the majority of Americans. All you care about is $$$$$$$. We'll see if I'm right.
—Gary F. Tinschert, Tampa, FL

Tom Wheeler's new plan is unacceptable. Please work to restore Net Neutrality.
—Lorianne Chavez, Greensboro, NC

It protects the rights of all to have free access to information without the restrictions of greedy sociopaths ruthlessly intent on their own selfish benefits.
—Daniel J. Fontes, Lafayette, IN

Chairman Wheeler's Internet plan would allow Internet service providers [ISPs] such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow road for everyone else. These ISPs would have the power to choose winners and losers online and discriminate against website content and applications. This plan is unfair and discriminatory and is wrong, wrong, wrong! Internet access has been neutral and should remain that way--with all users treated equally. I want neutral access to the Internet! Protect our access by reclassifying all ISPs as common carriers. Common carrier reclassification is the correct and proper way to protect a neutral Internet.
—Terry J. Williams, Shoreview, MN

We are the only developed country that is considering handing over our internet usage rights to corporations. The huge telecom companies have an easy enough time creating essentially a monopoly over "their product," please don't be the part of the government that allows them to become unchecked. Think about the people in the country, not the few giants that try to enforce their will
—Derek B, Austin, TX

I can't wait for all you money hungry old men to live out your time and let someone who actually gives a fuck represent the people. It's shameful that organizations like the FCC aren't willing to take a stand for simple reasonable rights as soon as there is money to be made. It's down right shameful. All you "representatives" represent the scum shit eating grinners that you are, living your lives for yourselves than the people you claim to care about. Thanks for lending another helping hand for crippling this nation that was once so great and prideful. Fuck you FCC.
—Mario E Hernandez, San Jose, CA

Please read the constitution - people before business/profit or money...honor your duty...
—Mary Ann Linehan, Wayne, PA

1) The internet does not need to be a profit center for corporate America. 2) The internet should not be turned into a vehicle for voices being heard only if they have enough money to buy their way.
—Tim Fleischer, Louisville, KY

The First and Fifth Amendments impose an affirmative obligation on the government to foster free speech, the press and petitioning the government. Thus, the Post Office properly fostered the wide dissemination of newspapers and periodicals for nearly all its existence. Net neutrality is the 21st Century equivalent of the Post Office, and net neutrality is vital.
—David Tykulsker, Montclair, NJ

Don't discriminate. Stop the greed now!!
—Joyce Read, Middletown, NJ

It is a part @ should be of our commons not the money trail!!!!!!!
—Diane Rapp, Christiansburg, VA

If those with money get to have their information put first, then the "marketplace of ideas" no longer exists, free information for an informed citizenry become biased in that the paid for information comes first. The Net is a common property, used by all for the sake of all of our benefit. It is not a money-based service. Stick up for the people, not corporations and profit. Make all our lives better, not just the lives of a few.
—Timothy Hoyer, Jamestown, NY

Please evaluate the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—J Beverly, Urbana, IL

The internet is the flow of information. Information is a form of speech - FREE SPEECH. Information is power. Allowing anyone or any organization the right to have a 'less restricted' flow above the 'People' is a slippery slope. The FCC should focus on net securitu and privacy instead of speed rstrictions! Either improve the speed for EVERYONE or leave it the Hell alone!
—Msgt Larry E Arenas Usaf, Retired, Mesa, AZ

The internet ABSOLUTELY MUST remain freely accessible to all people. At risk are fundamental equal access to information, which is a cornerstone of our democracy. Incumbent on this priority is a one-tiered internet of equal cost to everyone!!!
—James L. Wee Ph.D., New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is crucial to our society for the free flow of information. Otherwise using the internet will provide users with an endless commercial driven only by corporate and governmental interests. It will be fascism in full flower.
—J D Smith, Bridgeport, CT

The FCC is a public agency and therefore works for the public. That's the American public, not a handful of wealthy robber barons trying to bilk us and get richer.
—Stephanie Zappa, Oakland, CA

Big corporations already have enough structural advantages. If you think revolution wont happen here, you're wrong.
—George Duron, Austin, TX

To Chairman Wheeler: The new Internet plan you have proposed is outrageous. You continue to stay that you want a free and open Internet and then you show you either do not know what that means or you were disingenuous in your statements. The Internet should not have a slow lane, with a fast lane for those that can pay more. It should be a public service. We do not need this and it is bad for all of us. Please abandon this outrage and stop listening to Comcast and Verizon and instead listen to the public.
—Paul Kimelman, Alamo, CA

It is absolutely critical, in a free democracy, to keep its citizens informed and on a par with the monied special interests! Do not allow internet speed to be sold to the highest bidder!
—Michael McGee, San Luis Obispo, CA

Please do not let the cable corporations profit at the expense of our common interest.
—Darla Cash, Pahoa, HI

It is important to allow an open internet because that's what Democracy is all about. This type of action by the FCC to create a two-tiered wealth based access is a first step in creating a totalitarian system such as the one that brought about the eventual demise of the USSR.
—Todd Hauser, Ocean Park, WA

Change the internet, and you change how the world works. The country is sick and tired of corporate greed and politicking. Just stop and listen to the people already. The government works for us, NOT the other way around!
—Taylor Davison, Helena, MT

Stop iknterferring with the future. Let the net be!
—Brandon Landas, Leesburg, VA

Net Neutrality has proven to be an avenue of free expression and democracy where they have been threatened in the 21st century.
—Ian Iverson, Royal Oak, MI

It is important that these big companys cant push all americans around and to have totalitarian control over us
—Michael, Taylor, MI

Because the Internet is not a property to be owned by the old guard telecoms.
—Glenn Rempe, San Francisco, CA

Companies with money should not have better access to the internet than we the people. Throw out your proposed rules and reclassify internet providers as common carriers!!
—Mrs. Sylvia Ollinger, San Diego, CA

Free flow of information and ideas are necessary for a sane and healthyv society. Your dreams of global domination WILL fail, better stand with the people than with the kleptocrats
—John Wozniak, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it assures fair access to internet users in all income brackets. It also fosters start-ups. Finally, I suspect cable companies are not short on cash and providing them new opportunities to exploit internet users is not very appealing.
—Steven Gutman, Rockville, MD

Net neutrality is critically important to maintaining equal access to information for citizens and consumers of internet content, as well as avoiding unfair competition from internet providers. I urge the FCC to protect net neutrality.
—LW Allstatdt, Cooperstown, NY

I view the ISPs, and my use of the Internet as no different then my cable TV, my telephone, the radio, electricity, natural gas, water - whatever it is, wherever I am, there it is for my use and benefit at the same level of delivery without interference of others dictating how I am to receive those commodities. And it should remain that way! I employ you to please not bow to and cow-tow to these corporate gougers so they may lesson and cheapen the services they provide to the normal average user. That's me the normal average user, John Q average citizen, the one who, in reality, will be hurt by your proposals.
—Randall Parker, Palm Springs, CA

I depend on fair & equal access to the internet for my very small, one-woman business. If Net Neutrality crumbles, and it costs more to be able to have high-speed internet access than it already does, My small business will also crumble. After a layoff 5 years ago from my last full-time graphics position, I have been unable to find a full time job. I'm now 58, and there are very few employers willing to hire older workers. So, will you hire me if I'm put out of business due to the end of Net Neutrality?
—Nancy Michon, Houston, TX

Real net neutrality is knowledge and a voice for all please don't take this away from everyday citizens
—Susan Clouser, Springdale, AR

For a fair and balanced free market. For the sanctity of small business which is the backbone of this country. To not creat a heirarchy where the rich get richer and the poor stay poorer. The internet must remain a fair, balanced and equally opportunistic playing field. By making a fast and slow lane you will be throwing free market capitalism completely off balance.
—Zack Krone, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Neutrality is VERY important...not just to me, but to millions who have the right to find out and read anything that's being said/written!! Where else? Save the internet for NEUTRALITY!
—Bethany Lynn, Concrete, WA

I have terminal cancer and only way I have to stay in touch with family and friends is with the internet! Please keep it open!
—Luther Thorn, Huntsville, TX

It's time for you to take the side of the average person and STOP HELP BIG BUSINESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Katherine Schwirzinski, Toledo, OH

please restore true net neutrality by not moving forward with paid for faster channels for certain sites. please also categorize the internet as a common carrier as it originally should have been.
—Ellen Ryder, Sedalia, CO

Tom Wheeler / FCC-- Protect Net Neutrality . FCC -- Throw out the rules that will allow for corporate discrimination, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Thank you. TJ.
—Thomas Jefferson, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The Internet belongs to everyone. Protecting Net Neutrality would prevent discrimination against most users of the internet. Giving this power to Internet Service Providers, would take away what we enjoy about the internet and give it to only those that can afford it. That is discrimination and discrimination is wrong no matter how you look at it. We have laws protecting us from discrimination. Maybe we should amend those laws to include protections for Net Neutrality. Thank you, Norman D. Williams
—Norman Williams, Austin, TX

The internet is the voice of the people. It is the root and base of American freedom. It must remain neutral. Please implement the strongest regulations possible to keep the internet neutral and equal for all.
—Amy Stanberry, winter Springs, FL

ISPs should be and must be common carriers....anythng less is an insult to our legal and moral public stances.
—Robert Greenstein, Boca Raton, FL

You are a government for the people, NOT corporations. This is outrageous. No discrimination in the net.
—Lynn Levy, Forest Hills, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the net neutral. All data should be treated equally regardless of who created it. ISPs must not be allowed to play favorites among websites. Do not allow a two-tiered system. Keep the internet open and prevent companies from discriminating against different kinds of websites and services. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. A free and open internet promotes innovation. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. We need net neutrality.
—Richard Colombini, St. Louis Park, MN

we need to increase the speed for everyone not just a few!
—Holly Riker, Harwood, TX

Allowing two classes of providers would further exacerbate the have and have-not problem we have in this country. Please do not allow this to happen.
—Barbara Adde, Arlington, VA

While I believe that the simple act of connecting one computer to another (or group of other computers and servers as one does when connecting to the internet) should not be charged at all, the idea that in addition to this connection charge on the connector end the connectee should have to pay as well is ridiculous. This is not Capitalism; this is greed. It is what the government would call "double-dipping" if one did something similar on his or her taxes and "fraud" if done elsewhere. The FCC is a joke, and I have seen nothing worthwhile promoted by this organization.
—Jenafer Dummitt, Sugar Hill, GA

As a self employed engineer, an affordable internet connection is my life blood. "nuf said"
—Costa Chitouras, Somerville, MA

The free flow of information is the only thing I have faith in to make us a better species.
—Dinh Nguyen, Hazle Township, PA

I don't want my GATEKEEPER deciding who should reach me faster based on a financial relationship they setup to EXTORT money from a content provider. I want to decide which site I visit based on the content company's great service or product! The American Internet consumer can make this distinction when Net Neutrality is governed in the network! Grow a backbone and do what is "right" by the Internet consumer -- Classify ISP providers as the "common carriers" that they are! But also include interconnection as well. Without this crucial piece, ISPs will continue to discriminate against competitor content providers by enacting indiscriminate (EXTORTION) tool roads into their networks!
—Dave Kalata, Seattle, WA

Let there be a common good.
—P Longo, Merced, CA

Net neutrality is what's made the internet what it is today. Setting up a multi-tiered system would only serve to empower providers to turn the internet into a cable subscription, lining their pockets at the expense of a proven open internet.
—Armando R Camacho, San Diego, CA

Apart from anything else - it's democracy st***d
—Ian Sanderson, Tarbert,

Net neutrality means I can continue to play with the "big boys." I'm an author and entrepreneur. I'm also a Creative Director for a software company. My career, my livelihood, depends on a free and open internet. Artificially limiting the capabilities of this, one of the greatest advancements in history, will harm me and millions of other Americans by taking away a level playing field, where we can innovate and grow and compete even with large corporations. The internet has become an essential asset for human life on Earth, not just the US. There are freedom movements that depend on a free and open internet, to help in the fight against tyranny and oppression. There are services aimed at helping battered women and children. There are services aimed at feeding the starving, reducing the impact of poverty, saving lives by connecting human beings to each other. The proposed changes to net neutrality threaten that. Small businesses need the internet to stay open. Individuals need the internet to stay open. Movements of people need the internet to stay open. It seems the only entities that want to end net neutraility are the ISPs, who want to break a working system in the name of increased profit. Company's that already post billions in profit each year want to post even higher numbers at the expense of everyone else. Please do not let this minority rule. Take bold action. Strike down opposition. Protect our nation and our world from oppression by the few, who see their power as superseding the will of an entire population.
—Kevin Tumlinson, Missouri City, TX

Creating different tiers of access to the internet is like creating different tiers of access to water. A free and open internet is fundamentally available to everyone (like water). It seems creating different tiers of access has a sole function of creating artificial money streams. What common good comes from creating artificial money streams by changing a fundamentally open and free system? Information connects me with my friends down the street or across the world. Access in real time speeds reduces my carbon footprint because I save spending gas to send/receive messages. Access to information is central to the functioning of a participatory democracy. There's already a challenge to find balanced journalism for public information. Creating artificial barriers to information would further block attempts to participate as a citizen of our community, nation, and world. Ultimately, the internet fundamentally provides a free and open access to information. This is a public commodity, and critical to optimal function of our society. Information is to be shared, and celebrated by ourselves, and our children's children. Imagine the destruction limits to water provide people. Why create artificial limits of a similar public commodity like the backbone of information sharing--the internet?
—Todd Hierlmaier, Edina, MN

What comes through the atmosphere should be available to all, although the equipment to obtain that data/information should be purchased, the content should be free (see Marconi, et sequitor). Along with that free content it absolutely must be neutral. Separate is NOT equal.
—Robert J. Cassinelli, Sacramento, CA

Why should we be anything like China? We don't need internet control just to satisfy the greedy rich plutocrats. European countries are moving forward while we're going in reverse and their moving faster at a much $cheaper$ cost. I don't trust or like lobbyist and if a special interest (AT&T, Comcast and Verizon) can get their boy (Wheeler) in a government position to rig the playing field anything is possible, they absolutely do not have Main streets interest on their agenda. BUT HEAR ME NOW IF YOU FIGHT THE PEOPLE THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT BACK!
—James K. Inkenbrandt, Tennyson, IN

DON'T LET BIG BUSINESS CONTROL THE INTERNET
—Marsha Foster, tomball, TX

THIS IS VERY SIMPLE: I ALREADY PAY FOR INTERNET! I ALREADY PAY FOR NETFLIX! WHY SHOULD I GIVE NETFLIX MORE MONEY TO GIVE TO MY INTERNET PROVIDER WHEN I FEEL I'M PAYING A GOOD AMOUNT TO MY PROVIDER ANYWAY??!?!?! And by the way, would someone PLEASE eject Mr. Wheeler from his position as head of the FCC and show him the door!
—Joe Baldridge, Ringgold, GA

Net Neutrality is so important because it helps to keep the internet free, which is what makes the internet so great. Freedom! The internet should be the essence of what America was once--a place where you can be free without having to pay companies that are already rich enough so that their greed can thrive and grow. Don't let America become even more soiled by having Net Neutrality destroyed.
—Madeline Scott, Springfield, MO

The intent of the internet is to be open. It was created this way. That was its intent. Opposing net neutrality will in effect shut the internet down, and create gated communities of content. While big corporations would love this, it will ultimately be to everyone's detriment, even the corporations.
—Tim Boester, Dayton, OH

A tool as powerful as the internet should not be controlled by a select few corporations, who's interest is not that of the public, but that of their own wallets. Corporations don't care about equal access, or even freedom of speech. Their only concern is for their profit margins, and if that means cutting off Mary and Joe from a service that has become essential to our society just because they can't afford to help the CEO of Comcast buy another yacht, they will not think twice. Don't put the power to control this tool of the masses in the hands of a few elites. Leave it in the hands of the people.
—James Casey-clyde, Davis, CA

What was it that FCC stands for? Federal Communications Commission? or Federal Corporations Crusader? Is it for general communications of ordinary Americans? or for the rich, the "elite," the power-grabbers who view Americans as "consumers" at best? Are leaders like you public servants, or dictators using economics to further a biased agenda? Let's be real.
—Angelyn, Rosburg, WA

Removing net neutrality removes innovation because the real innovators will be throttled in favor of the large corporations that are currently lobbying the FCC and congress to kill net neutrality. This will also lead to data caps on home internet which will further the inhibition of innovation. ISPs should be classified as carriers such as 3G and 4G providers are considered carriers. This would help to preserve net neutrality and innovation.
—Bryce Nolen, East Sparta, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and the internet as a utility.
—Cristina Malcolmson, Portland, ME

Without net neutrality, corporations will be able to restrict our access to information, and our ability to participate as informed citizens in a democracy.
—Bill MacMurray, Chicago, IL

Protect Net Neutrality! There should be one form of communication and information in the world that is free! We have seen in other nations the extremes to which a lack of neutrality needs. Let the Net alone!
—Nancy Denning-Martin, Nashville, TN

Don't sell out. Make ISPs a utility. Protect the massive investment the citizens have made in developing the internet.
—Brendan Gallagher, Rogers, OH

Don't be evil
—Paul Lowenstein, Boston, MA

The internet should remain like it is, I am a very big fan of freedom and equality. I don't believe big business should get their hands on the internet to make more money because of greed. Tom Wheeler your job is to serve the people, not the greedy companies who only see dollars signs!
—Sharon, Lawton, OK

It's like a plan to relieve traffic on the freeway by converting a regular lane to a tolled express lane. If lots of people use the tolled lane it ends up being as crowded as the now fewer regular lanes. Only the toll collector wins.
—Mary Jozwiak, Dripping Springs, TX

After years of inaction on any concerns about issues faced by individuals (jump in volume for adds, lack of access for low power stations, unreasonable power limits for CB) when the FCC finally decides to act, the rich and powerful get the goodies. Stop fixing what ain't broke. Keep real net neutrality.
—David Harrelson, Centerville, TN

With the ability to determine, who has priority for the internet, you are inviting the first stages of censorship. Small companies will not be able to afford, the extortion, required the ISP's. Netflix can afford it (though they shouldn't have to pay). If the ISP's are so adamant, raise rates for users that exceed a certain amount. Then users have the right to pay it or not.
—Rob Krell, New York, NY

Without net neutrality the cost of internet access to consumers and small business will be prohibitive.
—Lawrence M. Berardi, Lancaster, PA

The Net is where I get my news. If there are two tracks, and I'm getting my news from the slower one, I'm a less-informed citizen. This is bad for democracy.
—Jane Hawes, Edmond, OK

Everyone should be able to access the internet in the same way. Huge companies should not be able to discriminate against internet users, should not be able to decide what the user can and can't access. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Rachael Brennskag, Baltimore, MD

The internet is the most important human communication innovation since the telephone. It must not be subverted or corrupted.
—Tadd A Morgan, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is very important to me because I want easy and fair access to online sites that are important to me. I DO NOT WANT WANT LARGE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE ATT&T, COMCAST, AND VERIZON TO CONTROL AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR ME REGARDING EASY ACCESS TO THE SITES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME!
—Lila Park, Central, SC

The big Corporations should not control the internet as our TAX dollars have paid for it so fat, not the big companies.
—Rich Conklin, Fort Myers, FL

Net neutrality is life blood of continued growth and development for businesses and democracy. A failure to maintain net neutrality will only speed up Americas decline into third world status.
—Paul Metzger, Portland, OR

When does two rates, paid fast and unpaid slow, become three or more, high-pay very fast, low pay slow, and no-pay no email delivery ? or even censorship ?
—Mr. Lane A. Whitesell, Oklahoma City, OK

Please don't overturn net neutrality because doing so will lead to much injustice.
—Si-Hua Chang, Wenham, MA

I can not afford extra costs due to discrimination.
—Kezia Masoner, Ankeny, IA

I believe net neutrality is very important. Please serve the people and not the pockets of corporate stakholders.
—Matt Stern, Williams, OR

I am retired and on a limited income but spend lots of time online. Would hate to go back to slow internet and have to pay for faster speed. Thought we took care of that a long time ago when we got rid of dial-up speeds!
—Nancy Braun, Oscoda, MI

DEFEND NET NEUTRALITY. DON'T CAPITULATE TO THE ISPS.
—Bill Lindner, Greenbrae, CA

No person should own the Internet this way. It is like the freedoms of people living in this nation. Keep the web neutral.
—Devon Antonio Dassaw, Miami Gardens, FL

This so-called "revision" of Internet rules proposed by FCC Chairman Wheeler is just another example of the HUGE influence big money has on our democracy. I, as a voter & taxpayer, am sick & tired of seeing my concerns continually trumped by the legalized bribery endemic in our government. Just once I'd like to see MY concerns & issues addressed. So, Chairman Wheeler, DO THE RIGHT THING: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Lisbeth Caccese, Van Nuys, CA

To support a free and open society with opportunity for all, access to the Internet should be fair and equitable for producers and consumers large and small. To this end, I strongly support the rejection of the proposed two-tier system and ask that ISPs be classified as common carriers.
—Mary Hrovat, Bloomington, IN

The proposed new internet rules are a crock. They will have a chilling effect on fair competition and provide a back door to censorship. Don't let the telecom provider's lobbyist decide the FCC rules.
—Henry Klein, Van Nuys, CA

Because it is hugely unfair to the small businessman. It also encourages more wealth disparity.
—Diana nadanyi, Bluffton, SC

I can't see how something that has brought down tyrannies, brought accountability to murderers and abusers, increased the knowledge of a generation 10 fold of their parents, and even allows the hold world to connect in an instant can, or even should possibly be given over to capitalistic favoritism. Which company owns the fiber cables shouldn't be the determinant for FREE business and trade practices, and certianly should put streaming caps on the FREE web. PLEASE, do not allow discrimination online, keep the internet free! I've grown up with the internet, and I couldn't imagine a place become constraint by greed. I love what the internet can do, and will do, but I can't stand to see it taken over by corporations who want to control it. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE! RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS COMMON CHARACTERS.
—Chad Zimmerman, Arvada, CO

It is important to me because the more monopolies we create the more inequality we create. We do not want to become a Third World Country.
—Maralupe Duarte, El Segundo, CA

The internet was developed with taxpayer dollars, and has evolved into critical infrastructure for our economy. For example, at my work, if the internet is down, productivity ceases. The internet is vital for communication, collaboration and innovation. The internet is as essential as electricity and should be treated as the utility that it has become. ISP's cannot be allowed to pick winners and losers in the economy by being permitted to commit shakedowns if internet users though a pay-to-play multi-tiered system.
—Michael S, Ventura, CA

THE INTERNET IS THE ONLY LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. DO NOT MESS WITH IT!!!
—David Enright, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't allow the media Giants to control access speeds. Keep the internet Equal for all users. Protect the Equal interests of all users. Their is enough profit taking now.
—Michael Keene, Nevada City, CA

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—Thomas Riedmueller, Round Rock, TX

Equal access to the internet is fundamental to a level playing field. DON'T sell us out to corporate domination yet again!!
—Brenda Procter, Columbia, MO

PROVE YOU ARE TRUELY AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PEOPLE AND PASS REAL NET NEUTRALITY THAT KEEPS THE INTERNET FREE FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE RICH.
—Oliver Minguillon, East Windsor, NJ

ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers, in order to preserve true net neutrality.
—Nigeala Nigrath, Seattle, WA

Preserve net neutrality and regulate the net as a common carrier.
—Charles Smith, Blaine, WA

we all own the internet..this action is illegal
—Robert Luke, auburn, CA

Net neutrality is important for economic growth. It helped create more economic growth since 1998 than anything a cable or phone-based internet provider itself could create if you give the even more of a stranglehold.
—Brendan R, savannah, GA

Internet Service Providers should not be determining what I see on the Internet and they should not be allowed to charge fees and create a two-tiered system. I want equal access for all sites!
—Gina Woods-Norris, Placerville, CA

NET NEUTRALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS SOURCES. THESE OPERATIONS EXIST ON A SHOE STRING BUDGET BUT PROVIDE ESSENTIAL NEWS THAT IS OTHERWISE NOT AVAILABLE. A DEMOCRACY CN NOT EXIST WITH OUT VITAL INFORMATION TO EDUCATE THE ELECTORATE.
—Don Smith, Piermont, NH

Chairman Wheeler: Your opposition to Net Neutrality is shameful: stand up for democracy and say no to the greedy telecommunication giants that have made you their puppet.
—Doug, Medford, MA

The FCC should adopt Net Neutrality rules that promote a more level playing field, instead of the current proposal.
—Debra Slater, Portland, OR

Ending net neutrality is a death sentence for innovation and creativity. As an actress, comedian, artist, and human being I consider this a horrifying threat. We are already falling behind the rest of the world in so many ways. Ending net neutrality is an attact on the American dream.
—Shalyah Evans, Yountville, CA

the Internet has become a necessity and yet we continue paying outrageous prices for lousy service. if anything the Internet should be regulated to keep the prices down and get better service. I'm sick of dealing with Internet companies continually raiseing your prices and giveing you worse service. Neutrality is ridiculous to allow companies to charge more for a faster speed we should be getting it faster anyway.
—Richard Parham, Arroyo Grande, CA

As poor people who can't afford cable tv, we rely on the internet for news, shows, and movie viewing, as well as school research and information and class attendance.
—Pennelloppe Allee, Beaverton, OR

Community Radio relies on fast internet that is not tiered. As it is now, the monopolistic stranglehold held by the cable/satellite companies pushes the price envelope every 6 months. Soon this will put out of business those who rely on the public trust.
—Arthur (R.D.) Grunbaum, Westport, WA

As someone who uses the Internet frequently I don't want the telecom companies to make it more difficult to access one company or site over another. There are things, including the Internet, that are too important to let making maximum profit be the overriding guideline.
—Butch Black, Woburn, MA

The Internet is a basic communication medium, the neutrality of which I think is important to our democracy. I do not want monied interests to effect the availability of the information which I am able to effectively access.
—Alex Perlman, Greenwich, CT

As a retiree living on SSI, I depend a lot on the internet to keep in contact with friends and relatives, news and information and shopping. A two tiered system would leave me in the slower lane as I couldn't afford to pay higher amounts to keep in touch with the world.
—Edward Sprague, Fort Lauderdale, FL

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're discriminatory, because they would allow for the creation of a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. It would give the providing companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, and leave users powerless to do anything about it.
—Christine Etapa, chicago, IL

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—Paula Shafransky, Sedro Woolley, WA

If there's no Net Neutrality, what's to stop Comcast or someone else from throttling my connection to the point that I can't play my online games that I've paid for? For that matter, that's to stop them from throttling yahoo mail to the point of it not working? FCC you need to get off your butt, the US developed the internet and now we're way behind several other country because of your bad rule making.
—Daniel Schmidt, Cedar Rapids, IA

FCC Chairman Wheeler: I believe that you are pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. I believe that your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. If approved, these rules would mean the end of net neutrality and I am strongly against them.
—Conrad Mulcahy, Brooklyn, NY

To whom it may concern, I've written several times explains how important net neutrality is to my husband's work (a designer), to my child's education, and our free flow of information. Please listen to our outcry, KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL, with NO COMPRISES!
—Kayla McKinley, Buffalo, NY

DO NOT ALLOW CABLE CORPORATIONS TO DESTROY NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Dahlia Wasfi MD, Dover, DE

Nobody is watching tv like they used to so now they want to attack the internet.
—Gail, Marietta, GA

The internet should be a right of every citizen! The FCC needs to maintain a real net FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Gaming the system for less than a handful of internet monopolies is unfair and un-American! FCC is there to protect the consumer, not Verizon, ATT, Comcast, etc. Mr. Wheeler should recuse himself from the vote since he has been a lobbyist for big telecoms!
—Albert Delgado, Calumet Park, IL

The whole point of the internet is to freely exchange information. Why is the FCC, under a Democratic administration, caving to large companies that want to control the internet? This is as undemocratic as Citizens United.
—Denise Turgeon, Charlotte, NC

The internet wasn't made to make a few people more money. Discriminating against those who can't afford a fast connection is absurd. We are already behind many countries when it comes to internet connection and connectivity, shame on them for trying to make it worse by making even more money off of us.
—Elizabeth S Weisblatt, Boston, MA

Extremely high pricing from Comcast as I have been subjected to their poor response to my complaints over the past nine years!
—Jerry Whaley, Lone Tree, CO

It's a no-brainer why having the net be an equal playing field is important to me and to every single person. Do the right thing, FCC. Protect the public (not the corporations), as you are mandated to do.
—Syd Norris, Santa Fe, NM

Broadband internet access *IS* a public utility. Broadband internet is *required* for most people's daily lives. Letting a few monopolistic corporations control how people experience the internet is one of the worst ideas in a very long time. Please reclassify it as a public utility and then make sure it stays protected and neutral.
—Stephen Wilcoxon, Edina, MN

Stop it.
—Betty Scully, Bloomington, MN

Service Providers should not regulate who gets service faster than others. This is discrimination.
—Dr. Gail Kirby, Bowling Green, KY

I do not want a two-tiered internet. I believe that would be a freedom of speech issue. We have the right to express ourselves online with no interference from AT&T, Comcast and Verizon.
—Beatrice Jeanne Calame, Bothell, WA

I already have to pay a bonus to Comcast just to have decent speeds for my internet service. Now you want to make that worse in order to benefit a few carriers. Reclassify the ISPs (that's internet service providers I hope you know) as common carriers - which is what they are. Every other western country is trying to provide faster internet to their citizens. You are doing the exact opposite. Is that in order to have cushy jobs waiting once you leave the FCC? I ask because there's no other reason to intentionally slow service.
—Rosemary Williams, Westport, WA

I rely on the Internet for equal access to credible information. I do not want non-profit and public media websites to be relegated to a slow lane because they are not in a financial position to compete with the likes of Netflix and Amazon.
—Julie Heath Elliott, Los Angeles, CA

STOP GIVING IN TO THE MONOPOLIES!!! YOU WORK FOR WE THE PEOPLE!! DO YOUR FRACKING JOB!
—Christopher Ryan, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is essential - freedom to communicate & function on the internet with the speed of companies. Please DO NOT END Net Neutrality!!! Harry Lilly
—Harry Lilly, Arlington, VA

Big corporations already have too much control and power, they don't need to have more.
—Kriss Crowdis-Mann, Idaho Falls, ID

Net neutrality has become a human rights issue. We condemn countries like China and North Korea for restricting the internet access of its citizens while our own government tries to do the same. These little steps like changing net neutrality will hurt the foundation of this country. America leads the world because we believe in freedom, well there is no better freedom than the internet. If Cable companies are allowed to control the means of communication then the freedom will only be given to those who can afford it. Those are not the principles on which this country was founded and will not sit well with the citizens who work so hard to make this country great. We elect a government to protect our rights and keep us safe from greed. But if cable companies are to control our means of communication and give more to the highest bidder, then what is the point of having a democracy? Let this be a learning point and a warning for the FCC: the American people are not idiots. Regardless of gender, race, political affiliation or economic class, we deserve the right to have a level playing field on the internet. If the FCC decides to give that right away, then we will take it back by all means necessary.
—Aria Fazlinejad, CHINO HILLS, CA

Every voice and opinion needs to be heard and be received without bias, not just the ones with the deepest pockets that would allow them to broadcast loudest and arrive more quickly
—Marcy Lynn, Brooklyn, NY

It is amazing to me that the entire government caters to the corporations rather then the citizens who are supposed to be in charge. Americans deserve a free and open internet!
—Lisa Bearden, Hillsdale, MI

Net Neutrality is an important factor to the continued learning and development of US citizens. The FCC is setting a terrible precedent for both the future and other companies, governments and persons. Endangering free internet is a threat to an all ready delicate social system by threatening to cut methods of learning and communication from people who most need it. Turning the internet into a common carrier is the best course of action for vast amounts of America, and will protect future interests.
—Eleanor Doyle, Dartmouth,

Do not break the internet. Putting corporate interests ahead of the individual will create a HUGE backlash. Don't we have enough social and economic issues without creating more? Leave the internet alone keep Net Neutrality the way it is.
—Jason Goldston, Pleasant View, TN

A free and open internet can be the beacon of truth that is our best hope of achieving true democracy and educating the world.
—Chris MacKrell, Long Beach, CA

I work in the Tech sector and for us the ramifications of this decision are massive. If the FCC allows ISPs to extort Tech companies by implementing their fast and slow lanes than one of the most vibrant, creative, and profitable parts of our economy will be pointlessly shackled to the whims of the most static and unchanging sectors of our economy. ISPs are among the largest monopolies in the country so allowing them even more freedom to impose their will and stifle competition will only harm the US in both the short and long term.
—Hans Reichenbach, York, SC

This Country was Established on FREEDOM. There is NO REASON why that should be disregarded
—James R Hector, Braidwood, IL

PROTECT FREE SPEECH FOR ALL PEOPLE; FCC PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Sharon Paltin, Laytonville, CA

It is CRITICALY important that the internet NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE MONETIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW CORPORATIONS. YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE -- NOT TO GUARANTEE THE PROFITS OF CORPORATIONS. DO THE RIGHT THING.
—Berkeley Stewart, Whittier, CA

The internet was funded by the government and became the vehicle to profoundly change the way we communicate, obtain information and other endeavors based on the "open" model. We should not drag us back to the stone ages just to satisfy corporations that own some of the pipes that make the internet operate, and prospered under the open model. They should not contol the access to the internet. Please take a longer view on behalf of the people of not just this country, but of the world. Sincerely,
—Gilbert Lee, Fremont, CA

The Internet was and is an integral part of my life socially and as a source of readily available information. It is quite frightening to have lived in the United States all these years under the assumption and belief that we live in a democracy in which the government is representative of the majority not the minority as represented in corporations. In this regard, discrimination will run rampant because corporations represent money and power. It is important to tighten the rules for corporate carpet baggers which only seek the bottom line for their shareholders. This is about money and how much can be extracted from the commons to prop up the oligarchy and their profit making schemes. The internet is the last frontier of freedom of expression and liberty of thought. Throw out the current rules that congress and lobbyist have sought to tamper with and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. It's so simple. Re-write the rules. Clarify and refine to prevent these monopolies from picking winners and losers and to discriminated against or for online content and applications. The internet is for the people and by the people. It is our last frontier of freedom of expression and use by the US and the global community. Listen, and listen closely to John Oliver, an Englishman, who sees through this charade that the AT&T, Comcast and Verizon's two tiered internet. He sees in between the lines...he sees the monopolistic avarice of these conglomerates. Make clear rules and deliver the internet back to the people and re-classify ISP's as common carriers. It is so clear and so easy to do so and the only way to protect "real" Net Neutrality.
—Helen B, Ventura, CA

These changes will destroy net neutrality and I do see how Mr. Wheeler can be an unbiased arbiter of this process given his industry background. Rest assured that if this goes forward the unforeseen economic impact will be substantial. I will advocate for a breakup of the large telecommunications providers much as in the case of Ma Bell.
—Frederick Arnold, Brewer, ME

Net Neutrality is a truly free and open internet, a level playing field and vital tool for today's world. FCC Chariman Tom Wheeler's proposal to allow bandwidth discrimination and falsely labelled 'fast lanes' would undo Net Neutrality and have a lasting negative impact on all levels of this country, with consequences filtering out to the rest of the world as well. Please classify ISPs as common carriers under Title II stipulations and give America what it needs: a truly free and open internet.
—Steve Awlasewicz, Darien, CT

We must maintain net-neutrality! The internet is an integral part of our life in the United States. It is the main source of communication in work and personal life. To allow winners and losers in the communication process is to create a disadvantage to the majority of citizens. Keeping net neutrality is the only way to keep creating jobs across this country as new businesses have to have an equal opportunity to compete on line.
—Margaret Schumacher, Tacoma, WA

The net must stay neutral-reclassify ISPs as common carriers-it is the right and fair thing to do. Also fire FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler for pushing the plan to allow rampant discrimination online. Follow the money.
—Debra Van Way, Mineral Wells, WV

Net Neutrality is important to me to help preserve the democracy we live in and keep a vitality in everyone to contribute and participate in society. Too much power in a few companies is a really bad thing for our future.
—Eileen Straus, Walnut Creek, CA

The internet is a basic communication tool now--it's NOT entertainment. It's wrong to give the rich and powerful even more control of this society. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and fire or impeach or what the hell ever Tom Wheeler.
—Randi Kander, tacoma, WA

This is a free speech issue. Allowing ISP's to regulate access to information for commercial gain is unfair to the consumer.
—Peter Auerbach, Portland, OR

Tom Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon create 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. Don't do it! Throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Fred Ferraris, Lyons, CO

We will not tolerate a two-tiered internet!!! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The public is sick and tired of public servants who cater to the interests of big corporations. Do your job and protect the public interest---net neutrality!!!
—Paul Deeter, Keaau, HI

If net neutrality goes away, the internet will essentially belong to the wealthy and to big corporations. The plans will destroy the ability of average people to use the net and of small businesses and non-profits to use it as well. This appears to be not only yet another government giveaway to the wealthy and powerful, but a way to shut down the voices of everyone else. The fix is available. Treat the net like a public utility. Otherwise, this is one more reason to stop calling the U.S. a democracy.
—Karen Jacques, Sacramento, CA

The Internet as we known it is founded on free exchange of ideas. It is the greatest vessel of communication, knowledge, and expression in existence. Corporations should not, under any circumstances, have the power to manipulate people's access to this medium for their own gain. Net Neutrality upholds Freedom of Speech in our changing era. While Internet providers argue that Net Neutrality would negatively impact their service, their small hurdles cannot be compared to the gravity of American freedoms. Providers have already proven that they will gleefully manipulate people's access to content based on corporate pressures and to make money. The objections they raise are nothing but smoke screens to hide their panic over potential loss of power. Do not let America's access to the most vital tool on the global stage become a puppet for corporate whims. Support Net Neutrality with an iron first and put the overwhelming will of he American people before big business.
—Maryann Simpson, Spotsylvania, VA

I am totally against any change to the current internet structure. I used to be a network engineer at MCI communications and I understand why companies would like to have this but it is a HUGE disadvantage to startups and new businesses and small businesses. Yes, on the surface it seems harmless but in reality it is not when you look at this as a network engineer. It is very detrimental. Interestingly enough, john Oliver's piece does a great job of pointing out the obvious impacts. There are much more greater impacts at the architectural layer that WILL impact new business and opportunity. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to go away.
—Jeff Leonard, Raleigh, NC

No telecom-cable monopoly please. No gutting of Net Neutrality, please. We saw what giving Wall Street and the banking industry complete lack of oversight did to our economy. Lets not do that again. NO to ending net neutrality and letting the telecoms bleed us with outrageous bills and outrageously bad service.
—Cathy Murphy, Arvada, CO

Net Neutrality is hugely important because larger companies would immediately smother smaller ones and we would have total bias in a very short period of time.
—Diana Rojek, oxford, NY

IT WILL KEEP THE NET FROM BEING DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED BY MASSIVE CORPORATIONS WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT MONEY AND POWER.
—Mark Simpson, arcadia, CA

Real freedom is important, there is no real freedom anymore here in the United States of America and having at least one place where the founding principles can be is important! Don't let yourselves get bought by companies like Comcast, redefine it as a common carrier like it should be. It is something greater than what you are trying to turn into. Make it so companies have to fight for their customers again, I want fair prices, great service and support that works. Comcast doesn't give a shit about it's customers and doesn't deserve to be king of the castle. I want Google fiber. Not stuck with shit.
—Andrew Leonard, Ramsey, MN

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon already charge a ridiculous price. Giving them this will give them a unwanted control of where I can go on the Internet.They are already monoplies with too much power.
—Michael Diks, Chicago, IL

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Michael Barillas, Sanford, FL

Neutrality is important to all us, and most of all, to you.
—Greg Fugate, Highland, IL

Your decisions will impact the whole internet. The internet should not be turned by your law and rule making into another instrument of corporate exploitation. The internet is the servant of the world's populations. Don't pervert that to please the greedsters.
—Arthur Jarrett, Newport-on-Tay,

You have the ability to do what is best for the general public. Please save net neutrality.
—Terri Winter, Fairplay, CO

First let's note that the reality of the net stands on innumerable factors which derive from the 'commons'. That is, thousands of years of developments in math, metallurgy, physics, etc. not to speak of the Defense Depts contributions. Because some company added some innovation or merely bought another company does not merit "ownership". The idea of catalyzing even more inequality at a time in history when the top 1/10th of 1% controls and enormous amount of wealth compared to the top 1% isn't just a matter of fairness...The quality of life has fallen drastically over the last decades, that inequality goes to education and health, well being (basic living takes multiple earners while kids go unattended in the US, early death (the life expectancy of women in Mississippi actually fell by 4 years), etc. No one who's been paying attention needed Piketty to know that wealth has been trickling UP forever. A freer, inexpensive internet could be a countervailing force. OK it's obvious that to truly make these arguments would take a metaphorical super fast brain connection to amass the totality of the argument. I, of course, realize that there's only a sliver of a chance to lift a flap or tug on a loose thread to influence your moral compass (if you've risen to the level decision maker, you've already sold your soul a thousand times), so forgive me if I've interrupted you for a nanosecond (I'm really counting on the possibility that a lower ranked worker with an understanding for the need for moral ballast).
—Bernard McDowell, Milwaukie, OR

i am sick, so very sick, of rich people getting everything they want and more. do they have to "own" the internet, too? maybe they've purchased your eyes, too? ISP's are common carriers!!!
—Steven K. Uchida, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

All websites should be treated equally for them to even stand a chance of success! How can anyone come out with a newer better website to meet our needs if companies are basically forcing us to like them less (with capping their speed)? STOP THIS NOW!
—Ryan Steadman, Gloucester, VA

If the Internet does not remain free there will be many people who will not be able to afford access in an equal way. This is one more step towards discrimination of the not super rich to control access to information.
—Antoinette Boscacci, Marysville, WA

Keep the internet EQUALLY accessible to ALL not just those who can afford it. Keep the net neutral.
—Norma Capparrille, Leyden, MA

As th internet was created with public funds, equal availability to all is essential, and the right thing to do.
—Eddie Havoc, Glen Cove, NY

Just another way for them to charge us more for getting less. Bad idea.
—Linda Jacques, Prior Lake, MN

I want to be able to freely communicate with other internet users without confronting obstacles deliberately put in place by big business in order to extort more money out of the general public. The net should DEFINITELY be a utility.
—Patricia Burrows, Saint Charles, MO

Net neutrality is one of the purest forms of democracy in this day and age. When large corporations have so much financial power, net neutrality levels the playing field for everybody else. For the independent or small business, net neutrality means having equal access to the marketplace. Don't allow corporate interests and power destroy yet another vital part of our democracy.
—Kym Tuvim, Seattle, WA

ISP's are virtual monopolies and should never be involved in deciding who does or does not get a "fast lane" on the web. Web infrastructure is like transportation infrastructure - the greater the traffic, the greater the expansion of the system - but we should never open the door for possible abuse of such a system by a ring of super-wealthy corporations. Keep ISP's as common carriers and consultants - NOT profiteering gate keepers and middle men. The Net Neutrality debate will be a true test of how much the power players in our nation value genuine freedom for all. Keep the internet free and open - FOR EVERYONE!
—Stephen Hahn, Tucson, AZ

I do not support the current proposition to allow Internet providers the ability to charge other companies for a faster connection. This proposition, in my humble opinion, suppresses innovation and free market ideologies and creates an unfair advantage for companies in a position to afford a faster connection. Despite what economic factors may be involved in your decisions, the ideology of such a proposition is fundamentally flawed and disregards the fundamental basis of the United States Constitution and free markets. You are all American citizens, I implore you to uphold the rights of internet users to not be subject to discrimination because of their financial position in life. The internet is the last place we can truly experience equality, in all its wonder. Equality at it's core means no matter what circumstances apply, that all parties are treated equally. This proposition is the antithesis to equality on the internet and therefore should not be approved. Please find a way to enforce true net neutrality. If it means reclassifying Internet providers as another class of provider, so be it. Don't let equality die at the hands of corruption and greed. You are our last hope.
—Shane Conroy, Herndon, VA

This is far more important than most people yet realize. And the fundamental choices are clear: keep the internet open and accessible, or hand it over to giant corporations. Please, do the right thing. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Charles Thiessen, Lincoln, NE

Keep the internet available to everyone at the same speed. That helps new growth which equals new jobs. Big business and rich people already have the ability to grow but small business and people w/less money need equal footing on the internet.
—Steve Elliot, Swisshome, OR

I'm a consumer. That's what we Americans have been forced into doing. We're told to consume. When I hear that the cable companies have bribed their lobbyists into positions at the FCC in order to make decisions beneficial to cable companies over the rights of consumers and providers, it makes me mad. Mad consumers are bad for business. Businesses who bribe in order to not compete and instead monopolize the marketplace will not reap profits from consumers who walk away from the whole mess. You'll lose business, Comcast. FCC, do your job to protect citizen consumers.
—Jon Genova, Wheat Ridge, CO

The internet and all ISPs are common carriers in today's world. It would not be permitted if your regular phone service required you to be on hold with long wait times and disconnects before connecting with ordinary people or small businesses and only gave you a quick reliable connection if you were calling large mega-corporations. Same should be true for the internet which often replicates phone use now.
—Wayne Burkey, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such. Preserve net neutrality!
—Frank A. Brincka, Sussex, NJ

These changes would end the power of the Internet and give the power to a few giant companies instead. Enough!
—Vic Warren, Kailua Kona, HI

Stop trying to sacrifice Net Neutrality so a few corporations can make even more big bucks at the expense of the rest of us. Has democracy become so cheap that it's become expendable to the highest bidder?
—Joel Cruzada, Beaumont, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should be NO discrimination against online content and applications. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Judi Hershman, Foxborough, MA

It's very simple: without Net Neutrality, free speech and democracy fall further under the influence of ISPs. They will literally hold all users hostage to their whims and fee structure. Please don't be remembered as the appointees who served corporations before the nation they had the duty to defend. Common carrier status for all providers is a minimum level of regulation for which to strive.
—Robert Schreffler, Spring Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is important because neutrality and access is one of the last possibilities of keeping equality for all attainable.
—B Miller, new york, NY

I feel that eliminating net neutrality would be a great burden on the world's economy and well being.
—William Stone, Park City, UT

Because the rich should not be running this country!!! We are all now second class citizens to the 1%. Revolution is coming. We are sick of special priviledges for only the few.
—Kristina Peterson, Edmonds, WA

We want REAL net neutrality!
—Rebecca Dries, Decatur, GA

Please do not allow a two-tier internet access system
—Randall Sutton, Kirkland, WA

Please keep net neutrality. This country needs to keep a level playing field for everyone.
—Zarra Hermann, Portland, ME

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—Kristina Peterson, Edmonds, WA

Your proposed new rules would mean the end of net neutrality. This is undemocratic. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do what's right for all of the people of this country instead of just AT&T, Comcast and Verizon's bottom line!
—Barbara Capron, Hampton, NH

Freedom and Equality
—Edgar J Flippin, Yucaipa, CA

Allowing ISPs this kind of power over access to the internet, both by controlling the speed at which users can access content, and by which content and apps users will be able to access and use, goes against everything the internet stands for. Please reject this plan and protect net neutrality.
—Marguerite Barragan, Watsonville, CA

reclassify isp's as common carriers
—Graham Moore, LILBURN, GA

I believe the people should own the air waves and we should decide how we want the internet to be used freely. To put up what ever we want at no cost, it is a vehicle for free speech and this should not be owned by one agency who can they discriminate, charge, suppress and oppress the information the users etc... The way it is set up now is serving us best. If it aint broke don't fix it! It isn't broke, no one has a problem with it except the greedy corporations, gov't who is very much a control munger these days.
—Skye Verbeek, Calgary,

Net neutrality is one of the few tools still available to a diminishing democracy as the United States careers toward oligarchy. Keep net neutrality viable. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Geoffrey R Skoll, Milwaukee, WI

ISPs should not have the power to discriminate against users based only on their ability to pay. This is undemocratic and only worsens the corporate buying-of-the-gov't.
—Mary Utt, Orleans, MA

Please live up to your own mandate -- non-discriminatory access to the radio spectrum is now non-discriminatory access to the Internet. The Internet is a global library, and knowledge should be free.
—William Anton Rohm, Portland, OR

DO NOT LET THE TELECOM MONOPOLIES (COMCAST, TIME-WARNER, AT&T,etc.) charge FEES for those who can PAY and leave the rest of us with dreadfully slow connections. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY !!!
—P de Magalhaes, Portland, OR

As I am against any kind of discrimination I am against the plan the FCC Chairman T. Wheeler is proposing. I pay to receive the Internet and although I cannot pay as much as some other people, I strongly believe that I am entitled to the same service and speed as anyone else.
—Elke Hoppenbrouwers, East Haven, CT

Because I've already been threatened to be denied further service by Comcast by my continuing withholding of payment for which I was charged, for their free one-year offer for which I was eligible. (I finally paid under protest.) [My transcript of my communications with Comcast Customer Service in this matter is available.] They don't need anymore freedom to bully.
—Hallows Ray, Princeton, NJ

I am not alone in believing that the net is a public utility :read - not for corporate aggrandizement!
—Margaret C. McHugh, Sparta, NJ

Compared to other countries we're already receiving shoddy, overpriced service. Without net neutrality you might as well ban internet use in the US.
—Tico Kelley, Austin, TX

Don't Americanize this shit too...
—David Imola, Englewood, CO

Keep the Net neutral and equal! To do otherwise is to give in to corruption.
—Sukey Hughes, Santa Ynez, CA

unrestricted freedom of speech. This is the beauty of the internet and key to a free country and free people. even if it offends me or others, I still believe there should be no corporate or government control of the internet.
—Mike, internet, NY

Don't allow this country to become even more elitist.
—Peggy Alt, Philmont, NY

Net Neutrality means democracy and free speech.
—Jim Wolf, Glenwood Springs, CO

The Internet is the only form of media where ordinary people can exchange ideas. It is the only open and free media outlet.
—Frank Fredenburg, Milford, PA

I keep in communication with my family and do a lot of banking through the internet. It would be a great disadvantage to me if I were not able to do this in a convenient and efficient manner!
—Pat Chefalo, Rochester, NY

why would you remake the internet in the shape of new America? New America is a two tiered system: one for the rich to abuse as they see fit, and one for the rest of us...
—andy tomsky, san marcos, CA

It is important to save Net Neutrality because a free and open internet is important to creating a free and equal society. Preventing small businesses from having the same opportunities as major corporations not only limits opportunities, but will also cripple the economy even further. If we want America to remain competitive with the rest of the world, we cannot destroy the internet as we know it. If we truly believe in freedom, we will make sure that Americans are free to pursue every opportunity they can to live the best lives possible. Destroying Net Neutrality is in direct opposition to everything America stands for and considers acceptable.
—Kelly M Smith, Cincinnati, OH

All sites should have the same access to the highest speeds available. This should not be determined by ISP's who clearly do not have the public's interest on their agenda.
—Mr. Nathan Winslow, San Diego, CA

The 1% have enough. They have bought our gov't and now will own the net if this passes. They own the newspapers, TV news outlets and now the internet. We are soon to become a dictatorship owned and run by the 1%.
—Beverlee Patterson, Ballston Spa, NY

I use the net for communication, information gathering and dissemination, and commerce. I have a small shop and would like not to be crushed by the big boys. This is pure extortion and against anti trust laws as well. It is also against the Constitution, which is still the law of the land, since it will end up crushing free speech.
—Lynda Leibowitz, New Smyrna Beach, FL

The internet should be free and upon to the public and not controlled by large corporations. The notion of democracy depends on freedom of press, speech, and communications.
—Lanc Jordan, New York, NY

BROADBAND BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC. WE ALLOW CARRIERS TO USE OUR PROPERY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE DEMAND REAL NET NEUTRALITY IN RETURN FOR THIS GIFT.
—Mr Timothy M McBride, Hackensack, NJ

The internet is now a very important means of communication. Our voices, our freedom of speech is not a commodity to be sold to the highest bidder!
—Vickie McAlister, Eugene, OR

Lets keep a democratic press that is neutral to all: rich or poor
—Eric Nisonger, San Tan Valley, AZ

CC throw out your RULES and Instead reclassify ISP'S as common carriers...
—Francesca Johnson, HAYWARD, CA

Keep the internet free
—Jon Dotson, Stone Mountain, GA

WE MUST PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS!
—Rob B Fink, Elkins, WV

I support net neutrality, and join the majority of the populace demand to maintain net neutrality, in opposition to the plutocratic threat to exploit it!
—Sherry Bender, New York, NY

The net should be free. big companies like comcast shouldn't be able to rule what goes through the connection and at what speed. They should just provide it.
—James, Nashville, TN

I think that the ONLY people that would benefit from these proposed changes are the companies that look to make even MORE money than they ALREADY ARE. They are common carriers and DO NOT deserve any SPECIAL TREATMENT.
—Randal James, Bloomingdale, OH

Internet is the only really free place in this world. Please save it...
—Nicolás Gaete Gaete, Morelia,

My family already has suffered from low bandwidth simply because of where we live and the fact that we can't afford to pay $70 a month for satellite internet. Your rules will further restrict the benefits of the internet to those able to pay higher fees. The vast benefits realized by the internet have largely been the result of universal, free or low-cost access, which is exactly how we leveraged the benefits of the telephone! Your rules will turn the entire concept on its head! Imagine what might have happened if your new rules had been applied to telephone service! Only the wealthy able to communicate in emergencies, to call in sell orders during a market fall! The only way to fix this situation is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Robert Augello, Escondido, CA

I want the next generation to have the chance to start up great online content businesses the way my generation has. Fast lanes will favor the establishment over the innovators and entrepreneurs. End game, 3-4 big ISPs and 3-4 big content companies, and that is bad for all consumers. Stop this madness. Keep the internet unshackled.
—Leonard Robert Darnell, Loma Linda, CA

I'm an entrepreneur who built a business without starting capital. I bootstrapped it into a strong business that is growing and provides well paid jobs for many. I could not have done this if the internet were not open--transmitting data to and from my servers as an equal to every other company. That my competitors with deep pockets couldn't buy advantage in data exchange. Protect net neutrality. Protect the opportunity it provides.
—Howard Keziah, Charlotte, NC

A truly neutral Internet is crucial to free expression and public discourse in this and future decades. No one should own it. No one should control the flow of its content other than neutrally. There's plenty of bandwidth for everyone
—Mr. Edward Costello, Santa Monica, CA

Without Net Neutrality the internet as we know it ceases to exist. Don't let the ISP determine their own regulation.
—Aaron Brunette, Minneapolis, MN

A criticism not uncommonly leveled against contemporary political officials and organizations is that they are beholden in their views and policies to moneyed, often corporate interests. While the same has been true of the internet, a healthy government oversight of Net Neutrality has kept it from the political limelight until recently. It's my expressed desire that Broadband ISP's be reclassified as common carriers as opposed to the current proposals being entertained by the FCC.
—Jay Beard, Pine Valley, CA

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Betty Blanco, Princeton, NJ

Done be lame, keep the internet free!
—David Lin, Sacramento, CA

Free speech and an independent media are the basis of democracy.
—Barbara A Bondurant, La Verne, CA

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We need fair, free and equal internet - net neutrality.
—Eileen Macmillan, Lafayette, CA

we need net neutrality, it is the only equal playing field left to people.
—Sergio Sanchez, walnut, CA

We live in a world where discrimination is becoming an every day occurrence, we can't let that pattern continue.
—Morgan Yigdal, PITTSBORO, NC

Net neutrality is necessary to preserve our Freedom of Speech. Do not segregate our rights for corporate greed!
—Gary S. Watkins, Longmont, CO

Do the right thing for a nuetral internet. You know what that is and it is not special interests. Do you job "for the people". Be honest.
—Stuart Rothrock, Tampa, FL

Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. That is what they really are. Chairman Wheelers plan is undemocratic and unacceptable. A two tiered internet favoring fast connections for the wealthy and slow connections for the rest of us undermines the true power of the internet. Small companies presently have equal utilization of the WWW as big multinational conglomerates. Not so with Mr. Wheeler's proposed rules. Scrap them.
—Ken Stevenson, Saint Paul, MN

The Internet is the most important way ordinary people are able to express our opinions. Please make sure it remains open and on a level playing field for all users -- not easily accessible for rich people and corporations and difficult for the rest of us. This is a vital part of our democracy in the 21st century. Please reclassify ISP providers as "common carriers." Thank you.
—Judy Turner, Corning, CA

The Internet is fundamentally vital to us. The Internet should be categorized as a public utility.
—Sheri Strite, Portland, OR

To express and communicate without hindrance is true freedom.
—Ray Thompson, West Hollywood, CA

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—Lesley Ahmed, Seattle, WA

Why should cable companies have more power over Internet service than they already do? They already charge ridiculous prices for sub-par speeds. I adamantly oppose the notion of a "fast lane" that the FCC is wanting to give to cable companies. The Internet is a free and level playing field for startup companies. Keeping the Internet neutral is the essence of American ingenuity and capitalism.
—Gavin West, Cumming, GA

You stand as the guardian of the most fundamental parts of our democracy, our freedoms of speech, press, association as well as commerce. If you don't maintain the neutrality of the Internet, which was created and developed by tax dollars and so actually belongs to the people, you betray your fundamental mission.
—Mary Robbins Jones, Beaumont, TX

Net neutrality is essential to keep democracy functioning.
—Lucinda Hannon, Avon, CT

The Internet is the greatest tool humanity has for the sharing of information. It should not be censored or blocked off. Please preserve Net Neutrality.
—Taylor Smith, New Carlisle, OH

It is just plain wrong to allow the huge internet service providers to discriminate against those individuals that do not have the money to pay. It is unfair, and it would create a huge monopoly among the service providers. It would ruin the internet as we know it. Keep the internet Neutral!!!
—Catherine Lanzl, Encinitas, CA

Don't make us seem like high-tech Victorians! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Aradia Farmer, Corvallis, OR

Pls classify the net as a common carrier.
—Grace W Tiessen, Pasadena, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality!
—Daniel, Buena Park, CA

I read a good comment. If one of the providers bought another one out, it would spend all it's money paying for it, and not spend it updating the service it is providing to the consumers. Mary R.
—Mary Rowley, Hettinger, ND

freedom of expression and easy access to communication on the Internet is essential to an open democratic society.
—Scott Clift, Portland, OR

An open and free net is important for keeping innovation and creative business alive. It is the only way to keep the US competitive in education, business and other sectors globally.
—Nicholas Stevens, Denver, CO

We must keep money out of the Internet.
—Ruth Reynolds, Durham, NC

SAVE THE INTERNET AND SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY AND THE WORLD!
—Aaron Pearl, Culver City, CA

DO NOT screw up my internet! It is fine the way it is without people chopping it up.
—Donald Miller, Littleton, CO

Net neutality is of great importance to the public and our natuon's economy. Equal access to the internet allows people to learn new skills, educate themselves on social and political issues and stay connected with others. It allows entrepreneurs to innovate, invent new products and services. It allows businesses to grow, innovate and create jobs. Net neutrality is also the only credible position the FCC can take. ISP's could upgrade their equipment and eliminate the need for restricting traffic. Furthermore, the internet was created with taxpayer funds. Giving ISP's the ability to create fast lanes is just another example lobbyists-turned-public-offici als giving handouts to their former employers at the cost to the public. Support net neutrality.
—Jonathan shkiele, Chicago, IL

It's not broke, so don't fix it. It only secures more power for the elite and less for the people. One world government leads to one leader government, which leads to horror.
—AlanDoner Doner, North Vancouver,

To Whom it may concern: The internet was meant to be open and free. The new proposed rules are completely against that. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. This plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, let innovation flourish. Keep the internet open and free for everyone. Thank you.
—Kalynda Tilges, Las Vegas, NV

FCC, throw out rules to create a two-tiered Internet that would discriminate heavily against online content and applications, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Ruth Weedman, Longview, WA

The Internet is no longer an "option" for many Americans, and your push to end Net Neutrality by adopting a "two tier" structure for data shows that the FCC, under Mr. Wheelers regime, doesn't not side with "greatest good" for the citizens of the US. Because of it's importance, ISP's should be reclassified as Common Carriers, plain and simple. Under corporate governence we have been passed by countries such as Korea and Japan in terms of speed and accessibility. Because of mergers and monopolies, ISP's have no motivation to upgrade services in the midst of rising prices. Under the guise of "Free Market", The FCC is now ready to give away a public resource in another gesture of corporate welfare. Who will suffer? Those least able to ride the "fast lane"...startups, the middle class and poor, and small businesses who will be buried under the superusers feet. Over the years, broadcasters, no longer hindered by Equal Time strictures, and gobbling up outlets under lax policies, have gutted any semblance of balance, journalistic integrity and turned the "news" into a pay-for-play circus, with the monied and the broadcasters the sole beneficiaries. The forces behind this destruction of the Internet's open architecture are the people Mr. Wheeler once served as a lobbyist...after he has done their bidding, I have little doubt he will be duly compensated by those same masters. This will end badly, I see grand juries, attacks from those affected by this bad plan...political backlash for an administration that promised Net Neutrality...the only winners, if this plan becomes reality, will be, as this country's shadow oligarchy, replaces democracy, the monied minority. I pray you will come around, and take your position as a protector of the PUBLIC good to heart and bury this very bad plan, and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Otherwise the HOPE promised by this administration is little more than lip service, as this plan; an answer to a problem that doesn't exist (except for the need for more money and power for the ISP's)...can be fast-tracked into reality for $500,000 campaign dollars, the current price for the position of FCC Chairman.
—Margot Copeland, Phoenix, AZ

Please protect our internet privacy. Thanks
—Nick Syrovatka, Concord, CA

Net Neutrality is the central tenet of the Internet. With it, we have a free and open means of communication. Without, we have the next generation of cable where large monopolies hold all the cards and smaller voices don't have a way to get their message out.
—David Lee, Chico, CA

Do not let corporations determine the future of the most important resource in the world. Don't let lobbyists and the FCC chairman side with the money-hoarders. The Internet should be treated like any other utility: controlled so that the needs of the common person are preserved.
—Mark Delsing, Aurora, IL

Net Neutrality is basic to democracy. Wheeler's plan allows corporations to gouge ordinary citizens.
—Alan Cumings, Fairfax, CA

You cannot go on with this, net neutrality must be protected!!
—Mihai Munteanu, zomergem,

All the real news from everywhere all the time.
—Paul Petach, Cupertino, CA

We should all be equal. No preference for corporations.
—Olga Sevilla, Canoga Park, CA

The internet should be free to access without any restrictions...should we restrict who and how people access a library??
—Stephen Lara, Katy, TX

As an entrepreneur and software engineer, net neutrality ensures that the products or services I create have a fighting chance to get off the ground, instead of being stuck in an artificial slow lane that frustrates my customers. Losing net neutrality would create a tremendously higher barrier to entry, stifling competition and new innovations in favor of maintaining the current market leaders. As a consumer, net neutrality protects my ability to choose which content and services I want. Losing net neutrality would reduce the choices I have and prevent the tolls companies would have to pay from being passed on to me.
—Andy Morris, Norman, OK

A two tiered system creates inequality in the Internet and threatens freedom of speech. Keep the Internet an undiscriminating portion of our communication network, allow everyone fair access.
—Nell Morningstar, Minneapolis, MN

We should not allow big corporations to purchase fast lanes on the Internet! There is already too much inequality between the top 1 percent and the 98 percent! Keep the speed of the Internet the same for all! Don't try to fix what is not broken!
—Joel I. Friedman, Davis, CA

It is extremely important that all data is treated equally. I do NOT want Comcast, ATT, etc. to be the ones deciding which data I can easily access and stream. That amounts to them being able to censor, and that is unAmerican.
—Karen Sewick, Downers Grove, IL

YOUR FAILURE TO ACT WILL RUIN THE INTERNET AS A PLACE OF INNOVATION FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION. OUR GREATEST ASSETS ARE OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR'S AND FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR'S; THEY MAY NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. WE WILL LIMIT THIS TO LARGE CORPORATION AND THOSE WITH THE MEANS TO "PURCHASE" THEIR CHANCE. WHAT A SAD DAY THAT WILL BE.
—Jennifer Taylor, Seattle, WA

Why must always money control everything possible, elections, peoples freedoms, rights, isn't anything out of bounds? Is it too big to say no, the people says "Hell no" and we will boycott any and all if necessary.
—Melvin Taylor, Sacramento, CA

I am a research scientist, and I need net neutrality to keep big telecom from deciding which sources of information I should have access to.
—Ernst Adrian Henle, Eugene, OR

The big telecoms didn't create the internet and they don't own it. They should not have total control of it.
—Don Kraycik, Tulsa, OK

DONT YOU DARE TRY To SELL OUT OUR INTERNET TO THE TELECOMES. DO NOT THINK FOR ONE SECOUND THE MILLIONS OF CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY WILL TOLERATE THIS.
—Allen Albright, allentown, PA

We do not need a tiered internet in this country. As a major piece of infrastructure, it must remain a level playing field to drive innovation, communication, low-cost distribution and investment. And face reality. When was the last time you personally dealt with any telco/cable entity? This is a industry based in antiquated monopolies (the exact opposite of free market) and the ability to be the only game in town - their level of customer service and satisfaction proves it year after year. Is this really who you want to continue to leave in charge of infrastructure that is such a major driver of our economy?
—William Graham, Lake Forest, CA

No two-tiered internet, please!
—Maxwell Johnson, Vancouver, WA

Net Neutrality is important to the world of free speech and access to all people.
—Karen Clark, ventura, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me as it allows equal access to all. Once corporate america has the ability to dictate how much access costs, the average american will pay dearly. This is an example, in my opinion, of how corporate america has used its money and influence to dictate the market place and garner an advantage. A truly frustrated and fed up american.
—Pascale Scoggins, aliso viejo, CA

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO MY FAMILY. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY
—Orpha Dess Wilson, REDONDO BEACH, CA

The internet does not belong to the most powerful lobbyist.
—Dan S Fieldstad, salt lake city, UT

Everyone's internet content should be served at the same speed. Large corporations should not be allowed to pay more for faster speed. The FCC should declare ISP's as common carrier service providers in order to establish net neutrality.
—Deborah Pearl, Scottsdale, AZ

As an American citizen currently living in Canada, I feel that the people's best interests are not served by a "slow lane/fast lane" architecture of the internet which, in my opinion, only serves the best interests of the rich and powerful corporations. Therefore, I do not support the two-tiered system proposal currently under review by the FCC.
—Herb Ernst, Blairsville, GA

stop supporting big business and start defending the American people like I thought you were suppose to. Disrespectfully, Tim Seniff you have to earn respect and your not doing a good job at it maybe new members would help.
—Timothy J. Seniff, warren, VT

The Internet is NOT broken. Why is the FCC considering this myopic changes to a system that Free enterprise has turned into the Greatest Communication System in Human History. Don't mess with the Internet.
—Mark A. Gardner, Las Vegas, NV

Ending real Net Neutrality would be one giant leap for further eroding democracy in America. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Thomas P. Gardner, Keokuk, IA

Internet connectivity needs to be open and free. I vote to make it a common utility. 3rd world county's have better internet then USA.
—Jonathan Melberg, BREEZY POINT, MN

I am tired of everything in our country being sold to the highest bidder There seems to be nothing left for the regular, non millionaires of the country. If you don't represent anyone but the moneychangers, you should get out of public service.
—Nancy E. Davis, Perris, CA

I already hate my monopolist cable provider and would switch in an instant if there were other choices. (There are not.) My ISP does not need more power. The proposed changes will achieve just that: large monopolies will become even larger and more powerful, suppressing innovation from smaller companies.
—Armin Hinterwirth, Portland, OR

Americans already pay their providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to access the internet. To have these companies pander to large businesses that can pay more than small businesses smacks of double billing to consumers.
—Ms. Kathleen McLane, Woodbridge, VA

PLEASE===PLEASE===PLEASE GET RID OF YOUR RULES AND REPLACE THEM BY RECLASSIFYING ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. THANK YOU
—George Hague, Moreno Valley, CA

I am with AT&T, and it is hard enough to get to a website as it is, and if Chairman Wheeler's plan goes through it will be even harder/longer to get to a website if AT&T doesn't approve of it, and they have a political bias, anyway. I don't like the idea of "approved" websites - it is government by corporation. I read newspapers online as do many people, and I have the right to read what I wish. We need a free Internet. These ISPs are making plenty of profit and are exploiting avenues of even higher profit at the expense of our intellectual freedom. So un-American!
—Elaine Jones, Greensboro, NC

Net Neutrality is about FREE and FAIR TRADE, something corporations claim to be all about until they want to establish a monopoly. Protect real free trade!
—Matthew Perrett, Pacifica, CA

With Tom Wheeler at the helm (the proverbial fox guarding the hen house) I'm sure all our comments will be laughed at. But if you can find an inkling of courage, please show America that big money can't buy everything.
—Dale Weide, Napa, CA

Net neutrality is the foundation for democracy. Without distorted information it is only a pretend democracy and that's nothing to be proud of.
—Kristiane Ravn Frost, Beaverton, OR

Everyone should have internet at the same speeds. No fast & slow lanes. Let small businesses thrive.
—Urmila Padmanabhan, Fremont, CA

Please remember that as the government gains control, they gain control over you and your family too!
—Fred Schirmer, Inverness, FL

To allow the Internet service providers select who gets faster services and who does not is unthinkable. Don't allow this type of discrimination to happen. Which is what would happen with a two tiered Internet. Instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you
—Deanna Ratto, Salem, OR

In this era of shrinking jobs and rising costs for the majority of people, another vote for the corporate elite is another acknowledgement that the entire US political system is founded upon a lie. It is not and never was about "The People" it is about Big Business, Corporate Control and Political Cronyism. Those with power and money buy influence and control the Federal Bureaucracy. When a former lobbyist controls an agency like the FCC and the FCC then votes in favor of Corporate Interests it is not surprising!
—Eric Hultquist, Mesa, AZ

Net Neutrality is important for any free society that hopes to thrive and prosper. Please reclassify the Internet as a public utility. It has become an essential service.
—Mr. Tim McDonald, San Rafael, CA

It's obvious. No explanation needed.
—Tara flanagan, Silverthorne, CO

Your proposed evisceration of net neutrality is equivalent to a shredding of the first amendment. Don't do it! Reclassify it for proper regulation and forget the damn fast lane!
—Martin Horwitz, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is very important because it allows the free flow of information without ISP's ability to censor or limit content. I feel the Internet should belong to all people since it was developed first by tax payers dollars. We should not be limited on bandwidth while business is given a faster highway to travel. It is only fair that the FCC make decisions that benefit all. Keep the Internet Neutral.
—Robert Rector, Boonville, IN

Do the words MONOPOLY and FREE SPEECH make sense in a single sentence?
—Lois Wilson, NOVATO, CA

There is no real competition between ISPs currently and the FCC's proposed internet rules makes matters worse
—Jack Hollins, san jose, CA

The net should be a public utility with free access to all
—Harold Goldman, Rohnert Park, CA

I believe in what John Oliver believes. Do not discriminate online keep net neutrality. FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISP,s as common carriers.
—Randy Crowell, Buena, NJ

The ISP's must be treated as what they are, UTILITIES. They are common carriers, and should be regulated as such. The argument that such a move would stifle innovation is hollow; Time Warner has not improved my service in over 25 years as a customer, and their idea of innovation is finding new ways to raise our monthly fees.
—Walter Barnett, pacific palisades, CA

Free speech and Human Rights require an open Internet. I support New Neutrality.
—Edwin Holmberg Jr., LMSW, ACSW, Richmond, MI

Net neutrality is essential. It is required in exactly the same sense as the antitrust measures in the days of the railroad barrons were required. DO IT NOW!
—Henry Cejtin, Chicago, IL

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE....PERIOD.
—H Gray, Hayward, CA

I struggle with a junior high student who I hope to get into college yet all I can afford is dial-up internet service. Things are hard for for less affluent people, please don't make them even harder.
—Jc Ingool, san diego, CA

Discrimination by a public utility (and the Net is, for all practical purposes, a public utility or common carrier) is ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. Americans need good internet service, just as they need water and sewer systems, electricity and the like. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kathleen Buckley, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality. Neutrality. Neutrality. Neutrality.
—Marie Blazek, Bastrop, TX

The Internet is our global community. It is our window to people all around the world who are exploring, thinking, solving social, economic and scientific problems that affect us all. It is our right to have access to all the information there is whenever we want it. Please call Internet service providers what they are, and don't allow them to censor what we can find on the Internet. Support complete net neutrality. It's something worth fighting for.
—Jen Winter, sausalito, CA

The net is used by all the community and I am concerned about eliminating the low income population from the net thru these plans giving more power to the wealthy.
—Anita Alcantara, Chicago, IL

I know of a elderly woman living in poverty who can still watch a few stations on TV without paying anything as to my understanding the FCC requires this. So many Progressive Talk Radio hosts are going out of business while our AM stations are filled with hateful Tea Party & worthless Sports talk shows! Why because FCC is in the pockets of big corporations? Please do your job and STOP FCC Cable Company F--Kery!
—Roxanne Chinook, Bellingham, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be equal and that there should not be a two-tiered internet.
—John Sullivan, Streamwood, IL

Let's give everyone a chance, not just big corporations, net neutrality needs to stay, please listen to everyone, not just some, thank you.
—Katinka Haggerty, Clonmel,

ISPs have made it clear that they intend to shake down content providers, such as Netflix, Youtube and the like for bribes in order to deliver their content, it's time to classify then at common carriers and stop their extortion scheme.
—Stan Slater, Clearfield, UT

We want keep the innovative potential of the internet alive and not hindered by large businesses that can pay more for a better level of service. Please keep innovation alive, especially for small nimble companies and individuals!
—Neil Mitchell, Gilroy, CA

Net Neutrality is important to us who have little voice and little money.
—Fidel S. Arbolaez, Lakeland, FL

This has to be one of the worse decisions the FCC has ever made and it show that the FCC can be bought. No one company should have the right to decide what should be high speed and what should not be. Internet providers already are paid for their service they should not have an iron fist on what people have access too. Shame on you FCC.
—Mary Maguire, Nashua, NH

Your proposed rules are an INSULT to those who have given their last measure to preserve this Democracy. Net Neutrality must be maintained. You need to scrap your proposed rules. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. Simplicity makes for transparency. That should be the path forward. Thank you for listening.
—Frank Drumm, Woodinville, WA

It should be a common carrier like the land phone system in our country. If the commission does not do it. It will lead to unequal access to the American people and price increases ,as we have seen in the cable TV.
—James Dodson JR, Silverton, OR

The world-wide internet is actually a public space, and anyone can wander there and talk. The internet service providers should be classed as common carriers since that is what they actually are. Thank you.
—John Mason, antioch, TN

If you take net neutrality away from us, you will take away our last bastion of voice. Money is already in control of Congress, that much is obvious. If you let money talk you into letting it also control the internet, well then that is the last straw. You may not take away our last free forum. We will fight for it. You don't have a choice. Your job is to represent our voice and defend our rights. If you fail in this job, we will take it from you. This will not go away. Make the right choice.
—Russel Hampton, tomball, TX

FCC, Once upon a time (think 1990's dial-up), internet connectivity really was optional. Even then, however, since all traffic was sent through publically-owned phone lines (utility), there were thousands of competing local and national ISP's. Companies could compete and consumers had a choice. If a consumer didn't like an ISP or if they wanted a better price or higher connectivity speed, they could go elsewhere. Today, internet connectivity is no longer a luxury; it's necessary. Many people attending online universities or even high schools require connectivity for their education. Many services for which you pay bills now only accept online payments. Internet connectivity is as important to our lives as power, water, or natural gas (and even more-so if you consider we couldn't pay the above bills without connectivity). As such, ISPs need to be classified as public utilities, regulated by a single, accountable government, and the transmission lines (fiber, cable, ethernet, etc) need to accessible to any company who wants to offer services. The existing ISP "mafia" is currently extorting customers for lack of other options and now they're proposing to have the power to do so with other service providers in order to have competitive bandwidth. This cannot happen. It's insane that this issue has even gotten this far. For this issue to even be debated, very much against the peoples' will and well-being, the very structure of the FCC and other government bodies is being called into question. Does the ISP Mafia have so much control over Washington that they can push-through laws and legislation that are in direct opposition to the well-being of the American public and their will? Please do not let this happen. ISPs need to be classified as public utilities and the internet playing field needs to be kept level for everyone. Any action other than this would not only harm the American public, but it would be political suicide for anyone that supports the ISP Mafia. The People have spoken. Why are we even debating this. The Government is in place to serve and represent "We, The People".
—Peter Nunnallee, Kent, WA

Why does this have to be owned by corporation? Its been free and should continue to be. A way to communicate i.e. FREE PRESS, should continue to be just that. Once again you will be stifiling the ability to be FREE to communicate at will. It will be wrong to allow a take over.....
—Richard Moore, Sebastopol, CA

Net Neutrality needs to continue as presently mandated in the US in order to foster legitimate competition and to provide a free and diverse flow of information.
—Mr. William Chiles, San Francisco, CA

Why not have net neutrality? Are we not all citizens?
—Rochelle Carothers, Socorro, NM

Without an open internet, big corporations will have even more control over how I access websites and services.
—brenda kennard, Berkeley, CA

KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!!! Because I use and enjoy NetFlix: I pay my internet provider (Comcast) a premium for "extra" High Speed Service so I can watch these movies...Now the internet providers are also charging NetFlix more money to provide them with the ability to send out their service, after already gouging their customers to receive the same services. The fact that these two are in direct competition for Video based customers is being given too little consideration? Comcast should never be allowed to purchase Time Warner, as their greedy monopolistic practices will just multiply! KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!!!
—David Neckolaishen, Aurora, IL

The FCC is currently considering a rules change that would allow telecommunications companies to charge extra money for faster delivery of data over their networks. If allowed, these fast lanes would benefit only large, established companies that can afford to pay for efficient data delivery while small businesses and start ups would be unable to compete. Allowing a tiered Internet will stifle innovation and prevent competition, hurting the US economy.
—John Zaharick, Ashland, PA

Im 79 years old, arthritic, and living on social security. I depend on the internet for information, fun and getting through the day. Please do not change it. We need net neutrality.
—Elaine Erickson, Fountain Valley, CA

The only solution to achieve real net neutrality is to re-classify ISPs as common carriers. If you are real Americans who actually believe in freedom that is what you will do.
—Jonathan D Rubin, Los Angeles, CA

Everywhere in America the game is rigged against the little guy. Legalized bribery is now legal. Corporate lobbyist wine and dine congress at the detriment of the 95% of the rest of us. The FCC is run by a former corporate lobbyist for the cable industry, the very industry that has everything to gain from ending net neutrality. The fox guarding the chicken coop. How absurd! Please don't take the one tool we have left to level the playing field just a little and allow the start ups and other ordinary people a voice.
—Mr. stephen Sharp, Thayer, MO

The internet is more than a luxury in today's world. It is a requirement. Net Neutrality is an absolute MUST.
—Christopher F Coyne, Riegelsville, PA

I have watched the Internet grow, and grow it has - and now the big internet providers want to cut it back and make it their poorly-tended patch of dirt that they charge us ever-higher prices to use? Monopoly isn't capitalism. Treat the Internet under the Common Carrier rules. Because that's what it is, and that's what it's for.
—Brad Elliott, Burien, WA

Say no to multi-level internet plan. content must be delivered at consistent very fast for all.
—Kenneth Bjornbak, Springfield, OR

NO! to the end of Net Neutrality. FCC, throw out your new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. NO! to COMCAST and Verizon having the right to blackmail the rest of us for a fast internet. You only have to look at the coercion COMCAST exerted on NETFLIX to force them to pay for more speed in streaming videos to comprehend what is at stake! Also, please, somehow, prevent the merge of COMCAST and Time Warner.
—Marilyn B. Sansoni, Vancouver, WA

Mr. Wheeler, it is REPREHENSIBLE that you are the FCC chairman. Even if you think the merger and FCC proposal (separate issues) are both best for the country, YOU CANNOT BE THE HEAD OF THE FCC. You just can't. You are a former lobbyist and nothing you have to say on topics of cable companies and Internet regulation is coming from a stance of neutrality and public good. I assume, probably naively but genuinely, that you are not a bad person. As such, you must consider the wisdom of stepping down from this post that the President - in a fit of jaw-dropping irresponsibility - elevated you to. You MUST leave.
—Christopher R Bryant, Remond, WA

The net should be for the benefit of all - worldwide - and not be a pawn, used when government and corporate chicanery feel the inclination to get involved in devious & dubious dealings. Les Reed
—Les Reed, London,

Why Net Neutrality is so important to me? simply put, it makes every presence on the web, example, big corporation or small individual, a chance to be an equal player. Kind of like what principles the United States of America was built on!
—Jaimey Perham, Fairfield, CT

Chairman Wheeler needs to realize he'd no longer employed as a lobbiest for the big telcos - he's employed by the PEOPLE of the Unidted States to work in their BEST interest. That means protecting true net neutrality and classifying the internet as a public utility. It was OUR tax dollars that funded the research to create it and it should remain a public resource open on an EQUAL basis to all.
—V Weeks, Savannah, GA

The internet should be protected like phone lines - it's a basic telecom platform. Stop playing games.
—Jamie McCarthy, MELROSE, MA

I am a very heavy user of the Internet. I do not want some stupid cable company slowing down my speed. Furthermore, I feel that, as an American citizen, I have an absolute right to view any content on the Internet that I want to, provided that said content is legal.
—Tom Hoffman, Pearisburg, VA

The internet should be open and neutral and not be controlled by the Comcast's, Verizon's, and AT&T's of the world so they can act like gatekeepers and destroy what has helped and enriched so many lives world wide!
—Robert K VanVoorhis, Hanover, MI

The FCC is mandated by statutory authority to (quoting from the FCC website): Promote COMPETITION, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities Support the nation's economy by ensuring an appropriate COMPETITIVE framework for the unfolding of the communications revolution Encourage the HIGHEST AND BEST USE of spectrum domestically and internationally REVISE media regulations so that new technologies FLOURISH alongside DIVERSITY and LOCALISM. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. This NON-COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK would grant a few mega-companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, thus decreasing DIVERSITY and INNOVATION. Local municipal jurisdictions would not be able to develop their own publicly funded high speed infrastructure independent of these mega-companies which stifles DIVERSITY and LOCALISM to FLOURISH. And We the People for whom the FCC was established to protect against these very abusive tactics will not be able to do anything about it. Throw out your current FCC rules and instead REVISE them to reclassify ISPs as common carriers that will encourage the HIGHEST AND BEST USE of spectrum domestically. DO YOUR JOB or resign your positions effective immediately so that others can be seated in your place that will do what the FCC is tasked to do . . . . place the interest of We the People above the interests of huge already too powerful and influential private corporations who serve ONLY shareholders, NOT We the People.
—Keith Fabing, Seattle, WA

Verizon and the PUC already dictate most aspects of my internet experience and what I have to pay for it. Are you going to let them dictate the content too?
—Chuck Vincent, Esmond, RI

Your proposal is censorship. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Glenn Chateauneuf, Ballston Spa, NY

Taxpayers funded R&D for the internet, now you want to bilk taxpayers and maximize private profits for corporate entities? NO WAY, NOT OKAY! REAL NET NEUTEALITY NOW! REAL NET NEUTRALITY FOREVER!
—DB Pope, Varnville, SC

Must have free choice, free press, free speech, NOT controlled by any corp or conglomerate, NOT monitored and metered. DO THE RIGHT THING. YOU know in your spirit and sense that any monopoly is a greed driven corporate & mechanical entity. NOT an extant, not a being.
—Jodi S., Campbell, CA

Net Neutrality is the only fair democratic approach to this issue.
—Marjorie Young, Santa Fe, NM

Keep the Internet open and free so that everyone benefits equally. Please don't allow the cable companies and those with money to dominate the Internet and control it unfairly. Everyone should have equal access and equal speed so that people can share information and benefit from all the positive connections it provides.
—Gary Engelman, Grayslake, IL

I strongly feel that net neutrality MUST be maintained.
—Joseph russo, New York, NY

We need true net neutrality to protect the ability for internet startups to compete with huge corporations.
—Nathan Bolender, Edgewood, KY

Net neutrality is the cornerstone of free access to information and the preservation of democracy. Money is NOT speech, no matter what the Supreme court recently decided. Don't allow rich providers to dominate the internet.
—Allan Malkis, Saint Paul, MN

Protect net neutrality and our free access to information. All sources need to have equal access. It is basic for a democracy to have an informed citizenry.
—Sandra L. Uribe, San Antonio, TX

THE TAXPAYERS BUILT THE INTERNET! IT IS THEFT to end Net Neutrality!!!
—Timothy Beauchamp, Tulsa, OK

Dear FCC: Protect us and our freedoms, not big business and their constant plans to control us.
—Colleeen Clopton, Jefferson, IA

Net neutrality is fundamentally important to fair trade and commerce. Without it, competition is stifled and innovation sidelined. Large corporations do not deserve unfair advantage over smaller competitors; Big Cable doesn't need more leverage to extort its customers. Fairness and an even playing field are basic American values; don't let cable companies rewrite the rules.
—Guy Buckles, BROOKLYN, NY

I'm a liberal. The stories, particularly political stories, environmental stories, financial stories, etc., etc., etc., left out of mainstream media and available only in on-line publications are staggering. AND I'm a member of the struggling middle class, so an extra fee to keep track of what's going on is a real back-breaker for my family. We are supposed to be a DEMOCRACY, with open news and free speech. Please don't make a travesty of that!!!!
—Dr. Bethany Nelson, Topsfield, MA

This is about freedom of speech and saving our democracy; save the internet from monopoly!
—Janet Kortuem, Stillwater, MN

True net neutrality is essential to the continued success of our society. Education, research, news, discussions, entertainment, collaboration, all transmission of data and information between individuals and groups.
—Wesley Miaw, San Jose, CA

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Young, Long Lane, MO

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Discrimination is never a good idea. I rely on a free and open Internet and know that I am among many who could not afford to "pay to play." Big businesses are making record profits and do not really need additional favors at the expense of regular users. Do the right thing, especially as our nation's economy is so precarious, and keep the Internet free and open.
—Karen Donaldson, Grass Valley, CA

Creating fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow internet speeds for those that can't is not only unfair but greedy.
—Edward M., Essex, MD

I despair at how some FCC Officials seem to think they are there to further the vested interests of Big Businesses rather than protect the Ordinary Citizens! Though the aforementioned biases are not surprising, we need Net Neutrality!
—John S. Evans, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is important for allowing all of us access to our audiences.
—Melissa Cathcart, Minneapolis, MN

Democracy requires Net Neutrality. Issue is freedom of expression.
—Liz Helenchild, mendocino, CA

The internet was developed with public funds. Don't try to make a profit off of other peoples work. Jerks.
—Paul Wierzbicki, Tucson, AZ

Your mandate is basically to promote the public good. All your decisions should use this purpose as your Northern Star. Instead, you seem to be only interested in helping the companies you used to lobby for. You have the opportunity to be remembered as either the man who saved the internet or the man who was a shill for the cable companies and ISPs. Right now you are leaning towards the latter. Don't make this your legacy. Do the right thing.
—Howard Bornstein, Lake Oswego, OR

NET NEUTRALITY IS A HUMAN RIGHT ! NOT A PRIVILEGE OF THE ELITE ! WE DEMAND IT ! IF YOU SELL US OUT FOR MONEY, OUR WRATH IS TO COME ! WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER AND BRING DOWN YOUR OLIGARCHY AND IT'S MONOPOLIES !
—Gabriel Alan King, Colorado Springs, CO

reclassify ISPs a common carriers
—Linda Salter, Belmont, MA

Preserve NET NEUTRAILTY! The Internet should be an equally open and unencumbered resource. No company should have greater abilities or access over another by virtue of it's ability to pay premium access fees. Further the Internet SHOULD BE maintained as a public utility, like electricity, water, natural gas and regulated accordingly. NO PREFERENCE - EVER.
—Daniel A Pratte, Anchorage, KY

The internet is a public resource and all its users should have equal participation rights. It should never be controlled by a few.
—ML Meldrum, Culver City, CA

ISP's are common carriers. To classify otherwise would set a dangerous precedent toward repressing our free speech and our access to information. Think China.
—Steve Collins, Tijeras, NM

protect net neutrality...reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Areti Spiropoulos, Montreal,

Net neutrality is mandatory to eliminate discrimination.
—Elmo Dunn, Longwood, FL

Please leave the Internet in the hands of the people. If the noose gets too tight, we collectively will lose more than we'll gain -- including those who act without accountability to others. Would someone please stand for what's right and not just bow to the pressures of power, greed, and pride.
—Amanda Sutherland, Grand Rapids, MI

There should be NO SUCH THING as a two-tiered Internet. Support Net Neutrality!
—Beverly Poncia, Lower Lake, CA

The InterNet belongs to everyone. It does not belong to Big Business and the telecom companies.
—Bruce Odelberg, Kirkwood, CA

The world does NOT belong to corporations. This is the information super highway, not an advertisement tool for greed.
—Lonny Cloud, Litchfield Park, AZ

… a government by the people for the people.. corporations are not by any stretch of the imagination 'people' and they cannot be allowed to skim and warp everything they touch. The ONLY way this could happen would be clear evidence of CORRUPTION!
—Randy Embertson, Cincinnati, Ohio, OH

I strongly oppose plans for the corporate takeover of the internet, and other pay-for-priority schemes. Keep the internet free and open
—Lonnie Radcliffe, Chgo, IL

This is NOT something on which you spineless Obamacrats can "compromise", again. Stop bending over for these spoiled, elitist corporate punks and do the job you were elected to do. "Compromise" with dogmatic corporate criminals is not part of that job.
—James Norgrove, Winter Park, FL

Because it is a vital tool for research and thought provoking ideas. The next BIG THING could come from some kid with an idea and a laptop. The rest of the world has better and faster access to the web, WHY DON'T WE?? WE PAY MORE FOR OUR SERVICES AND GET LESS! THE WEB IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD NOT JUST CORPORATE PROFITS, FUCK THEM!!!
—Robert B. DiGiovanni Jr., Monterey, CA

We will not give up until the FCC make total and unconditional network neutrality the law of the land. Anything less is an unacceptable abridgement of free speech.
—Merrill Cole, Macomb, IL

The internet must remain free for all to use... no two-tiered systems allowed! Free means just that... FREE, WITH NO CHARGES WHATEVER!!!!
—David Stone, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs to common carriers to preserve net neutrality!
—James Kapetsky, Wilmington, NC

Keep net neutrality and save democracy Henriette Lieb Pipersville PA
—Henriette Lieb, pipersvill, PA

The last thing we need is more big corporations gaining more control over our lives. The internet should remain equally free and open to everyone.
—Dan Avery, Butte, MT

The request for going against net neutrality was done by President as he wanted to prove who was more powerful. The result all the companies he is pushing are in the process of going out of business.
—Marvin George, Sierra Vista, AZ

Keep the Net fair and neutral for all!
—Holley Billingsley, Seattle, WA

PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY! THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR PLAN.
—Beverly Bachand, Portland, OR

There's no reason that the ISPs should have the power to determine the flow of information anymore than telephone companies do. There's nothing complicated about this.
—Feroze Sidhwa, Boston, MA

As a small business owner, I greatly depend on the internet to communicate with customers and distributors, to find information, to get quotes, to coordinate sales and purchases, et cetera. In other words, I greatly need the internet and can no longer imagine being able to conduct business transactions without it.
—Ben Arnold, Tamarac, FL

Tom Wheeler, how much are you getting paid to stab us in the back? What else can we think when you side with the greedy, uber rich corporations? You should be protecting what is presently a free and open internet for anyone to use, no matter their financial standing. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Pretend you have ethics.
—Barbara Hauck, Largo, FL

The internet doesn't need "fast lanes"!!! It should be open access to everyone not just the privileged!
—John Griffith, Colorado Springs, CO

we paid for the infrastructure and it shouldn't be taken over by monopolist carriers.
—Jack Huisinga, bainbrigde island, WA

The loudest voices (those with money) will drown out all the rest. I want equal access to the internet for all parties.
—Mr. Richard Fidler, Traverse City, MI

Please protect Net Neutrality to allow for fair, equal access of information.
—Mark Taylor, Charlotte, NC

The internet is for everybody. Not just for those who can pay more for higher speeds. Don't be despicable. Keep the internet neutral.
—Andy Carr, Denver, CO

Fair is fair... allowing corporations to create a fast and slow lane is anything but fair to human people
—Anne Wayman, National City, CA

I'm not opposed to deregulating the internet, necessarily. I prefer a meshed internet, thst much more open than even "Net Neutality" allows. But given our world as it is. Leaving the net neutrality principle behind now, is likely to make the internet more closed. And less free too. It will become more corporatized, which unfortunately isn't pro-free market. So say, "Yes!" to net neutrality. Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!
—Mr. Christopher Aquilino, Peekskill, NY

I am a Consumer, who has paid for DSL service for 15 years, I have already seen my COSTS continue to INCREASE and my SPEEDS go SLOWER and slower. The internet speeds in the USA are Slower than all European Countries, and We consumers are forced to pay for this. The USA does Not need a Fast lane; We all need and Deserve hyper Speeds at the SAME costs.@#$!
—GY Moore, anesville, WI

I DO NOT LIKE OUR FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS TO BE USSERPED AND MANIPULATED BY CORPORATE PERSONS!!! DEATH TO CORPORATE PERSONHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! CORPORATIONS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS TO ATTEND TO BEFORE THEIR BOTTOM LINES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DEATH TO CORPORATE PERSONHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Evan smith, Olympic valley, CA

I support Net Neutrality and equal access for all that promotes freedom of speech and innovation. The proposed "two-tiered" will not do that.
—Michael Owen, New York, NY

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Mr George F. Kramer, bowie, MD

Stop playing games with applications of semantics to what a telecommunications is vs. a data communications vs. television network etc. Look. Its real simple. The internet belongs to EVERYONE EQUALLY. The truth of the matter is that access to it should be wide and varied and super fast and most importantly free in every way, because when it comes down to it, it is a vast library and information system, it is education, communication, music, and videos, and all that there is, in a perfect documentation of our society the world over. It is a library and a grand museum and a story that all, every single human should have access to. In america, and other world powers over, education and history are the cornerstones to our lives. They are what makes us all, great in our strengths. Just as much as a library, is most always public, and free, and there but for the service to the patron. Stop playing with the internet...make it strong, make it free, make it equal, and then, make sure that every single person that you possibly can has access to it and its wondrous treasure trove of all that there is as fast as we can create and record and input it all. This, is perhaps, the greatest achievement of all that mankind has accomplished because...it is communication, a leveling field between cultures, a way to seek and understand and grow, and it could rival our haloed US Constitution and all that we stand for as to the importance of it. Your decision right here, right now, in this generation that you have been entrusted to not only carry out the will of the people, but, to protect what is right. A free, neutral, protected, equal, un censored, un throttled, un molested internet is was is RIGHT. And Im willing to bet that you know it. The question is, what kind of person(s) are you? The kind who would bow to corporations and their greed and ever encroaching control for their own purposes over the good of the people? Or...are you an American...a Human Patriot who can recognize the importance of what you choose on our behalf? I am asking that you protect the good of the people, trust in us as a humanity in whole for all the good and bad of what is out there with this vast internet we built...that we as a greater proportion will use the internet responsibly as it will enrich our lives, that you ensure it with the same vigor and defiance you would apply to priceless paper tomes in an millennium old archive, or as a national treasure, or in a very basic way...our very lives..because, too late to reverse it now, the internet is so engrained in our lives that it is a very part of us as a persona, a way of living, and an invisible appendage. You must see the internet as the entity it is, its remarkable and exponential potential, as a medium for crossing nations and reaching out to one another, as the tool and existence of our lives in it…to make it a monopoly of corporations would be as to indenture humanity to CEOs. Make this Right, Make it Neutral. Fight for US.
—Charlebois Nicholas A, Gresham, OR

Chairman Wheeler's proposal for a two-tiered Internet is completely unacceptable and serves only to demonstrate his conflict of interest and bias in favor of the telecom companies. The Internet needs to be a level playing field for ALL! This two-tiered system would stifle growth for new companies who can't afford to pay the undoubtedly outrageous fees that the telecom companies will surely charge. It is greed on the part of the telecom companies, pure and simple. As if they don't already make billions of dollars every year. They are nothing but common carriers, and the FCC should reclassify them as such. The purpose of the FCC is not to cater to the whims and desires of the telecom companies to make them even richer. It is an oversight entity and the only interests it should be concerned with are the interests of the average people in this country who don't have billions of dollars to buy power and influence in our government.
—Tiffany Tainter, Coppell, TX

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Keep the internet neutral and equally available to all!
—Lori Melton, Pittsburgh, PA

It's a very steep and slippery slope you're going down. First pay to play so giants like Amazon and Facebook get preferential bandwidth, and then it will lead to internet censorship. This is not 1930s era Soviet Russia. Be the stop gap to the government whoring them selves out for corporations like Comcast and Time Warner.
—Sam Hathorn, Crewe, VA

Please do not allow big corporations dominate the internet. Thanks.
—Tim Owens, Tucspon, AZ

US Government... best government corporations can buy!
—Bruce Johnson, Carson City, NV

Net neutrality allows for independent voices. Without it thecommercial media will rule. Brenda McmIllan
—Brenda McMillan, Port Townsend, WA

extra fees are out of my realm. any discrimination is WRONG
—Judith Gibson, Waynesville, NC

Net neutrality is important on behalf of many Americans that we still have the right to free speech over any way of communication in this case the Internet. As for the Internet has been since the 90's a great equalizer on the spread of information. Without net neutrality telecommunication companies will have God like powers over information on the Internet. Which right now it doesn't seem like our freedom of speech is being taken away. But in a few years with power of the Internet "absolute power corruptes absolutely" and they can and will almost probably restrict the info people are aloud to see on the internet
—Christopher McCoy, Woodland hills, CA

Please don't destroy The Internet and as we know it.
—Bernie Martinez, Rialto, CA

I feel strongly that relaxing Net Neutrality will abridge my Frist Admendment rights! ISP's should be treated as Common Carriers.
—Chuck Combs, Salinas, CA

For sake of our democracy and economic vitality, the Internet should be regulated as a common carrier. The last-mile ISP SHOULD NOT be arbiters of content. I pay more than citizens of many other countries for their service and get less from as it is due, no doubt, to their oligopolistic power. As a citizen, I rely on you, the FCC, to keep that oligopolistic power in check. The fact that the oligopolistic last-mile ISPs lobby so hard to outlaw municipal networks is proof enough that they care far more about their pofits than providing world-class service.
—Lloyd R. Prentice, Marshfield, MA

You must keep the net neutral. Letting the big corporations set their own rules has been a disaster for our economy and the middle class. Don't let the big companies discriminate against the little guys.
—Terry Eby, Arlington, VA

The internet is an indelible resource for a free and open exchange of ideas regardless of socio-economic standing and it must remain that way. If corporations like Verizon, Comcast, and Time Warner are able to regulate this exchange of ideas, an essential part of our culture will die.
—Mike Shea, BROOKLYN, NY

ISP are common carriers.....treat them as such!
—Susan Morris, Los Angeles, CA

There is already very strong monopolistic behavior and we should block that growth in the public interest.
—James A Braunsdorf, Mishawaka, IN

ISPs are common carriers of the digital age. It's time that they be regulated as such so that the Internet remains an open playing field for the companies (and industries) of tomorrow.
—Patrick Crowley, San Diego, CA

FREEDOM OF SPEECH!! THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED FOR THIS RIGHT (among many others we cherish)
—Mollie smith, Chehalis, WA

The Net does not belong to the government. It was given, by its developers, to all the people of the world. Your only mission is to protect its freedoms and its rights for all. The big corporations have the means to protect their own interests; they don't need you. Your job is to protect ours.
—Cecilia Lieder, Duluth, MN

Who can afford higher fees? The big polluters, that's who. The "too-big-to-fail" banks and other financial interests, that's who. ALEC and the other beneficiaries of Citizens United and McCutcheon, that's who. Monsanto, Philip Morris tobacco, Exxon Mobil, that's who. The trackers, that's who. Rupert Murdoch and Donald Trump, that's who. But people who truly work in the public interest will be out in the cold. America the beautiful will be America the doomed, as the forces of greed and ignorance bring on the Four Horsemen of War, Starvation, Pestilence, and Death. Our future as a decent, thriving country is balanced on a knife edge, and a free flow of information through the Internet will make all the difference. Your responsibility is not to the telecom industry. Your responsibility is to this country and its citizens. Live up to your responsibility, or resign!
—Margaret Nagel, Evanston, IL

Short term gains for short-sighted businesses will kill long-term health of our whole GDP. You know it, I know it, and the American people know it.
—Jill Blevins, San Francisco, CA

None of you fat cats and corporate toadies on the Commission will be affected by the shitty, unfair rules you are preparing to impose on us, the insignificant majority. It's about time for the government to serve the people instead of its corporate masters. Treat the Internet as a public utility, as it should be treated, and maintain a level playing field for all.
—Barry Lerner, Arlington, VA

To whom it may concern, Limiting access and speed on the net not just unfair to a medium that has been accessible to all from the start but another way for the rich to get richer and invade our privacy! Stop limiting access to the internet and reestablish net neutrality for all!! Beat Kaestli
—Beat Kaestli, new york, NY

The internet is an indispensable part of modern life and should be treated as a public utility as it is in other countries. The US pays some of the highest rates and has some of the least wide spread broadband coverage in the developed world. Paying for a fast lane only adds insult to injury for our poor excuse of a network. Take a page from South Korea and maintain proper net neutrality.
—Amanda Smock, Brooklyn, NY

I want a speedy internet and I don't want to pay more than I already do.
—Hope Jojnston, walhalla, ND

There is no good reason to allow those with more money more access to the internet and to allow them to decide content. Net Neutrality to me is the same principal as access to a library. No one would allow a similar system of pay to play to access books or to determine what books we could read or to allow the rich to have access to more books those who are poor. It is no different for the internet. Knowledge is power cannot be turned around to say those in power and those with more money deserves more access and more power than the common man.
—Wes Davis, Henderson, NV

Please keep Net Neutrality Fair. Those of us whom have internet access can't afford paying any more than we do now to get a higher speed as it is a $60.00 monthly average now just to be able to do online banking. Those who don't have access can't afford it simply because it is a luxury and they have to choose between feeding the children or pay for internet access. Lets focus on how we can bring those whom do not have internet access to a affordable level to allow them to at the very least get their banking done. Don't manage the pipe line please! Bonnie J. Webb
—Bonnie Webb, Leesburg, IN

Regular people (not super rich or corporations) get their news via the Internet, communicate with family and colleagues, stream movies/music, work as activists, apply for jobs, communicate with the local community/government, shop and so much more. The Internet is integral to our lives now and making it unequal will simply add to the income inequality which is already a massive problem. Keep it neutral and keep it working for all not just the rich and the corporate powers.
—Sharon Chastain, Maple Valley, WA

Net neutrality is great for entrepreneurs to advance the prosperity of our economy. Our entrepreneurs need as much freedom as possible in order for their to be employment opportunities for Americans needing employment!
—Ryan Gene Schablowsky, East Carondelet, IL

The internet should remain an equal space free from the restrictions of capitalism and huge companies that act as bullies. With placing restrictions on the internet we become like other countries that restrict internet access to the people they govern.
—Natalia Morales, Holly Springs, NC

I am a teacher and a taxpayer. How is the school system supposed to compete with big payers like Amazon and Walmart for acceptable internet speeds? Why allow communication companies to create information ghettos out of libraries, schools and charitable institutions? Please! Is this what America is about? PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Anne Barrat, Shenendoah Junction, WV

Net neutrality is crucial to the continued intellectual and cultural development of the human race. The FCC plans to kill it. We can see through their games and their lies, we must not let them succeed. The open internet must be protected.
—Matija Aron Lojpur, Belgrade,

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated like one. It is essential to the functioning of our society, like electricity, water, gas, etc. The internet is the most common means of communication and commerce in the United States and should be regulated to ensure that it remains as impartial as our system of interstate highways and roads.
—Jon Bogdanove, Los Angeles, CA

PRESERVE THE OPEN INTERNET, THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL. DO NOT ALLOW THE TIERED SYSTEM WHERE THE BEST GOES TO THOSE WHO CAN PAY THE MOST. AMERICA WILL NOT BE THE LAND OF THE FREE IF THIS CONTINUES!
—Jean Doyle, Santa Cruz, CA

the net needs to remain a level playing field for all ideas regardless of funding!
—Alex Constantine, woodland hills, CA

Net Neutrality MEANS Free Speech. Net Neutrality is important not to just me, but to the entirety of humanity.
—Robert P Chubb, mt clemens, MI

NET NEUTRALITY IS FAIR GREED IS NOT.
—Charles Buchanan, Union City, CA

The open and free flow of equal information has made the internet the useful toll we have all come to rely on. Any restriction of content or speed for different types or sources of material would seriously hamper this ideal.
—Glenn Workman, Columbia, MD

GREED, CORPORATE AND PERSONAL HAS TAKEN OVER THIS COUNTRY AS FAR AS REGULATORY AND COURT DECISIONS GO LATELY. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY DON'T LET INTERNET ACCESS BECOME EVEN MORE PROFIT DRIVEN. SMALL BUSINESSES COULD BE THE SAVIORS OF THIS COUNTRY GIVE THEM AN EVEN CHANCE ON THE INTERNET! THANK YOU!!!!!!!
—Jan Rexroth, Olympia, WA

We don't want discrimination online! Those who can afford such fees already have too much power. You will contribute to the ongoing demise of the American dream.
—Alison Tamminga, Goleta, CA

The current Internet has companies becoming content providers and content creators. Mergers between NBC and Comcast help to prevent people from seeking alternate ways of viewing content without paying extras fees to compensate for not subscribing to the Internet provider rhat also creates the content. All companies should have equal unfettered access to the Internet that was originally created by the United States government. The companies that wish to profit are doing so on public lines that were created from taxpayer dollars. These companies are sending data on a government created infrastructure and are nwmconrrolling how other people see content based on heir ability to pay for it.
—Jerry Bernard, Canyon Country, CA

I have no choices in my area for consistent internet to my home. Therefore I must buy from a single provider to receive good service. That business should not then be able to choose what content I want to access or how it performs. I want an open internet and the choice to use the pipe to my home with freedom of information and entertainment. It continues to be a conflict of interest that businesses like Comcast can own limited utilities and entertainment companies.
—Dan Myers, Lafayette, CO

The internet is an international public utility and should be treated as such. Too much of privlidge in our society is already determined by financial resources, much of it gained through unethical means. Keep the internet a viable resource and tool for all.
—John Walton, Gualala, CA

NN matters to me because I am sick and tired of footing the bill for corporate malfeasance and mismanagement. If you let ISP's start charging protection money, you're only going to be passing the cost of those payments along to consumers. If you actually want to do some good, maybe you and the FTC could get together and help pare down the duopolies running our country's telecom market, because having multiple choices for ISP's/mobile phone service isn't really meaningful if both are monopolies in their own categories (Phone company vs. Cable company; ATT vs VZW). It's your job to prevent this sort of thing, just in case you forgot the whole "leasing the public airwaves" thing that spawned your agency. "Public" means you work on behalf of natural persons, not legal persons like corporations.
—Clark Shuler, Cincinnati, OH

I AM MORE IMPORANT THAN ANY CORPORATE BOSS!!!
—Lawrence Schuchart, Spokane, WA

This sort of plan is wrong. Of all things, the Net needs to be an even neutral ground. Let it stay that way.
—Col Jeffords, Nampa, ID

Net neutrality is important because it helps ensure access and content to all parts of the internet for all people, not just the few who can afford it. It's part of small "d" democracy and should not be destroyed.
—Andrea Bonnett, Altadena, CA

It's astonishing to me that we are compelled to struggle against corporate criminals and their stooges on the Beltway for the public right to a free and open internet--a right that already belongs to us since all communications passageways are public. Let's stop waging this war on small fronts, and end it now. Please cast your vote for real and comprehensive Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. In doing so, you'll be voting for your own interests, as well.
—Rhett Gambol, Seattle, WA

Corporations, for profit or otherwise, should not be allowed to determine the internet content that I or anyone else wishes to view. It is ultimately censorship because the corporations could simply deny access to sites they may disagree with or have a "moral" objection to. Charging more for one site than another caters to those with money and also increases profits for the corporations - as if they are not raking in enough already. Please do not allow this ill-considered new rule to ever go into effect.
—Joanie Vigh, Kentwood, MI

If the internet no longer is a reliable means for finding unbiased information, a new means will be created. But that will take a while. In the meantime a free flow of ideas and goods, especially from smaller publishers and businesses, will be lost.
—Susan Hinton, Santa Clara, CA

We don't need Big Brother watching "out" for us. We don't need to be told what is good for us.
—Mary Kay Hatheway, Denver, CO

I don't believe that big Corp's should have better internet service than I.
—Paul Erlich, Panorama City, CA

The new Net Neutrality plan is really bothering me. I work for a small online store, which only started because internet is free for all and anyone can sell online. But the new law would give advantage to big corporations, who will pay for better and faster internet, which will make it harder for just anyone to create an online business. I want the internet to stay free because I want to be an online entrepreneur one day too. Please don't pass this change.
—Elena Caceres, Long Beach, CA

To the FCC, Please protect ingenuity and innovation but supporting net neutrality. Thank you, Erica Sanchez
—Erica Sanchez, Chandler, AZ

Net neutrality is extremely important to those of us with family businesses trying to compete with the giants out there. I don't want to have to see Walmart or Target or Amazon first or only because they can afford to pay for access. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Dawn Ayers, Walsenburg, CO

Net neutrality is the last bastion of democracy!
—Eve Neuhaus, San Luis Obispo, CA

The FCC has no business writing regulations for the Internet Service Providers like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast. These companies already have too much control over content and search results! Internet Neutrality is critical!
—George Pearson, Covington, WA

Startups need the ability to get bigger, to break into the market controlled by monopolies. Net Neutrality makes that possible.
—Rita McCue, San Francisco, CA

Please say no to paid preferred data fast lanes. It will ruin the Internet.
—Mr. Waller Collie, DeSoto, TX

HONOR NET NEUTRALITY FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE!
—Patricia Herrera, Miami Beach, FL

As a retireee on a fixed income, I will have difficulty paying higher fees that I believe will be inevitable under the proposed new rules.
—Alva L. Campbell, Ridgewood, NJ

I find it disturbing that the FCC would consider discriminatory practices that would end net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Phyllis Katz, Los Angeles, CA

I own a small, independent fine-dining restaurant in far-southwest New Mexico. Much of my referral business finds us via social media. We will be put at a fundamental disadvantage if we are forced into the slow lane because we can't afford to buy our way into the fast lane. Please, for the sake of small businesses all across the United States, reclassify the internet as a public utility, and level the playing field as a matter of law. Thank you.
—Amberwind MJ Barnhart, Silver City, NM

Seeing as I use the websites and internet services of smaller companies, the ending of net neutrality would literally lower my quality of life.
—Cleo Smith, san luis obispo, CA

I am not a rich corporation
—Mlou christ, Tigard, OR

This is STRICTLY a money making move. The FCC knows that so to do so, illustrates how deeply the FCC supports big business takeovers in every avenue of our lives. Gotta wonder who is paying who -- once again -- as the people of this slipping democracy would again would take the bigger hit. Ah, but who cares about the people -- it's all about the money, right?
—Cathy Spalding, Olympia, WA

I stand for Net Neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eileen Robinson, Orange, CA

FCC to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Scott Nelson, Bethel Island, CA

I consider the internet as one of the tools of free speech that is one of our rights as Americans. Please protect our rights and preserve Net Neutrality.
—June Stepansky, Woodland Hills, CA

Keep Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is what allows the internet to work as it has, and that is working. Without Net Neutrality no one knows what will happen to the internet, but it will probably be bad. The ISP's say they will respect open internet but as soon as it was legal Comcast throttled Netflix to get more money out of them. If this has already happened why wont it happen again?
—Andrew Trumbo, Ann Arbor, MI

I am co-founder of a fledgling organization in Chicago that we call "Democracy for the USA." I am webmaster for the group and spent many hours building our website. This fact alone should underscore the importance of net neutrality to we, the people, who are trying to effect positive change for the USA. Along with Candidate Obama's pledge in 2007 to "take the back seat to no one in protecting neutrality of the Internet", I believe we have a strong case for now President Obama's appointee to the chairmanship of the Federal Communications Commission, Tom Wheeler, to help his boss keep his word to America.
—Robert Stephen Moore, Chicago, IL

The Internet should not be dominated by corporate America and those with the money to buy special treatment. It should serve all equally, with no class discrimination. Please drop the proposed rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Wallace Elton, Saratoga Springs, NY

Net neutrality is an absolute must for freedom. This is about everyone not just the big corporations.
—Janet Busvek, Johnson City, TN

FCC you need to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. We don't need two tiers one for big corporations, the 1% and snail lane, the rest 99% of us. We are not ignorant to what is going on. Being disabled as housebound almost everything is done online. I don't want to have to pay extra to get to those sites. I can't afford it and I should not have to pay more nor should anyone else. I also enjoy the freedom of looking up nature means versus drugs to try to get healthy. I don't want that information basically censored as according to your rules be put in snail lane and I would never see it. It's about freedom of information for All not a few. The Internet is my life line and I am not the only one disabled that uses it. Even if I were not disabled, the Internet still would be important to me as a free source of information. The information allows for competition like Facebook, Google, Myspace, Amazon and so many others. All that would disappear over time because a closed Internet would stifle competition and make monopolies instead. Monopolies created by buyout and mergers hurt the economy not help. What you are proposing will cripple our economy even further to the point of no return. Does the FCC really want to cripple the economy even more? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers is the only way to keep the Internet Open and Safe which allows freedom of information for all that helps our economy. You do want our economy to recover don't you? Or are you just pretending to help. Are you the fox in a hen house? Prove that your not by keeping Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Rosemary Wolf, Inman, SC

Broadband internet connectivity is the primary way American families communicate. It transmits our work, our telephone, our security system monitoring, our email, our banking, our digital storage, and our entertainment. Nobody should have the power to spy on and control that connectivity. Broadband connectivity providers should do one thing only - provide the most reliable, fastest, rapidly improving and evolving data pipe at the lowest cost. Do not allow them to have any power over what Citizens push and pull through the broadband pipe. Your role is to increase competition for them. Instead of giving them power to discriminate and control what Citizens put through the pipe, you should remove the monopoly Comcast has on broadband service to my family in Seattle and they and other providers have in almost every market in the US.
—Scott Brown, Seattle, WA

Si es aprobada, estas reglas significaría el final de neutralidad de la red.
—Maria Cal, vigo,

The fcc was created to ensure fairness of the airways. Abandoning Net Neutrality simple goes against that objectived.
—George Breithaupt Jr., Gambier, OH

Have you opened your cable bill lately? Comcast charges me for a tiered service -- and now they want to be able to charge the services I pay for the equivalent of a tiered service. If your goal is to disrupt the internet, that will do it! Do not let cable companies get away with this!
—Lisa Ann Hall, Menlo Park, CA

I'm studying to be a filmmaker and I hope to use the internet to distribute my films. Net neutrality will help keep my work competitive. I also support and follow people who produce original content on the internet and I believe that their work deserves equal access and attention.
—Drew Wesley Peardon, Canmore,

Net neutrality will help keep the internet a Free from interference from corporations. It should be a free public utility paid for by taxpayers.
—laura Ziemann, Troy, MO

Net neutralifty is one of the few vestiges of freedom in an increasingly Orwellian society
—Edward A. White, Washington, DC

It's a basic freedom!
—Kenn Reynolds, PLAINFIELD, IN

I want all sites I access to come at the same speed. I don't want any sites discriminated against based on content.
—Paul Morsey, Owensboro, KY

Do not end net neutrality and do reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Todd Wilson, LEWISVILLE, TX

The Internet is part of the Commons. Period. The Commons should never be privatized nor skewed towards big money interests.
—Steve Sugarman, Malibu, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers - we need REAL net neutrality, not discrimination from huge companies.
—Geoff Armstrong, Las Vegas, NV

I'd really appreciate it if you folks at the FCC would wake up and do your job. The internet has become a major of information source for millions. As such it must not be 'owned' by any self-interested groups. It needs to be 'clean' and clear of all degrading attitudes, spin, and misinformation. You people are tasked with making sure this is the case. All your decisions ought to be filtered through a net for neutrality and clarity free of bias. It is a huge task, but I know you can do it if you are clear as to what this means.
—Laing N. Reynolds, Lafayette, CO

Equal access for all is the only fair way to act
—Patricia Allan, North Palm Beach, FL

Please, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. We want a truly free internet and that is the only way to achieve that goal. Represent the United States citizen and not the interests of businesses.
—Jordan, Bloomington, MN

Don't let the same monopoly ISP's ruin the internet. For too long they've had total control and given consumers nothing. Restore net neutrality
—Jeremy Barnes, Seattle, WA

FCC, Please protect our internet and net neutrality. This is a form of communication that should be protected from corporate control. The internet belongs to the people not the corporations it should be protected like all other telecommunications and it should be free and open. The FCC is a government entity that should be working for the citizens of the US and not protecting corporate interests.
—Jaysin Cabrol, Wilseyville, CA

Please modify regulations to make the Internet a public utility. It's the only way to protect users from spiraling price increases and slower speeds online.
—Terry Baker, Pottstown, PA

The only way we can have real free speech
—Susan Ansorg, Everett, WA

Whatever happened to "The land of the free" that was supposed to be America? I think it is outrageous because what you are doing is trying to stifle free speech and transfer of ideas. Shame on you. Leave our Internet alone!
—Alison Round, Porthleven,

Please do not allow a toll to be placed on the internet.
—Tom Patterson, Saunderstown, RI

For too long, too many services that address basic human needs: health care, education, housing, water and power - have been turned over to private corporations to manage. They are not mandated to serve the public: their only mandate is provide shareholders with returns. The airwaves were supposed to be held in trust for the public as well, but they have not been - and one result is an ill-informed, passive electorate that is consistently propagandized to vote against its own best interests. Low-cost access to the internet has made it possible for information to be shared freely again - and freedom of information is just as much in the public interest as freedom of assembly, or basic human services. It cannot be provided on a pay-to-play basis. Reclassification is the only way to guarantee a free and open internet. The stakes are high - don't take us backwards by allowing corporate capture of another vital resource.
—Christy Rodgers, San Francisco, CA

I own an internet based start up. The currently proposed rules could significantly limit my companies sustainability. We can not afford to pay for a fast lane. As a result, our unique offering (i.e. we have no industry competitors) would be gone completely. We need to maintain true net neutrality.
—Brian Urban, Evanston, IL

Support real net neutrality were the cable & telco's have no control over what data is given priority. But rather keep the current practice were all data is treated on an equal basis. Don't try fix something that doesn't need fixing!
—Ian Wolf, Cincinnati, OH

Affordable, fast, open internet service needs to be available to EVERYONE, not just those who can afford it. For seniors on a fixed income (like me) it is a lifeline! Please keep the internet fair and equitable.
—Jayleen Hatmaker, Springboro, OH

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online: 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out those rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am a 69-year-old woman, and I don't like the way our country is trending.
—Sue Halligan, Woodbury, MN

Internet service providers must be reclassified as common carriers. It's not their Internet to take. It's not your Internet to give. The fact that there is even debate on this matter is appalling. Stop these monopolies from destroying one of the most valuable resources the world has. Have you no chivalry?
—Kevin Dolan, Westminster, CO

Stop taking bribes and realize all of the extra cost gets handed down to the public. Schools, churches, and hospitals combined with an already bankrupt economy. The national average IQ has increased with the internet. Do not continue to limit it's adoption and use. Accept the Mozilla foundation proposal.
—Kevin Hatfield, Memphis, TN

Discard the present plan. It will destroy any semblance of net neutrality. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—George Meserve, Tallahassee, FL

DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR ACCESS TO INFORMATION.
—Lynne Sloan, San Francisco, CA

I don't want to tell my kids that the internet was once a very good idea until 2014. Stop this please, bring back Net Neutrality.
—Andrej Galins, Parker, CO

Net Neutrality is not an empty term. It means greater consumer protection, not catering to the needs of monopolistic corporations.
—James Freeman, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important for all of us because, without it, big corporations will be "legally allowed" to provide faster service to those who pay more money and the rest of us, who cannot afford it, will have to deal with a type of discrimination - slower access or no access to websites we would like to view. Therefore, it is extremely important that the FCC categorize all ISP's as common carriers. In this and no other way will the internet be a free access space for all. And, after all, in America we are supposed to be the land of the free, not the land of the corporate. It is my hope and millions of other Americans that the FCC uphold net neutrality for all and do the right thing by making the internet a space for all to enjoy it freely, without corporate interference. Thank you for your time and attention to this most important issue in our time. Sincerely, Charlie Troy
—Charlie Troy, Philadelphia, PA

As a business owner and a home owner - I pay a small fortune to access the internet on AT&T and Comcast. That should be enough. Spend your money on real issues like our giant debt issue.
—Rusty Carruth, Brandon, MS

Due to my location shopping in person is prohibitive, thus all my needs are purchased on line. This would hurt the economy because I would have to reduce my spending by at least 80%. I have over 5,000 neighbors. YOU DO THE MATH
—Josie P Sweeney, Kapaau, HI

I realize the person reading this at the FCC is not Tom Wheeler and even if it was, him reading this would have little effect. You on the other hand, as an FCC employee have a huge influence on Net Neutrality compared to the thousands of US. citizens filling out this forum. If you agree with the concepts of Net Neutrality then make your voice heard your offices. Start showing support by wearing buttons, changing desktop backgrounds, talking to your coworkers about it and starting a group for supporting it. Email your bosses showing your support. While you might not be in charge you are still part of the FCC and your voice matters and your voice carries a lot more then these forums do. Thank you for you time
—Troy Toggweiler, Melbourne, FL

The fact that your asking why Net Neutrality is important shows that the FCC has lost its way. Hiring the lead lobbyist for cable companies was a mistake. The basic principle on why the internet works so well is because everything is equal. Creating fast lanes is unethical. First for small businesses and secondly it opens the door for ISP's. The biggest thing I don't understand is why does ISP need to get paid more for something its already getting paid to do. Google Fiber is not doing this. Does the CEO really need more money? Do the ISPs really need this or do they just want to find a way to make us pay more for something they already provide. Please fire Wheeler. I think he forgot who he works for now and his job requirements.
—James Hamner, Sterling, VA

The internet has been and should continue to be an important tool to support and promote democracy and equality. Allowing corporations to profit from removing that equality and making it even harder for poor and middle class people to access the internet is unacceptable. It is the FCC's job to work for the common good of citizens, not corporations.
—Sara Avery, Lafayette, CO

My provider, Comcast, wants to charge content providers for fast service. This means that my cost to access some content will go up and other providers, who can't afford to pay, will not be easily accessible as their content will load slower. This is patently unfair and discriminatory. Internet access is not a luxury, it is a necessity and should be treated as a utility, not a commodity.
—Irwin Friedman, Richmond, CA

No two tier system! The free exchange of information and ideas is the single greatest innovation of our time.
—B S Higgs, Tempe, AZ

Don't fix what isn't broken!
—David Allsebrook, Capt Cook, HI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a web designer. I know that if Net Neutrality is compromised, it would stifle innovation and destroy the industry.
—Jessica Sideways, Longmont, CO

I would like a written response. I want to know on what basis Internet Service Providers are classified as anything OTHER than utilities and common carriers. I want to know your reasoning, because I have racked my brain, and can discover NO logical reason that they would NOT be classed as utilities and common carriers. Please, do enlighten me.
—Sadie Sullivan-Greiner, El Cajon, CA

Mr. Wheeler, why are you openly taking sides and allowing discrimination online, stop sucking up to special interest and Big Business like a teet in your mouth and find your morals and backbone AND USE THEM FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL, not just for you and your bedfellows.
—Rebecca Price, Pittsboro, NC

Net neutrality is of fundamental importance to democracy. I value the ability to use the net freely and not be subject to whims and rules set up by the few who have access and the power to control us.
—John Tyrrell, Birmingham,

You need to reverse your stand to allow fast lanes on the internet. I was involved when it was still arpanet and have seen the growth and potential continue to increase. The position you are proposing is a step backward, and only services big corporations to make more money. As if the insane profits they are making now is not enough. Allow equal access to all on the internet forever. This is the promise and the vision that enables all new possibilities.
—Don McClure, Half Moon Bay, CA

Nearly every method of communication in my house depends entirely on my internet connection. Land line phone? It's running though a VOIP connection to the internet. Cell phone? I'm using republic wireless, a cell phone service that depends on my home internet connection to function. Want to watch a movie? Well, thats all running over the internet with Netflix. Want to play a game? All video game consoles made in the last 10 years require some sort of internet connection to operate fully. The internet has become as necessary as a electric or water connection to keep a household functional at the most basic level. A home without a internet connection might as well not even have a mailbox for how cut off it will be from the rest of the community. Slow and "fast lanes" on the internet? This will benefit no-one. Paying for different "tiers" of service? Absolutely ridiculous. That would be like having restricted access at a public library.
—Christopher Schugel, New Ulm, MN

PLEASE KEEP THE PLAYING FIELD LEVEL!!!!
—Mary F Lasley, Ashland, OR

Net neutrality is very important for American consumers. The large internet and cable providers have a near monopoly already. Do not let it continue. Stand up for the consumers. Don't let the money and influence of a few large companies buy laws that help only them.
—Bryant A Rushing, Jonesboro, AR

Net neutrality is important for political and economic freedom for all.
—Jim Braun, Cleveland, OH

Open communication between human beings should not depend on how much one can pay.
—Rebecca Stumpf MD, Uniontown, PA

It needs to be neutral for everyone
—Ron Dossey, Hurricane, UT

We withstood dial up, then got satellite, but had a really old computer, with videos taking forever to play, buffering, being cut in and out, and that was just short news ones. We finally have a much faster better one, though not new, so we have known what slow internet speed is like, and certainly don't want big businesses to pay big money and get fast internet, and we go back to interrupted or slow internet speed. In a democracy, that should never be the case, only the rich having access to what should be free service, or privileged access to Congress, for that matter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Joan Jones, Milan, MI

KEEPING THE INTERNET FREE FOR ALL TO USE IS PART OF A FREE SOCIETY. NO! TO A TWO-TIERED INTERNET. NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!
—Carol Pauly, Big Bend, WI

Net neutrality is the very essence of the Internet.
—Franz Oppacher, Almonte,

I don't want to live in a feudal society where the Lords are CEOs and big money and the FCC is their Bitch, their Sheriff of Nothinghead. Do you have to be easily suborned to be on the FCC?
—Malcolm Moore, Portola, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the only place where everything is not controlled by money. Big money now controls all other media.
—Kate Coe, Kas Vegas, NV

Without an impartial internet, then the providers become the gate keepers...gate keepers who own the gates usually decide to start charging tolls...ergo the origin of the word troll...or is toll derived from troll? Hmmm...anyway flat fees for services provided for all is one thing but tiered fees only leads to corruption of the very democratic principals which we all claim to hold so dear! I for one am not interested in an internet policed by private companies or the government...IF I was, I'd go live in China you assholes!
—Walker Hibben, newport beach, CA

keep the Internet free!
—Joanne Britton, San Diego, CA

PLEASE, for the love of God, don't ruin the internet! Your proposed plans will destroy everything that is great about one of the greatest inventions of mankind. The only people that this proposal will help are the major telecom companies that Chairman Tom Wheeler is in the pocket of. The internet is one of the most, if not the most, important invention ever. DON'T DESTROY IT FOR A COMPANY.
—James Soracco, Sunnyvale, CA

ISP's need reclassification as common carriers. We must future proof our information based society and economy by having true Net Neutrality!
—James Cummings, Pennsauken, NJ

We already have worse internet service than Europe. Don't make things worse by giving corporations and other big money groups priority on the net.
—Audrey Faulkner, East Brunswick, NJ

Net Neutrality is important because our economy should be based on social responsibility, not greed.
—Gerald Jupitter-Larsen, LA, CA

We do not feel that corporate entities should have any greater access to the internet than any individual.
—Edward Mc Eleney, Norris, TN

The Net redefined equality. Please don't ruin it.
—Charlotte Sibley, Berwyn, PA

Internet service providers shouldn't have the power to pick winners and losers online, and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Sean Kennedy, Healdsburg, CA

An internet fast lane doesn't rise to the level of "seperate but equal", which has been decided to be bogus and unamerican.
—Gatterer Gatterer, hayward, CA

The internet should not be under the control of big business or government. There should be no possibility of discrimination when it comes to internet usage. A two-tiered system that allows those that can afford higher fees better access is a sickening proposition.
—Mary OConnor, Glen Ellyn, IL

Net Neutrality is essential so the money a few people have doesn't control the day to day lives of all the rest of us!!!! You must listen to the people and not let money make the decision!!!!
—Janet Dhaenens, Sandpoint, ID

Keep the internet free!
—Mike C, Camarillo, CA

Net neutrality is important for informational freedom. I do not believe corporations that control telecommunications need to be making more money than they already do. The benefits of an open internet vastly outweigh the importance of corporate profits. As the old adage goes, "If it's not broke, don't fix it." Well that's exactly how I feel about the current state of the internet without legislation allowing ISPs to basically discern which customers can have faster access, and slow down others that can not pay a premium. The internet was made on a concept of freedom of information, and the FCC's proposed rules greatly endanger the freedom of internet we all currently enjoy.
—Justin S Yee, Pittsburgh, PA

My whole livelihood depends on an open internet where people are able to find me easily online. The idea of a "fast lane" will cripple any exposure I could have otherwise gotten from a fair and equal internet. Aside from its impact on entertainment, education, and keeping in touch with family and friends, this online discrimination would hinder small business growth and development. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Sarah K Schanze, Chantilly, VA

The internet is a public utility just like phone lines. Do what is right for the American citizen.
—Dane M Olds, 5810 butterfly lane, MD

Net Neutrality is important for unbiased dissemination of information.
—Lisa Thornton, Calabash, NC

In all fairness, you must re-classify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers. If you do not, we peasants will be left staring at our static screens while those who can afford it will get instant results - that would not be very small-d democratic.
—Mr. Merrill Gillespie, San Francisco, CA

I want Net Neutrality to be protected. The internet is one of the major ways I and others communicate with the government and should be protected from the network provider like verizon and comcast. It should be classified as a common carrier. The FCC should protect the people of the United States, not the industry they are regulating.
—Mike Schneible, rockville, MD

Dear FCC, it's time to get real. Who do you serve? If it's not us, the American people, but instead Comcast and Time-Warner, you have failed. Corporations are not people. No, they're not. We the people do not want a monopoly in which Comcast and Time-Warner are allowed to reap massive profits while gouging us and having the audacity to provide internet service inferior to that in Estonia (see John Oliver for that reference)! Please preserve net neutrality, which is the fairest choice for all. Sincerely, Lilian Robinson, Vineyard Haven, MA
—Lilian Robinson, Vineyard Haven, MA

All data should be treated the same. Please don't let already wealthy monopolistic corporations run the internet. It will be detrimental to citizens. The Internet should be regulated as a public service, like power and water.
—Amy Corey, SPOKANE, WA

Net neutrality is very important, even for basic communication. Without it, small bussiness can be hurt and and new bussiness may not even be able to get off the ground. Small content and large content creators and viewers are an essential and wonderful thing about the internet and without neutrality it's possible we could lose them. Please understand that we need the internet to remain a level playing field. Thank you.
—Hannah Jones, Hartsel, CO

Protect Net Neutrality! What is fair is fair-not to favor those with the most $$$, but to allow equal access Do the right thing here because it IS the right thing to do
—Judith Ludwig, Cicero, IL

It's time to step up and do the right thing, no matter how much the high rollers are paying!
—Ricardo Mendez, L. A., CA

Everything doesn't need to be a profit center for avaricious amoral corporations. Keep the Net flowing freely to everyone regardless of their financial status.
—William Carey, Sherman Oaks, CA

I have lived in the People's Republic of China. I have seen what an internet with heavy censorship, with privileges for a few looks like. I know just how restricting that can be. If we do indeed value being "The Land of the Free" then we should remember this applies to all aspects of life, including those not seen by our forefathers.
—David Pantaleoni, Iowa City, IA

Net neutrality is essential for supporting innovation in virtually every aspect of the economy. My sons are two of the millions of computer science professionals who would be adversely affected by a two tiered Internet because they are in small businesses that compete with AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and others. The larger companies have virtually insurmountable resources to control ideas, data, evidence, and the other building blocks of innovation. Doubtlessly, creation of a two-tiered Internet would to be the first step toward a litigation nightmare about who has and who does not have access to the "fast" lanes.
—David L. Paulsmeyer PhD, Bend, OR

Freedom
—victoria kniery, El Paso, TX

Net neutrality is essential to the unhindered and non-commercial flow of information, which are critical to a vibrant democracy. Tom Wheeler, you should be ashamed of yourself!
—Judy Pehrson, Lancaster, PA

The Net is a way for everyone, regardless of money, to access and contribute information. I want it to stay available to everyone.
—Kathleen Erickson, Tucson, AZ

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark E. Bye, Schofield, WI

Take the internet out of the hands of monopolies.
—Barry Lefsky, Oakland, CA

The internet is not for sale. We all own the internet equally.
—Kathy Magne, Saint Paul, MN

Not every house has broadboad internet. My only two options are DSL and Cable, each from different companies. I live on Public Assistance and if I wanted to "upgrade" from AT&T to Comcast, I'd have to pay $50 for a credit check before I even get started on their services. The "Two-tiered" proposal is fallacious because we already have different levels of Broadband. Suggesting we redefine internet based on such myopia is nothing short of proposing consumer robbery.
—DeAngelo M. Guillory, San Francisco, CA

What is going to keep these companies from putting any government site in the slow lane? Have you thought of that? Will you know if/when you've been slotted off to the slow lane? What will stop a Christie/bridge like scandal on the internet highway? Who owns the orange cones wins.
—J Jordan, RICHLAND, WA

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—Michael Crisci, Niles, IL

Protect a free, open, and NEUTRAL internet. Protect future entrepreneurs and future small business start-ups. You are going to fuck everything up.
—Ryan White, Fullerton, CA

Net neutrality is crucially important because it is the last stand of anything like a level playing field in this country. If it is destroyed or damaged, even more people will feel that they have no real stake in the country, i.e., no effective way to act for themselves, either economically or politically. It would be a tragedy, ultimately as much for those who benefit in the short term from the proposed fast lanes as for those who are immediately hurt.
—Marguerite boyens, Stone Mountain, GA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. The biggies will keep us from gaining any room on the Internet. Do not let us down!!!!
—Joyce A. ELLS, Oakdale, MN

Reclassify IPSs as common carriers! Sophistry will not disguise corruption!
—Taras Kiceniuk, Santa Paula, CA

FCC: throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I live in a rural area and travelling on old cart paths is an acceptable way of life. My internet travelling on a similarly poorly maintained and substandard infrastructure is not!
—Elliot Ross, Union Dlae, PA

The FCC's plan to allow near-monopolies like Comcast, Time-Warner, AT&T and Verizon to make sweetheart deals with other giant corporations to the detriment of everyone else using the Internet is totally unacceptable to me. The new rules should be abandoned and ALL ISPs should be classified as common carriers, regardless of size and assets. Make the Internet truly neutral and keep it neutral!
—Joseph Pallazola, Berkeley, CA

The Internet was created with Federal research money. It is a public utility and should not be turned over to oligarchs.
—Leonard Conly, Berkeley, CA

Everybody needs the same experience on the Internet and its also going to keep rates for everybody cheaper. Netflix has raised it rates for new subscribers because of having to pay more to Comcast and Verizon to supposedly improve the quality of their service on those providers but they still aren't getting it.
—Sam Hill, Flagstaff, AZ

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carol Barnes, berkeley, CA

Don't let the big corporations censor the internet. We need real net neutrality!
—Larry Ulrey, Indianapolis, IN

For the FCC to even consider turning the net over to large corporations is beyond ludicrous. The World Wide Web was created by individuals not the government or large corporations. It spimly belongs to the people. If the FCC feels the need to have it controlled and continues to believe it has the right to assign the net, and limit the publics access, it should become a public utility. In short, If it's not broke don't fix it, which the FCCs meddling will surely do!
—Sydney Wright, Baltimore, MD

I work with information -- my career is an information specialist within the academic arena. I have seen how lack of free and open access to all information negatively influences decisions that get made. A decision is only as good as the information it is based on. Would you want your doctor or surgeon to have only part of the information needed to treat your condition? Would you want to buy something for which you knew only part of the specs? And in all cases you did not know that there was additional information existed which would have altered what you chose to do. This is totally destructive of any free and productive society. It promotes a serf or slave society where the few control the many. In today's high tech world abrogating Net Neutrality is tantamount to promoting an utterly unequal society where most of the citizens are in the serf-status position. This is not healthy for any society. Please protect Net Neutrality and promote a healthy, open, free, and productive society.
—Margaret Merrill, Blacksburg, VA

Please don't create a two-tiered system of the internet. It will destroy the internet as we know it, stifle democratic voices and discussions, and impact tech companies negatively. It seems absurd this is even up for proposal as net neutrality.
—Cody Healey-Conelly, Brooklyn, NY

Please discard your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not end net neutrality. My computer is slow enough as it is.
—Diana Ward, St. Petersburg, FL

Please reclassify broadband providers as utilities, do not buy their garbage about slowed "innovation" and fewer services--ISPs do not offer the services that consumers want, they offer clunky services that consumers are strong-armed into bundling by lack of competitive local markets, backed by the worst customer service of any industry in America... they already control the internet infrastructure which (supposedly still) allows consumers access to the services we choose. There is no need for "services innovation" and new bundled services from our ISPs. Reclassify as a utility!
—Sam Hein, Manhattan Beach, CA

Without Net Neutrality the unequal distribution of wealth will continue to increase. Furthermore, New Neutrality supports a democratic process.
—Joan Federman, Stockton Springs, ME

Equal access for all Americans.
—Edward Mansilla, Chandler, AZ

The Internet is a part of the commons and should be treated as such. Let information flow freely.
—Earl Smith, Buford, GA

Reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. JUST DO IT. GROW A PAIR
—Jeffrey Chimene, Sonoita, AZ

Net Neutrality is vital in allowing us small businesses to compete with larger ones. Small businesses create a lot of the employment in this country, but are not wealthy. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rebecca H. Walding, Cerrillos, NM

The facts are clear. Comcast AT&T continue to gouge the consumer with hidden fees, box rentals, high cost minimums,... This also eliminates the poor from recieving access. The FCC needs to stop the monopoly.
—Tom stanton, Park Ridge, IL

Net Neutrality is essential for democracy and online innovation. "Reasonable" is a meaningless fudge word that invites abuse by the ISPs and would create the appearance of corruption in the FCC. Large ISPs overcharge massively and do not serve the public interest.
—Tim Siner, bloomington, IN

I now this will be lost in a deluge of other people's comments, but that's kind of the point isn't it? People all over the country understand what a terrible idea this is. These companies are already handsomely compensated for their services and all this new system would do is allow them more ways to make profit at the cost of the customers, not to mention the blow to innovation. The internet is a wonderful thing that has great potential, but if you make the changes you propose you will stifle that innovation solely for the purpose of enriching large companies for doing nothing.
—Travis Leitko, Greenville, SC

THE NET SHOULD BE NEUTRAL AND EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL. IT SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY A CORPORATION BUT IT SHOULD BE LIKE A FEDERAL FREEWAY: FREE FOR EVERYONE BUT UNLIKE A FREEWAY, IT PAYS FOR ITSELF IN ADS. WE DON'T WANT CABLE COMPANIES LIKE VERIZON AND COMCAST CONTROLLING THE SPEED WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE NET. DON'T BE FODDER FOR THE GREEDY.
—Randy d Owens, elk grove, CA

It's simple. Because I use the internet.
—Dominic Demierre, Calgary, SC

There is absolutely no reason why the biggest ISPs need to have more control over the internet bandwidth. They already charge more than enough for consumers to use their product. They don't need to charge more based on your use. Thanks.
—Paul MAGALOTTI, Kettering, OH

Free and easy access - the cornerstone of a strong society.
—e Perkins Perkins, Talmage, CA

Because I live in a country that is suppposed to be a Democracy and I want my government to stop carrying water for giant, greedy mega-corporations.
—Joan Antonuccio, Qakland, CA

Without Net Neutrality, I will be unable to interact with most of my family and friends. I am on a fixed income and cannot afford anything but the very least expensive way to connect to the internet. If you allow big corporations to take over and charge large amounts of money, many like me will have to give up our internet usage altogether. Please don't do this to so many of us who are in the lowest of the 99%.
—Alice Green, Wheat Ridge, CO

We demand net neutrality -- there must be no two-tiered internet. Reclass ISPs as common carriers now!
—Mr. Mark J Moerman, VANCOUVER, WA

I am not rich and I hate it when my government favors the rich. I am ready to start voting independent because I am tired of being f----d over by both republicans and democrats.
—L Turner, livingston, TX

we need to keep it open for everyone the same....
—Kathleen Stewart, Valley, WA

Because we are a democracy and we believe in spreading democracy throughout the world. That belief should begin "at home" with a fair and open internet to which everyone has equal access and equal power. Let's put our money where our mouths are!
—Kate Savage, Los Angeles, CA

I support Net Neutrality. We don't want the internet to be treated like cable communication.
—Sarvenaz Saeed, redwood city, CA

do your damn job protecting " we the people " or get the hell out of office !! have you all been bought out too ???
—Toni garmon, Dawsonville, GA

The cable and phone companies "have Washington in their pockets! This must not happen!
—Bill Herman, Oceanside, CA

Access to communication has been getting more expensive and inaccessible in today's world. Instead of paying around $35 a month for a landline telephone and a quarter per call at a payphone, we are now required to pay around $140 per month for a family plan cellphone. Instead of having free TV, we have cable at another $150 per month. It is only through having a reasonably priced Internet access that many of us can hope to reduce the cost of telephone and entertainment services. $300 per month in savings is nothing to sneeze at--especially in these economic hard times. Moreover, instead of having newspapers which used to report the news reliably for $30 per month, we have to shift for ourselves using a combination of NPR and the Internet to find reliable news reports. My local newspaper is now nothing more than an advertising supplement. We have cable TV but most of those news shows have become more and more unreliable because they narrow their content to endless celebrity stories or their own political slant or, in the case of CNN, they just seem eager to fill the airspace with the sounds of their own voices. The Internet (and the radio) are the last bastions of reasonably priced information. If you hand control of access to that information to the mega corporations, you will have successfully crushed freedom of speech and the press in one blow--because who can believe that control of access won't also mean control of content. In addition, most of the communications we used to make over the telephone and through the US mail we now make over the Internet. Most of us now pay our bills online and there are many jobs that only list on the Internet and only accept applications online. So, to summarize, without Net Neutrality, lower income and middle-class people will be significantly disadvantaged. Only the rich will have access to the advantages that nearly everyone has today. More and more, the Internet is required for anyone to grow their own business. If it is too expensive to access, then anyone starting out will be hurt. Democracy itself will be damaged because the voices of those rich enough to have Internet access will be louder than anyone else's. Without access to the Internet, I wouldn't be writing this comment that I am writing now because (a) I wouldn't have known that the FCC was inviting comments and (b) I wouldn't have access to this comment box. Please do not compromise on Net Neutrality.
—Jan Kutchen, San Antonio, TX

The internet was created with public money. It was not created to be the tool of large merchandisers or corporate mega-telecom/ISPs. The internet needs to remain an open and free flowing medium for information of all kinds. We have already witnessed the disastrous consequences in the news media resulting from the changes in the 1996 Telecom Act allowing greater media ownership consolidation. We cannot allow the same crap to invade the internet. It is absolutely unacceptable. IPs already overprice and under-innovate delviiery of services. We still have way too many households with no internet access and broadband is unaffordable for the millions of unemployed and those in low-wage jobs--the vast majority of minimum-wage workers are adults trying to earn a living. We should clear the way for municipalities to offfer inexpensive broadband access since the cable company does nothing to innovate, they are content to try to get as big as they can where they have controlled market share. Then they can really screw us. Just like they have with television subscriber fees. It's outrageous. The FCC MUST protect the public good. An open, unfettered internet is in the public interest and serves the public good.
—David J. Lafond, Holyoke, MA

The net is the second-to-last bastion of free speech, and the boys on the hill are doing their best to close the Postal Service, so they don't have to figure out how to read mail through the envelope. Please, break with the ranks of Government officials who want to spy on and control everything. Hitler is Dead, and I'm hoping the USDA isn't working on his clone.
—Kirk Taylor, Yelm, WA

Save net neutrality! Equal access!
—Maria Jaunakais, Albuquerque, NM

The internet is the last vestige of democracy left in this country. Everything else has been turned over to the whims of the very wealthy through political or fiscal influence. Let us not allow the lucky few to complete their hostile takeover of this country. Save net neutrality!!!!
—Robert Garrett, maineville, OH

The internet should be a free public utility paid through taxes. Period.
—D Collins, E Moriches, NY

The internet has become very important and should be treated as a utility. There should be no fast or slow lanes for the internet. Doing so would harm many that depend on the internet.
—Sergio M Rivera, Chicago, IL

Comcast is already the worst/most disliked company in America. Giving them greater power will only lead to higher monopolistic practices and less free trade.
—Jennifer Dubrow, Bellingham, WA

There are no reasons that I can think of why everyone cannot have access to information, ie., the net.
—Laurie Price, New York, NY

You seem hellbent on destroying the free press in America at the urging of your corporate overlords. This is insane! ALL CONTENT (LEFT AND RIGHT) should travel over the entire internet at the same speed.
—Jeff Crane, Lincoln, NE

The internet is a required service in this day and age. Like electricity, it should be heavily regulated.
—Rennie Andrews II, San Diego, CA

The internet is and should be a place where all voices are equal.
—Nicole Naeve, Brooklyn, NY

All points of view must have equal access to the internet for free exchange of information. Net neutrality is the only way to preserve this!
—James K. Dotson, Half Moon Bay, CA

Dear FCC, This is America and one of the hallmarks of our country, revered the world over is freeness. Freeness of religion, to go where we choose and freedom of information. Blocking access to and censoring the internet is against basic American principles. Stand with the American majority and do not restrict access to the internet.
—Casee Maxfield, los angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is equivalent to freedom of speech (both legislated and enforceable).
—Arthur Connor, Idyllwild, CA

Internet for the rich is not the answer. Access should be equal for everyone. I already pay enough to have internet access. Don't let corporate greed rule the day. I will be watching closely to how you act and will oppose any changes that you propose that does not give equal access to all.
—Darryl Manthey, wantage, NJ

The internet is not a tool for the rich only. Preserve net neutrality!
—Brian R Weeks, Flushing, NY

The internet as it is today is working for Americans like nothing else is. It needs to be left alone to foster small business and families. It is irresponsible to give in to the communication companies that want to control the internet. As an organic and growing facet of our society, it's working beautifully. Please protect it; keep it neutral.
—Valerie Crawford, McMinnville, OR

I believe that everyone should have equal access to the Internet.
—Susan Davenport, Simi Valley, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! The internet has grown into the indispensable tool that it is because it is ACCESSABLE by one and all. ANY move to alter that is DANGEROUS to our society and to the economy.
—Gary Myrick, Fort Worth, TX

The internet is the last TRULY FREE place on earth! Do not let it get destroyed!
—Ben Bouissieres, Bloomington, MN

COME ON! Leave a little something for us "little guys"--must EVERYTHING be grabbed and controlled by the money-making giants, for Christ's sake?
—Richard Burrows, Bonney Lake, WA

All Americans, business people and consumers, need a TRULY Open Internet, with real Net Neutrality. Rules currently proposed with destroy the Internet as known so far, make business growth and innovation impossible, and lead to more monopoly control of communications. This can be repaired easily! RECLASSIFY the INTERNET as a TELECOMMUNICATIONS carrier. This is what it is is! Make Net Neutrality REAL and PERMANENT. Sincerely, James D. Findlay
—James Findlay, Los Angeles, CA

Seriously sick of OUR government handing over control of everything to big money and big corporations. Government of the people, by the people and for the people is rapidly vanishing. Let's not hand over the internet.
—Ms. Michele Hart-Rico, Los Angeles, CA

Please protect Net Neutrality - the internet belongs to all of us!
—Lynne Teplin, Bronxville, NY

The internet has replaced land line telephones for many forms of communication and via VOIP is, in fact, the method by which MANY home telephone signals are provided. Allowing ISP companies to sell higher speed transmission to companies is unfair to the subscriber who is paying to get a service. The consumer is paying to receive internet at a speed the consumer chooses- NOT to receive SOME internet a the speed the consumer chooses and OTHER internet the ISP deems less desirable at a LOWER speed. I am paying for my internet service. It should be up to ME what I do with it and what data I want to receive and from what individuals, organizations, and companies I want- NOT the ISP. That would be like allowing a telephone company to determine who can call me on my telephone and how clear the transmission of that call will be based on whether the caller paid them a fee ahead of time.
—Megan Vicino-Collins, Halethorpe, MD

The internet, with the utility and connectivity it provides, is a public resource and and a beacon of hope for any good idea or brilliant person.
—William Branton, scituate, MA

I don't want to be discriminated against. I am disabled and living very rurally, I cannot afford extra fees for high speed internet. Please don't end Net Neutrality.
—Vivian S. Valtri Burgess, Granville, VT

Keep the internet open. Insist that all ISPs provide the full bandwidth to everyone. Insist on bandwidth quality for every subscriber. Make true broadband available to everyone in the USA.
—Paul Lazar, Santa Clara, CA

This is discrimination and greed at work.
—Chinh Do, springfield, MA

Keeping the internet free and neutral would allow equal access for all citizens, regardless of class and socio-economic status, to be able to utilize the benefits of one of the greatest and most important technological advances of the 21st century.
—Elias Garcia, San Fernando, CA

Google searches about controversial subjects are censored! Results have little to do with the search terms entered. Whether you agree with Google's opinion on a particular subject or not, as the world's biggest English language search engine they should be required to provide unbiased access to writings/opinions/materials on controversial subjects. Otherwise they are engaged in illicit censorship. The U.S. law requiring equal time for alternate opinions in response to editorials by broadcasters/publishers should be reinstated. Unbiased access to information on controversial subjects is becoming extremely rare as we drift toward Communist-style controls. This tendency must be countered and reversed.
—Bruce W. Hain, `Brooklyn, NY

ISPs are utilities, nothing more. There's no fast lane or slow lane for the delivery of my water, gas or electricity, and there shouldn't be such variants for Internet data. Just deliver the data, and let the users decide what, if anything, to do with the data. In the end, the users pay the bills that keep the Internet going. Put the users first! We deserve that much consideration.
—Donald Figge, Tucson, AZ

TIME FOR THE FCC TO TAKE CARE OF THE INTERNET.....FOR THE PEOPLE!!!
—Emil D Younger Jr, Meeker, OK

It's unconscionable to make an internet "slow lane" or require payment in order to compete on line. Ridiculous and un-American to find yet another way to suppress the "little guy" and to exact more money from the public. The implications of such a move would be reminiscent living in North Korea. Comcast's business practices are already in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. It is already a monopoly. Where I live, it the only supplier of internet. That is a monopoly. Now, you folks at the FCC want to make things worse.
—Patience Hayes, Chicago, IL

Reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Hipps, Memphis, TN

Fast and slow lanes on the Internet are a very bad idea: essentially the same as letting the 1% decide everyone else's speed. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Ann Thryft, Boulder Creek, CA

The internet was created as a free method of communication. Why do you think it should involve money?? Wealth - or lack thereof- has become the the motivating factor - you should be ashamed.
—Mary Ann Dean, Eden Prairie, MN

We need real net neutrality. The pretense proposed by Wheeler won't even come close. You must realize this. Wheeler is not the right leader for this crucial issue!
—David Rogg, Oakton, VA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality now.
—Germone Southall, Portland, OR

there is too much inequality in the world already. let's keep the internet neutral!
—Lisa Ray, San Antonio,, TX

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE INTERNET REMAIN OPEN TO ALL AT THE SAME RATE. A TWO-TIER SYSTEM WILL ONCE AGAIN ALLOW BIG BUSINESS TO MAKE EVEN MORE MONEY ON THE BACKS OF THE REST OF US. WE NOW PAY MORE FOR LESS SERVICE AND SPEED THAN MOST COUNTRIES. VERIZON, COMCAST, ETC SHOULD BE SPENDING MONEY ON BETTER AND MORE SERVICE RATHER THAN LOBBYING THE FCC TO DO THEIR BIDDING. BARBARA PEREA
—Barbara Perea, San Francisco, CA

Every one should have free and equal access to the internet, not just the wealthiest.
—Cecil Gabriel, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is necessary for innovation. Without it, some of the most successful people would have never had a chance to do anything. Please, save us all and do not pass these rules. Data is equal.
—Alex Varone, Saint James, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me in my everyday job. I work for an emerging antenna manufacturer building microwave antennas and we need to keep internet access as open as possible for our company to thrive.
—Adam W. Oster, Fall City, WA

There is too little competition now between the media, ISPs, and the telephone companies. For democracy to thrive we need a level playing field where all ideas and points of view can be shared without being comprised by slow download or upload speeds. Currently the cable and satellite TV providers provide horrible service at extortionist prices. Allowing these companies to throttle any competition is not the way to obtain good service at reasonable prices.
—Janna Caughron, Reno, NV

The internet service providers should be classified as common carriers. It is how they function, and how they should be regulated. We must not have another critical way in which the rich become richer.
—Betty Lawrence, Asheville, NC

People need to be able to do things in a timely manner on line. If speed regresses to slow for non-payers of higher fees, you'll lose a lot of customers among those unable to pay so much. You think they don't count? The big fish feed on the little ones; if the little ones are out of the pond, the big fish get hungry.
—Alna, Cornville, AZ

Stop the big ISPs from slowing the internet.
—Donald Sims, Orangevale, CA

Net neutrality keeps the internet democratic. I want equal access to my local businesses and hobby / special interest sites as big corporations and internet providers get. Comcast and TWC should not be tweaking anyone's speeds either. The internet is a public utility and should have the same access as water, electricity, and highways.
—Richard Andriola, Kearny, NJ

Ultimately, a 'neutral net' will generate prosperity for all of us - not just a privileged few. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—R Thorne, Elgin, IL

I don't think there should be a fast lane or a dirt road on the Internet. Chairman Wheeler, please rethink this proposal.
—Ellen Kent, Winchester, VA

If Citizen's United was the last nail in democracy's coffin, ending real net neutrality would be locking the coffin in a burial vault.
—Mr. John Faust, Huachuca City, AZ

The internet must be equally accessible to all to maintain it's vitality!
—Joanne Fetting, whitefish bay, WI

The right to communication and right to information are cornerstones of our present democracy. We cannot and must not and will not allow these rights to be controlled by corporations who only care about the bottom line. Please protect our rights.
—Tom Noonan, Hancock, NY

The internet is as necessary as telephone and electricity. It should be classified as a common carrier, with the same rules and accessibility as those products. A two tiered internet is NOT FREE or NEUTRAL. It is only for the GREED of the telecoms. Classify the internet as a common carrier and stop kow towing to the big monied interests. I want free and open access to everything, and I do not want the small isps to be choked out.
—Cheri Langlois, Mendocino, CA

I oppose two tier internet service. The internet is not broken, so don't fix it. I wish to have the highest internet speed possible and not a two tier system. Increase ALL user's speed. There is no reason to have a two tier system. Scrap the big cable providers proposal, period.
—Kenneth P Gresk, Manchester, CT

REAL Net Neutrality Now. Common carrier status regulation.
—Michael Mathers, Gilbert, AZ

Tom Wheeler is handing the telecommunications a gift at the expense of everyone in America. He is a traitor to democracy.
—Ms. Jan Kimbrough, Valley Village, CA

I will not tolerate slow internet when I already have to pay extra for the fastest internet I can get.
—Matt Flohre, Lima, OH

Under this administration, more and more freedoms are being trifled with or just plain taken away from us. There's been a growing class system mentality and the only winners are the heavy campaign contributors - the infamous 1%. The FCC is going the same way the USDA and the FDA have, selling out to corporate interests and greed. Don't do this. It's wrong and you know it.
—Maureen Bennett, Aurora, OH

Make the internet a public utility and protect it from corporate abuse. The internet belongs to EVERYONE equally.
—Jeri Khajeh-Noori, Clearwater, FL

Do not give corporations the right to run our Internet. They are NOT to be trusted.
—Mr. James McKelvey, Santa Clarita, CA

You will hurt more than you think IF you end net neutrality.... I now pay for a high speed internet connection.... I fully plan to step down to the slowest, cheapest connection possible. No more cable internet for me.... You will hurt the economy if you end neutrality.
—Harold Anderson, seattle, WA

Companies can buy tyranny if allowed to purchase "faster lanes"
—Kathy Oliver, Santa Barbara, CA

I'm just tired of megacorporations taking over everything.
—Libby J. Goldstein, Philadelphia, PA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carries. You are again removing our freedoms and setting up a system to further cost users. We paid for this system through our government taxes and we should not have to be gouged by monopoly cable corporations.
—Bonnie Janney, Pinckney, MI

Preserve the internet as it is now. Don't let corporate America rule the internet, which is currently an open avenue for free speech. Don't ruin the good thing we ALL have.
—Dennis Gunn, des moines, IA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Carolyn Pettis, Santa Clarita, CA

FCC' Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kenneth C. Robertson, Kansas City, MO

I Demand nothing less than real Net Neutrality
—Heather Bettinger, Springville, NY

The Internet needs to be open to all instead of just those with money. This is another example of the rich keeping down the poor. Please do not allow this inequality to happen.
—Tobin McCracken, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I can't afford for the prices to go up again and again. I've been out of work much too long now. For the most part the only way I can apply for jobs is through the Internet. It takes hours as it is to apply for one single job sometimes due to the amount of testing involved. I also use it for all my financial transactions and most of my shopping. Of course it is my main source of entertainment as well, especially since I can't afford cable or satellite TV. It's how I keep up on the news, communicate with friends and even attend college at times. The Internet should in all rights be free for everyone as it has become such a large part of our lives. If you give the big companies the power they are seeking then only the few will be able to use this service properly. Do your jobs! Represent the people which is how it should be...not service to the corporations.
—Michel Franc, Franklin, NC

All Americans should be given the same access - at the same speeds - to the internet! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Be different, be courageous and do the right thing for ALL Americans, not just the rich ones.
—Barbara Finch, Silver Spring, MD

I live in rural Missouri and rely on the internet for my connection with urban America. Don't deprive me of access to all of the real news in the world. Throw out the new rules and classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cathie Schneider, Squires, MO

I'm already tired of paying exhorbitant rates for mediocre service, and you want to reward these greedy corporations? The cost to consumers, however, is trivial compared to the dumbing down of the content that is sure to follow this action. My son in high school receives assignments requiring the use of the Internet almost daily. The education of our children is in the hands of these moguls, and the kids deserve better. You cannot learn critical thinking without exposure to a rich variety of ideas and opinions. Unfortunately, that is not the most profitable way for ISPs to run their companies. If we want a generation of sheep to be entrusted with our country's future, you are well on track with Tom Wheeler's plan. R M McKinney
—R M McKinney, FT LAUDERDALE, FL

Net Neutrality = freedom of speech and access to the internet for everyone!
—Melanie Rising, Worcester, MA

Internet speed/use should be exactly the same as telephone, electricity, cable TV, or any other public service that is for sale...all customers are equal !
—Richard Brunke, Jacksonville, FL

Please don't allow fast,and slow, cheap and,xpnsive lanes on the internet. Represent thmpeopl, not th big companies
—Jeff lowenfels, Anchorage, AK

Maybe you should try protecting the people instead of the corporations. Communications need to remain open to all not just the big companies who are willing to pay more.
—Tony Corrente, Marietta, GA

The Internet needs to remain a level playing field.
—Don B Stewart, West Reading, PA

It would be tragic if the internet became as obnoxious as cable TV service. This FCC will live in infamy for generations if Wheeler's plan goes through. Our children will tell their children about how good it used to be when they were young.
—Alex Friedman, Walnut Creek, CA

Internet Service Providers are common carriers and should be regulated as such to ensure a semblance of net neutrality.
—Floyd O'Brien, Stockton, CA

ISP's should remain comman carriers and equal access to all!
—Normand Dufresne, pahoa, HI

According to Ralph "Bernie needs it"
—Arthur Kennedy, Isla ista, CA

I don't want the big companies to decide who's information get's put out on the web. Small companies, and America's future depend on the fairness and openness of the web.
—Heath Holbert, Gillett, AR

We need a free and open internet to continue to stimulate creativity and free speech.
—Dr. Kenneth Adler, Sylvania, OH

Ahem. We have shitty, slow, expensive internet service in the US. Private companies operating without regulation are doing a piss poor job. We should not reward their failure by allowing them to charge differentially. Equality is the norm abd it should stay that way. Obama campaigned on it, and there is no reason for him not to keep this promise.
—William B. Turner Ph.D., J.D., Madison, WI

Dear FCC, why should groups that are able to pay enormous sums have the option of having a faster internet? It is patently unfair and undemocratic.
—Joyce R. Farber, San Francisco, CA

I am a software engineer. The internet is the only way for me to bring my goods to the market. I cannot pay huge sums of money to get access to my customers. If I am stuck in the slow lane I will be forced out of business.
—Paul McCarthy, San Jose, CA

Keep Your Corporate Hands Off My Internet!
—tomdog Klisuric, Castle Rock, WA

We supposedly live in a democratic society, where the 1st Amendment guarantees our right to free speech and some semblance of privacy. Having various internet providers block access to the NET and "share" users' information with the NSA amounts to a violation of said privacy and jeopardizes whatever remnants of democracy we still might enjoy.
—Nicolas S Humphrey Ph.D., Green Bay, WI

I simply can't believe the BRAZEN attempt by our own government agency to give net neutrality and freedom away to a few greedy corporate giants!!
—Karl Jensen, Emerald Hills, CA

Support an open, unfettered, and unmanipulated internet.
—Jeff Dean, Homer, AK

I do not agree with a multiple tiered internet system. I believe that a single tiered system keeps the internet on an equal playing field and should stay that way. You should throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jesse Beddingfield, hendersonville, NC

No one entity or corporation should've be able to decide what every person can or cannot view on the net
—Alex Rogan, sedona, AZ

Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would ensure that everyone has equal access to the Internet. Companies that want to sell us content should compete on the basis of the quality of that content, not on control of access. The choice of what content we the people want to see must rest with us, and we can only exercise that choice if it is kept separate from how we connect to the Internet in the first place.
—Peter Donis, Sterling, VA

The internet will not be a level playing field under the new rules. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark T Kraemer, Tampa, FL

I want to be able to access information that is important to me without having to pay a higher surcharge. The internet should be considered to be a public utility. Our freedom depends upon it being made so.
—LaVaughn Rynearson, Wolcott, NY

All should have should have access to the net without corporations deciding who gets to do what based on what they want to charge. Everyone already is paying these companies for access to our smart phones and internet. Communication and education should be unfettered and there for all without corporate control!
—Kathleen Hicks, clearwater, FL

Net Nuetrality is important to me because without it the internet isn't the internet anymore; the internet IS Net Nuetrality.
—Bryan Stevens, Arroyo Grande, CA

The Internet is a wonderful place to communicate, to share new ideas, to bring people closer together, and to shape a future, one byte sent and received at a time. Net Neutrality is a crucial component to making it happen, just as we need less roadblocks on our commutes so that we can make the work that could make an impact happen. The Internet doesn't affect our nation, but it affects the world. We cannot let our strong and proud nation be covered up by what ISPs do or can do, so net neutrality must stay.
—Alexander Tsui, NJ, NJ

THROW OUT YOUR OUTDATED RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS AND PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY. AT&T, COMCAST AND VERIZON ALREADY CONTROL TOO MUCH OF THEIR MARKETS AND HAVE NOT MADE GOOD ON EARLIER PROMISES. DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO BROADBAND FOR EVERYONE?
—Donald B Gingrich, l, PA

Kids need the internet to study for school. If some people can't afford the internet then kids will at a disadvantage scholastically just because they can't afford internet. Keep the net neutral.
—Josh, Ft collins, CO

The Internet should be recognized for what it is, a utility we all depend upon now for fair and equal participation in modern democratic society. Pay to play bandwidth has no more validity than super highways for the wealthy. Abandon these proposed rule changes and preserve Net Neutrality.
—John Grosjean, Acton, MA

Access to the internet must continue to be available to all equally - no special interests should be allowed to have faster or different access. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so there is no discrimination.
—Toni Lubofsky, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Net neutrality is vital to preserve innovation and equality for all Americans. Please keep net neutrality.
—Ray Martinez, Boise, ID

Mr. Wheeler, As Chairman of the FCC, you should protect real Net Neutrality by throwing out the existing FCC rules and instead reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. As a federal employee representing us, the real people, you should exercise your job professionally and stand up for real Net Neutrality.
—Victor Becerra, Ames, IA

Tom Wheeler should take a flying fuck along with his rules and shit mind thoughts of a two tiered Internet.You motherfuckers are past the nickel and dime process of fucking with all of the people under your watchful eye.Some day this will come back to bite all of you greedy pricks,and it may be coming sooner than you expect.I went to VietNam for assholes like you to fuck over me as I spend my 69th year on this fucked up country that you have created for all your rich friends.I seriously think that all the wrong people died during that war.Think twice about what you create jagoff!
—Donald Lanktree, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is what ensured users were willing to innovate and be profound even if they were barely scratching out a living. Any entity willing to take that away from the people is fundamentally rotten to the core. They would be the bane of society as we know it, and a hindrance to future advancements, by the people, for the people.
—David Hampton MacDonell, Irving, TX

Economics and freedom and opposing the Republican party on ALL issues!
—John, Lima, OH

It's very clear that the internet has become essential to our revered democracy, and that attempts to limit the public's access are further selling it out from under us. It's irrefutable evidence of the corruption rampant in our governmental agencies.
—Honora-Bright Aere, Blodgett, OR

The FCC's proposed rules are a gift to corporate ISPs. To serve the public interest you must throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Micaela Pronio, Oakland, CA

I'm a video maker on YouTube, where I talk about video games. Now, would it make sense for XBox users to get better connections than Nintendo or Playstation users? Then WHY WOULD THE FCC WANT TO ALLOW ISPs TO ADD A FAST LANE FOR THOSE WHO PAY!?
—Adam Lutz, Scottsdale, AZ

We are past the point of the internet being an "option" in citizen's lives. All institutions, including public agencies, education, as well as homes rely on the internet. It MUST be treated as a public utility, distributed equally, and governed as such.
—Marilyn Jasper, Loomis, CA

Like most of us everyday people, we depend on the internet. If the FCC allows slow and fast lanes, the majority of this country will suffer. Is your job to represent the people or the corporations because given what the corporations want, you can't have it both ways. With your background, I feel you're the wolf guarding the hen house. Do the right thing and mandate the internet is a utility. Since the government built it, why should the corporations be the only ones to benefit from it?
—Marcy Donaldson, Denver, CO

A Democracy requires uninhibited access to free interchange of ideas, both then good and the not so good, in order to achieve that democracy. Denying 'Net Neutrality" prohibits that freedom necessary for our democracy.
—Norman Kindig, Yorba Linda, CA

To foster innovation by small companies!
—Stuart Montgomery, Mountain View, CA

Net neutrality protects innovation in business and education alike. Ending net neutrality would foreclose young people's opportunity to learn and excel in both the classroom and the marketplace, and harm American competitiveness in the global digital world.
—Dan Royles, East Elmhurst, NY

The internet was developed with tax payer money. Corporations are not entitled to now charge us again for what we already paid for. This only allows the rich to get richer at the expense of the other 99%. ISPs should all be treated as common carriers. Anything else, and you are just tools for the mega-corporations and ultra-rich.
—Mignon Schriek, Madison, NJ

Small businesses need access on equal footing with mega-corporations. Internet belongs to the people, not the corporations who want to take it over. Deciding on content also should not be the right of these corporations.
—Conrad Miller, Watermill, NY

Instead of even considering this issue, the FCC should be looking at putting some of these corporations (because apparently they are people) in prison for extortion - they ALREADY slow down the internet on target companies during negotiations. Their tactics are no different from any other organized crime family.
—Mr. Douglas Myerscough, Eureka Springs, AR

As a small business operating for the last 32 years successfully, the implementation of the internet has allowed our business to grow and for us to pay our employees fair wages and give them health care benefits (even better thanks to the Affordable Care Act) and to hire more people. we are a small 12 employee company that pays our taxes (no - not the sweetheart tax rate that Mitt Romney and GE and the billionaire class pay but the higher rate we small fish are forced to pay to subsidize THEIR BOTTOM lines) and we are patriotic, compassionate and fair minded people and corporation. Our website helped our business get this far. The internet access has allowed us to access research we would never have been able to find or incorporate into using to produce the highest quality products possible. This proposed change and loss of net neutrality is a foolish idea and once again gives yet ANOTHER advantage to mega corporations and puts yet ANOTHER ROADBLOCK IN FRONT OF SMALL BUSINESS THAT EMPLOY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. If the FCC goes through with this unfair, damaging, and basically stupid step of making it harder for us small business to compete and grow, it proves once again the degree of inequality the USA has reached and one more reason for the working Americans to stand up and revolt against the ever increasing tide of big money influence in every part of our lives. DO NOT ALLOW NET NEUTRALITY TO END. THE INTERNET BELONGS TO EVERYONE IN AMERICA, NOT JUST THE FILTHY RICH CORPORATE WORLD. WE PAID THE TAXES TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNET AND EXPAND IT. WHY SHOULD 1% OF AMERICA BE ALLOWED TO USE THE "FAST LANE" WHILE 99.9% OF AMERICA BE SHUT OUT???? GIVE US ONE GOOD REASON FOR THIS TO HAPPEN. SO FAR THE ONLY REASON IS GREED.
—Mrs. Jeanette Pickett, Jasper, GA

An open internet must be preserved, and paid prioritization deals banned.
—Claudia La Rue, San Diego, CA

I am outraged that the FCC is contemplating allowing a two-tiered transmission speed over the Internet, with content companies having to pay a premium to cable companies for the higher speed the content companies need to compete. The FCC needs to work with its lawyers to make certain that the actual net neutrality to which all Internet cable companies had to subscribe prior to a recent court ruling is the net neutrality they create in the current FCC rule-making process.
—Paul M. Rybski, Whitewater, WI

I'm already paying to access the internet. I don't need the access I'm paying for slowed to a snail's crawl due to multinational skullduggery (a more politically correct name for cable company fu**ery).
—Dr. Frank Starr, Tampa, FL

All fascist,tyranncal,evil rulerships (attempt to) restrict or remove their subjects' access to information-for the obvious purpose of hiding the criminality, corruption,and evil that permeates the ruling class.And if more $ can be taken (stolen) from the subjects in the process,all the better! It's no surprise to many that the USSA is now preparing to follow this model.
—Paul R Albrecht, Phila., PA

I need to know that the information that I receive through the Internet isn't being slowed or held back because of its content. The easiest way to achieve that is requiring all traffic to be equal and to have equal priority.
—Michael Bishop, Northampton, MA

As one who earned my MSW not knowing I was growing a brain tumor, and later had major brain surgery and brain loss, I lost my own potential for higher income, after working with others on low income. How I used the internet for so much of my mental 'practice' to get my mind moving forwards. Beyond the fact that so many low-income are women raising children, they NEED the assistance of the internet, as so much of our world is now online. Not to mention that this IS our current means of distributing information, and why our Bill of Rights includes "freedom of the press", demonstrated visiting the town of Williamsburg, Virginia.
—Elizabeth Zenker, Arcata, CA

Because the internet should be a neutral place for people to learn and communicate with others, not have to pay for the privilege of corporate "truth". The FCC already has a conflict of interest and should be dismissing themselves from this entire process. But since you're not, surprise us by taking the cable companies' hands out of your back pocket and do the right thing.
—Debbie Schmidt, Lancaster, CA

Net Neutrality is essential to protecting innovation and freedom on the internet. If the internet transforms to a "pay to play" culture, hundreds of thousands of important ideas and content will be drowned out by players with deeper pockets.
—Ori Rawlings, Crystal Lake, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gary and Seraphina Landgrebe, Soquel, CA

Please reclassify ISPs are common carriers. Level the playing field.
—Tom Durkin, Nevada City, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Kim, Palo alto, CA

Do the right thing and save net neutrality! The playing field is never level but it's much less biased with net neutrality in place. DO THE RIGHT THING AND SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Christine Roberts, Ben Lomond, CA

Net Neutrality is about equality, it's as simple as that.
—Robert F Chunco, Sacramento, CA

With cable and telecoms dominating the ISP market, they don't need more power or market leverage. And we should be encouraging competition in the internet services market, not discouraging it by giving established companies access to a different tier of data infrastructure. The American people want a more transparent, more competitive, more open and more free internet.
—Matthew Hubbs, Brooklyn, NY

Obama and Wheeler are BIG LIARS. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. LIARS LIARS LIARS. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Suzanna Davis, medford, OR

must keep the field level. no favorites or cheaters
—Vin Agmeno, Carson City, NV

I don't want internet providers to decide how they will present websites on the Internet. The Internet should be a public property that providers can utilize but not decide how to manipulate. I want Net Neutrality.
—Michael Goldberg, Ocean Park, WA

Net neutrality is vital to me because I still believe democracy is possible and I love our constitution. This is not an issue of commerce, it is one of our ability to participate, speak, and share information equally. Given the way we live now, the internet is our commons, our public place of "assembly" where we may practice our constitutional right to exchange ideas and information that is so critical to democracy. "Those who won our independence believed that the final end of the State was to make men free to develop their faculties, and that, in its government, the deliberative forces should prevail over the arbitrary…They believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth; that, WITHOUT FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, DISCUSSION WOULD BE FUTILE; that, with them, discussion affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of noxious doctrine; that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people; that public discussion is a political duty, and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government…… Believing in the power of reason as applied through public discussion, they eschewed silence …RECOGNIZING THE OCCASIONAL TYRANNIES OF GOVERNING MAJORITIES, they amended the Constitution so that free speech and ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE GUARANTEED." Justice Louis Brandeis' opinion in Whitney v. California 74 U.S. 357 (1927) By enabling those groups with the financial resources to buy faster connection "lanes," all others will be crowded out or sidelined to the equivalent of suppression of innovation and the access to free speech that is so critical to a free people. I request that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carol Follett, Bellingham, WA

I am sick of our entire government being bought and paid for by corporations. You need to decide that Net Neutrality is important. The cable/phone companies have monopolies now. We deserve the right to have a free and neutral internet. This goes to the heart of free speech! The United States is being bought and paid for with Citizens United and now we have this. Please don't sell anymore of our freedom to the corporations.We have had enough! Thank you!,
—Susan Smith, Pelion, SC

Itis a COMMON CARRIER. It is VITAL to our Democracy. It is NOT the free and open playground for the Oligarchs to make money, manipulate, and control. Stop being a hack.
—Steven trevallee, Seattle, WA

When powerful companies (like Verizon, Comcast, et al) control what we see of the world, our citizenry's appreciaton and understanding of our world is greatly diminished. The open Internet has enhanced our sense of our world. Giving powerful rich companies a tiered - thus discriminatory - internet will reduce the richness of our citizenry's lives. Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality will provide for a better world. John Gittins, Norh Brookfield, MA 01535
—John Gittins, North Brookfield, MA

we all deserve the same net experience
—David Shaw, Saint Albans, WV

If the FCC is a governing body , please do not let the corporate world create a two tier Internet. The basic principle of the internet to provide equal service to all users. NO to the creation of a two tier Internet. Thanks
—David Richardson, Redwood City, CA

Keep the internet equality alive for all people.No more regulations, rules, etc. We are already paying for different tiers of service speeds. Enough is enough.
—Memoree VanderHeyden, West Bend, WI

In a democracy it is important that the intenet not be contrrolled by mega giants like ATT&T and Comast who are already couging their customers for their services Please preserve real Net Neutrality
—Judith Cohen, seattle, WA

My husband and I just browse the internet and don't want to be considered "second class citizens" of the web. If something is not broken why does the government have to break it? Please keep net neutrality.
—Andrea Davies, St louis, MO

Plesas reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Preserve real net neutrality.
—Brent Supperstein, COS, CO

I've been online since 1999 and I love how big or little everyone has a voice. Unless you change things. The internet deserves to be reclassifed as a utility since we all depend on it so much and all the innovation we have had would not have been possible if there had not been net neutrality. Every few years this issue comes up spurred on by big business. Please be on the people's side, on the innovator's side and keep it neutral.
—Joan Allen, Surfside Beach, SC

Free for all as it should be
—Pamela Hoagland, San Antonio, TX

Please treat broadband as the utility it is and stop allowing content conglomerates to exert so much anticompetitive and financially irresponsible behavior.
—John Michels, Sedona, AZ

You need to keep your greedy hands off everything! All you do is screw things up!
—Jon VanBeber, El Dorado, KS

Dear Mr. Wheeler: Contrary to what you claimed, your plan does not guarantee Net Neutrality. It puts profits over the common good. Your plan would allow ISPs like Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, which would discriminate against the poor. The people who cannot afford higher prices would not have the same access to information as those who can afford to pay the extra fees. Under your proposal, we would be unable to stop that, as all ISPs would engage in that practice. The Internet is now a necessity, not a luxury, like cable TV. We depend on it to communicate with far-flung friends, family, and colleagues. Under your proposal, ISPs could discriminate against online content and applications. They could double-dip and make excessive profits by charging sites like Google to be a "premium" site, then turn around and charge customers to have access to those same "premium" sites. We need a neutral Internet in order to access difficult-to-find primary sources that cannot be found in the library. If your proposal is passed, ISPs could choke sites like http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/ and http://www.icij.org/, making them unusable. This would make it difficult to be an informed voter, especially if you cannot afford to pay for a "premium" Internet. This is a form of censorship. Nobody should be able to tell me what I can and cannot see on the Internet. The only real way to protect the Internet is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Very truly yours,
—Michelle Wright, Dorchester, MA

My freedom of speech and privacy is not negotiable.
—Amanda Maloney, Schenectady, NY

The internet has replaced phone companies as the way that people communicate. People are no longer getting home phones like they used to--cell phones and internet are way more important. ISPs did NOT develop the web and do NOT deserve to make additional profit from it. Plus, these companies are really not providing that great a service--there are third-world countries that have better internet service than the U.S. AND it is cheaper--not just better service but less expensive too. For a change, why not do the right thing? Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—T Waggoner, AI, WA

Please continue net neutrality as it is, or remove the director if he wants to continue with his new plan.
—Donald J. Hart Jr., Seattle, WA

please protect net neutrality before it becomes too expensive for people like me.
—Janice Hanninen, republic, MI

The importance of an open and level playing field to disseminate information is paramount to a free society. Imagine a company being able to allocate how much air and when was available to you. The internet is a common carrier, it is self evident. Please work to keep the playing field level for everyone, from the poorest to the wealthiest. This is a very important moment in our history, be remembered well for your wisdom: ISPs = Common Carrier.
—Michael Bear, Spokane, WA

REAL Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows and American small business, entrepreneurs, and citizens to connect and communicate on a fair and even playing field. If the FCC really gave a damn about the American people it would not allow FCC Chairman Tom Wheelers plan to go through. This will only ensure that big monopolies make more money while the average American will struggle, getting the unfair short end of the stick. Its disgusting to me to see how money drives our political system and it infuriates me that the government would a former venture capitalist and lobbyist for Cable and wireless companies in charge of a communications commission like the FCC. This commission is suppose to look out for the interests of consumers however its obvious that they do not have our best interests in mind, and rather have the interests of these large conglomerates such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. Undoing REAL Net Neutrality means jeopardizing America's technological and economic future. All so these companies can make a extra buck! I urge you to reconsider your plans and keep things simple as they always have been; no fast or slow lanes, just fair and equal treatment of all internet content. Nothing more nothing less....if its not broken why fix it?
—Dustin d'Arnault, Dallas, TX

I support Net neutrality not because I adore the FCC or love additional regulation but because I believe the United States should not be following the lead of authoritarian countries like China and Saudi Arabia in trying to implement a separate internet: one a brisk and smoothly run conduit for the elite and another a congealed sludge-glutted gutter for the rest of us underlings.
—James Walz, Vancouver, WA

NO to online discrimination for wealthy company's. NO to ANY online discrimination, ever!
—Amy Vickery, Taos, NM

There are already enough arenas of participation in the U.S. where economic power translates into overall dominance. Creativity and sustainability can be discouraged by nothing but such hierarchies. Hierarchy is wisely balanced out by equality, by egalitarian forums.
—Colleen M Szabo, crystal falls, MI

Stop this attack on the free internet.
—Robert M. Gantt M.D., Oxford, GA

There was a time when I thought deregulation really would be a benefit to the American public. Over time though I've come to realize it was just a grab for corporate interests all along. When you consider what's happened to telecommunications and cable it has been moved from one monopoly to a small number of fiefdoms. And now this. The United States ranks 28th in the world for internet service. We don't even have universal service in the US. ISPs have spent a fortune lobbying states to outlaw municipal internet service, even where they don't provide it. The FCC, which was ostensibly formed to protect the citizen has, like most agencies, become a bludgeon against them. Instead of forcing competition, improved and universal service it has provided a path for the media corporations and ISPs to skim more money out of the American people. When you sit quietly and consider your mandate as chairman of the FCC does it ever occur to you to question why more and more citizens see the government as an obstacle? Does it occur to you that the internet is more than a delivery source for terrible movies and cat videos? Do you think that it really is a strategic asset and its very strength is in providing an egalitarian information source for everyone in this country? Or is it just another source of money for corporations? I guess the choice you have to decide personally is, do you want to support the people's sense of fair play and a chance in the face of billions of dollars of lobbying money? Or do you want to support the cynicism summarized by Brad Pitt when he played Jackie Cogan in Killing Them Softly. In case you didn't see that movie due to poor cable or internet service here were his final lines; "I live in America. In America you're on your own. America isn't a country, it's a business. Now f#@&ing pay me!" Which is it Chairman Wheeler?
—John Fran, New York, NY

My small business runs on a free and open Internet. If this is changed to favor big biz I will have to go out of business after more than ten years on the net.
—Bill Roecker, Oceanside, CA

Democracy is not about the majority ruling so much as it is about the minority having rights in society. Please stop the financial majority from quashing minority rights by maintaining net neutrality. A free and open internet is vital to keep this country as well as the world from becoming a dystopian state where the folks with the money are rampantly allowed to keep the folks without underfoot.
—Dr. Sean Thomas Emerick, Trafford, PA

NO TO ENDING NET NEUTRALITY. WE NEED LEVEL PLAYING FIELDS FOR ALL PEOPLE. MONEY SHOULD NOT BE THE MEASURE OF WHO IS MORE DESERVING AS AN AMERICAN.
—Carol Perry, Las Vegas, NV

The internet should be a level playing field for all, not fast-tracked for the wealthy!
—Ken Maurice, Caernarfon, AK

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Henry, Stoneham, MA

The internet must remain equally available to everyone as the last refuge of freedom in this country.
—Randall Webb, Portland, OR

The Internet is the last remaining space in our society that is truly free and equal. We need competition. We need new ideas. Please maintain absolute net neutrality. To do anything else would only continue to benefit the few at the great expense of the many.
—Elizabeth Eyerer, Jamaica Plain, MA

PLEASE DON'T KILL NET NEUTRALITY!!
—Valerie Anderson, Candler, NC

Corporations have enough power over regular people in the world. This is a violation of free speech. Information should not be throttled.
—Catherinemn007@gmailcom, Washington, DC

"I'm a strong supporter of the Open Internet, and I will fight to keep the internet open." May 20, 2014 Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission Actions speak louder than words. Preserve net neutrality.
—Donna Weller, Whitefish Bay, WI

By all means let the FCC restore REAL Net Neutrality.
—Paul R Muns, Patterson, LA

Stop your support of the oligarchy which is at it's core UNAmerican. The idolatry of cash is no way to run a society or country. Regulate and stop your misguided false behavior which criminally hurts the People. Don't be complicit with the Predatory Capitalistic jerks!
—G Weiss MD, Westcliffe, CO

Don't discriminate, keep it neutral. Money isn't everything.
—Nancy Hancock, Livermore, CA

Giving corporations control of anything eventually destroys it because of greed and ignorance and need to control others. This has to stop.
—Ellen Barron, Santa Cruz, CA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Georgan Gregg, Moncure, NC

We don't need or want a two-tiered Internet. Don't discriminate.
—Gary Osland, Laurel, IA

ISP's MUST be designated COMMON CARRIERS. Nothing else makes any sense!
—Judith Salzman, Tucson, AZ

Have any of you ever heard of Alman Strowger? The folks at AT&T and Verizon (formerly GTE) have; I'm not sure about the cable and satellite companies. Strowger invented the first automatic telephone switching system, and the dial on the telephone to go with it, in 1891, and this is why, according to some accounts (and it certainly sounds plausible): he was ... Convinced that it should be subscribers, rather than the operator, who chose who was called - anecdotally, Strowger's undertaking business was losing clients to a competitor whose telephone-operator wife was intercepting and redirecting everyone who called Strowger. -- Wikipedia article on Alman Strowger Strowger, then, believed in "net neutrality" in the telephone network. If you wanted to call Joe's Pizza, you looked up their number, or got it from their flyer ads, and dialed THAT number, not the number of Pizza Baron, Inc. And NOBODY could redirect your call to Pizza Baron, or have an operator come on your line and say "are you SURE you want to call Joe's?" or keep you holding for ten minutes while a recording said "if you're tired of waiting, dial 1 to call Pizza Baron," or (worse) connect you to the FBI, who would arrest you for trying to get a Joe's pizza. On the internet, the equivalent of all of the above are now technically possible (Iran and China routinely do the last one!), but only the TRADITION (it has never been enshrined in law) of Net Neutrality prevents internet providers from doing this to their customers. A business, or a person, or a POLITICAL PARTY or campaign, that could not afford to pay "protection money" to the ISP, or that the ISP management just didn't want to be in business on the internet, could have their email misdirected or cut off, their own web site slowed to a crawl, or their access to browse other web sites likewise misdirected or manipulated. Since the majority of Americans live in places where ONE ISP has a monopoly, or two have a duopoly, this is too much power over individuals for a private company to have. One day, if net neutrality is not protected, a lobbyist could buy an election at the "grass roots" level, by making secret deals with ISPs to ensure that the other side COULD NOT collect online donations from WILLING donors (or worse, as some GOP supporters were caught trying to do by deception, the donations went to THEIR side instead), and thus was practically barred from campaigning. The internet is for everyone. Until a totally wireless, peer to peer network is available to individuals as well as to the ISP companies, it is important to restrict their monopoly power. They should not only be required to handle data from all users equally (although putting streaming video packets ahead of email packets BY TYPE OF DATA is certainly reasonable), they should be forbidden to OWN OR CONTROL their own "customers" in the content provider business, thus ensuring they have no incentive to show any favoritism. In other words, they should be legally classified as common carriers like the telephone network, courier service, or truck lines and railroads. Thank you for taking my comment.
—Allan Richardson, Marietta, GA

The only place to find reliable news.
—Rich Arsenault, Rio Vista, CA

I am a small business person and I use the internet to communicate with clients and dealers. I also have a website. Many people are on the web now for both business and personal communications. We all pay to be on the web and to access the web. And all deserve to have access at the same speed.
—Virginia Wood, Boulde, CO

Please don't let the net become dominated by the huge companies. We all use the net and rely on it and please don't allow discrimination for the little people.
—Nance Nicholls, Davenport, WA

The current system that is implemented is not broken. Having a two-tiered system will discriminate against consumers data and we refuse to believe the cable companies when they say that it wont. Cable companies answer to shareholders and not its consumers.
—Alan Ruiz, Hanover Park, IL

Do you realize how having a lobbyist for cable heading your FCC looks to the public?
—Linda Prerost, Springerville, AZ

Extortion extortion extortion extortion extortion.
—Zoa Keith, Pasadena, CA

I don't get a lot of money, so if net neutrality dies, so will my ability to go online and find employment due to the fact that many places have their applications online. Also this would but a strain on our schools and libraries.
—Phillip B. Mintz, Bowling Green, OH

The Internet is a massive communication medium for all, not just a few large providers. Keep it free.
—Mark Spevak, city, CA

The internet is supposed to have equal access for all. It is a Public Utilty.
—Daniel Slade, San Francisco, CA

NO altering of internet content despite whomever owns the cables, NO charging based on content being viewed, NO corporations controlling what is a free source.
—Abra Barker, The Colony, TX

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is unacceptable. The only way to protect net neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marissa Batt, Los Angeles, CA

As a citizen of the United State of America, I equate the right to true net neutrality with my right to free speech, religion, and all the other liberties I have under the constitution. I REFUSE to allow the big corporations like Comcast to dictate how much I should pay for fast internet...just because they can. Please help the people of this country keep their right to the same internet. Don't let big money control your decision making. DO WHAT IS RIGHT!
—Alexandra C Snyder, Atlanta, GA

The corporate elitists who're putting the internet at risk are already spoiled by generations of privilege -- the FCC has NO, as in, less than ZERO obligation to spoil their sorry asses any further ..! ENOUGH! If you're already wallowing in a MTV Cribs lifestyle, you do NOT need the entire internet turned into yet another source of revenue at the expense of the American people! THIS! SHALL! NOT! PASS!
—Saab Lofton, Seattle, WA

If you have to ask why net neutrality matters, you're in the hands of the corporations... signed, sealed, and delivered.
—Atman Johnson, Buckingham, VA

Freedom for all, and not just for those who can afford it….
—Blake Cook, ashtabula, OH

Please remember that the government's job is to protect the people it represents. This deal works only to protect corporations and their profits to the detriment of innovation and the vast majority of Americans. Future generations should be able to benefit from the Internet as we have today.
—Sarah Meister, Minneapolis, MN

Allowing Internet service providers (ISPs) to charge extra fees for faster Internet performance would enable them to discriminate against online content and applications, and is not fair to those who cannot afford the extra premiums and thus must settle for slow Internet service. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure true Net Neutrality.
—Frederic Desmond, Ocala, FL

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Ms. Barbara Cowan, Cambridge, MA

It's important to have free internet to keep creativity flowing and give freedom to US citizens and not be ruled by corporations.
—Elizabeth Y., staten island, NY

Stop obfuscating and re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Very simple. You're not fooling anyone with your double-speak. Your corporate masters won't like it, but if you do your job, which is to serve the public good, you will honor real net neutrality and tell Comcast and Verizon to take a hike. Tom Wheeler, the corporate lackey, must resign -- way too much corruption here.
—Brenda Balanda, Inverness, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Chasity Hungerford, Kirkland, WA

The neutrality of the internet is VITAL to our country! Side with the people who have elected you, the people whom you are supposed to represent, NOT businesses that want to add even more money to their already huge bottom lines!
—L Dawn Lukas, Redwood Valley, CA

In America, that taxes of the everyday citizens paved the way for much of the current broadband infrastructure to be built. We also pay for internet service, and we pay a lot for something that is considered largely inferior to many other parts of the world. On top of this, now Internet Service Providers such as Comcast want thriving internet businesses, such as Netflix, to pay them as well simply because they are successful. This is triple dipping to the extreme - and it also discourages growth of start-ups and small businesses, by possibly rendering them unable to handle larger bandwidth requirements due to the additional financial strain. I have to stress - users already pay for this! Users made the internet, and Comcast wants to own it. This is not a fair way to do business. Please reclassify ISP's in America as Title II Common Carriers. The internet is the main method of communication these days - and there are many healthy arguments why this is the best option. This would also allow actual competition in America regarding ISP's, and maybe we could catch up with some of the other 1st world countries when it comes to internet speeds. Please, do not let the brilliant setup of the internet die! Do not allow Internet fast lanes - because if you do, there are inevitably internet slow lanes as well. The system is already tiered in having users pay for a selected speed - a double-tiered system would not help anyone but Comcast. There has been a lot of talk about corporations buying out our government. Now is your chance to prove that the FCC still stands for fair assessment of communications in our country. Thank you for your time, Ariel Banks
—Ariel Banks, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality is good because it allows for a more free market system with the web.
—William OBrien, Beaverton, OR

Can you please act in the interest of John Q. Public and retain real net neutrality. Doesn't the voice of the many trump the money of the few?
—Sylvia Haven, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to uphold the integrity and free speech of the internet. Allowing internet and cable companies to control access opens the door for collusion, corruption, and greed. Open internet has allowed faster growth in information exchange than we have ever seen before. Restricting that diminishes our societal potential and may create greater inequality through unequal distribution of information.
—Andrew ziller, Golden valley, MN

Discrimination is unfair to the vast majority of internet users.
—Alexander Cunningham, EDINBURGH,

Democracy.
—Vincent J. Patti, Long Beach, CA

It is not fair to the American people to divide the Internet into different "lanes". This would only increase wealth disparity and further ruin our economy. The very rich people and corporations have been given break after break. It is time to give the people a break and not to pursue your pro-corporate stance. You know the American people are against it in the extreme. You know Pres. Obama made a promise to keep the Internet completely neutral. What you mean by "open Internet" is evidently not the same thing. We are not taken in by your promise to keep an "open Internet."
—Merry Foxworth, The Woodlands, TX

The Internet is crucial to communications among all citizens and must be regarded as a public utility. The ability to use it is a right, not a privilege accorded to those with larger purses.
—Edward Landler, Los Angeles, CA

Protect the Net! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kris Lewis, Lexington Park, MD

It keeps the influence of big money away from the dissemination of information.
—Ethan Fein, New York, NY

Equal access to Net Neutrality is the democratic basis that impedes a segregated communication landscape based on purchasing power. The FCC argument that pretends that the proposal is simply to have a fast tier along a faster tier is, at best, a disingenous way to express two differentiated transmition speeds based on access to money. That is undemocratic, un-American and classist.
—Alonso A. de Araya, Austin, TX

Rule for the people, not corporations.
—Judy L., Carson City, NV

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Make sure net neutrality and "open internet" means the same thing. Don't play with words. I think you know what we mean. We're not sure what you mean. Thanks, Eric
—Eric Ranvig, Acton, MA

with net neutrality gone, ISPs can discriminate, favoring their business partners while delaying or blocking websites they don't like. I am self employed and depend on the internet for my research and ability to present my findings to my clients on a timely basis.
—Lee Stafford, Bellevue, WA

Access to the internet and a neutral net is vitally important to a free society and informed public.
—Brian Hoffman, Lake Bluff, IL

The Net is for the people, Net Neutrality is the key to the engine.
—Vaughn Reed, Littlefield, AZ

To Whom It May Concern, I respectfully request that you do what can be done to require and maintain net neutrality. The major telecom companies have far too much political clout and effectively block any legitimate competition. If American citizens had real options when it comes to internet access, such throttling could be prevented through market forces, but as it currently stands we need your help. Thank you.
—Samuel Greenlee, Rocklin, CA

Protect access to free speech. Please. Thanks you.
—Andrew Hayes, OAKLAND, CA

No fast lanes. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Susan Narizny, Portland, OR

It is important because without it I would have no access to educational information that is not accessible to me within my local area.
—Salome Mayo, Port Macquarie,

Free speech for all, fairness to all, equality for all, and democracy for everyone. To assure these values for all, the FCC needs to reverse its prior decisions and reclassify Internet access service as "telecommunication services." Please preserve net neutrality by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law.
—Claudia Frantz, Fair Oaks, CA

Please abandon your proposed rules for the Internet and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect real net neutrality.
—Jack Milton, Davis, CA

Without it, my business can not afford to market and sale online. We can not afford hundreds of thousands of dollars to corprate conglomerates for preferential treatment.
—William C. Traylor, Booneville, MS

It allows for competition to exist on the internet.
—Abraham Close, Boiling Springs, SC

I don't want big cable and telecommunication companies slowing my internet down unless they receive higher monthly fees. Cable tv is already way too expensive so leave the internet alone and let the consumers use it as they will. It is too important to the public and if these rules pass it will definitely have a negative effect on many areas including the economy as a whole. Keep net neutrality free!!!
—Joshua R. Fotsch, Washington, IL

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a revolutionary tool that should be used for the advancement of society, rather than making the pockets of corporations fatter with money. To let corporations have such power is to hinder the advancements of society. To consciously and knowingly deprive society of such a revolutionary tool is to steal from humanity. Throughout history civilizations prospered when they entered their golden ages. The internet has ushered in our own golden age. To hinder this golden age would be horrendous.
—Lee Hostick, Savannah, GA

KEEPS THE FIRST ADMENMENT WORKING
—Patrick Bruce, Terrace,

The internet is suppose to be a free resource for EVERYONE, no one should be left behind while others are getting better service online.
—Christina Nobiling, Moline, IL

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!
—Kathy Anaya, Studio City, CA

The US is falling behind the rest of the world in Internet price and performance. This overpriced, reduced flow of information will hurt the US severely in the long term. We need to reverse this trend with the FCC standing up for REAL competition and regulation with serious sanctions for companies that collude or abuse their monopolies, not adding complications that split the Internet into a two class system. Everyone on the Internet at both ends of the pipe (especially in America) should always be treated 1st class, never slowed down in an extortion scheme. If our representative government can't fix this while we the people are demanding positive not negative changes, then when elections come we need to start replacing lax and corrupt politicians to those who are committed to acting for the interests of the populace against those who are beholden to big communications and I for one will become [shudder] an activist.
—Terry Barton, Hurricane, UT

Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We do NOT need a two-tiered Internet system!! Providers like Comcast and TWCable already have a monopoly. If they are allowed to charge more for faster service, it will essentially prevent the kinds of fair competition that allow our market system to work. Please do your job and protect net neutrality!! Please let the American people know that democracy still works and that our voices can compete with powerful lobbyists.
—Margaret Callahan Steckley, Rochester, NY

Because I cannot pay to go fast. Make the internet the same for everyone.
—Gary L. Passon, Kihei, HI

Countries like North Korea are dysfunctional for a lot of reasons -- not the least of which is the biased and limited information North Korean citizens have to make important decisions. What kind of US citizen would want the same for the United States? Keep the internet open and neutral!
—CT Foster, Lancaster, OH

Dear chairman Wheeler, throw out your absurd rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality! We the people, NOT we the corporations!!!
—Christopher Maioli, Beverly, MA

Money can be used to buy better, more comfortable or more efficient accommodations in many situations, but when the opportunity arises, the principle of equal justice impels all human beings to strive to create a level playing field. The Supreme Court has clarified that the FCC does have the authority to reclassify Internet access as a utility; it is incumbent upon you to act responsibly, in favor of truly equal access for all people.
—Harold Jaffe, Chicago, IL

A neutral internet will enable democratic innovation and creativity by ensuring equal access regardless of economic circumstance. It aids our constitutional right to freedom of speech unhindered by special interests. Re-classification of ISPs as "Common Carriers" is needed in order to preserve the neutrality of the internet. Please listen to US Citizens! We are demanding this right, and you are the body required to protect our rights as citizens. Please do your job. Thank you.
—Francine Lindberg, El Prado, NM

This is THE most crucial issue before us this year - maybe this decade. Your action (or inaction) will be a litmus test on your current term - by people who vote and who organize. Sell the internet to an oligoply and you'll injure the democracy and the economy irreparably. That will be your legacy. Protect it and that will be your legacy.
—Andrea Swift, Astoria, NY

Democracy
—Marguerite M. Donnay, Melbourne, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because I'm sick and tired of having corporations decide what every aspect of my life is going to look like. Tom Wheeler is a corporate shill who should not be the head of this commission because his only qualification is his willing ness to do the bidding of the cable companies. The president must have gotten a huge contribution for appointing this corporate lapdog to this position.
—Charles G Barker, Portland, OR

The internet is becoming a basic utility: it gives us access to information and commerce in much the way that pipes give us access to water or wires give us access to electricity. For that reason, the internet must remain available on an equal basis to all people and corporations. We CANNOT have a "pay for play" scenario, or those with power and privilege will be able to squeeze out those who have none. That is unacceptable and Unamerican. Thank you for your consideration.
—Nick Perry, New York, NY

get your CORRUPT fingers off MY INTERNET---you BASTARDS have destroyed ALL of TV letting corps get MY signal for FREE---corrupt bastards!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—j lewis, phx, AZ

I'm not like everybody else. The good people never are. To allow a movie studio to control the pipe to my house is an unfair government picking corporations over the common good. We are watching.
—David Rickmers, Canyon Country, CA

The internet should be regulated as a public utility. Just as electricity and phone lines in the 20th century sped the development of new jobs, the internet could have the same effect in the 21st if regulated as a common carrier.
—Richard Knablin, North Bend, OR

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. I ask the FCC to please to throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Liz Sigel, Tustin, CA

Why oh why did our "transparent" president hire Wheeler? Everyone knows that Wheeler's proposal is a bad deal. And boy will it backfire on the Democratic Party.
—Dave Bruker, Bloomington, IN

Equal and open access to the internet is one of the few resources in this country that proves we are truly a democracy. How can you guarantee free speech, when a few big corporations hog all the bandwidth? It's all well and good to say we all have an equal voice in society and government, but if wealthy corporations buy their way to a supposed "fast lane", they won't stop there. It's a transparent ploy to push out people and corporations who don't have massive amounts of power and cash, and to extort money from organizations that have large followings. I don't believe that Tom Wheeler is remotely able to make a decision that benefits the American people. I believe he will do exactly what Dick Cheney did if given the chance: use his political influence to enrich his corporate ties to the detriment of the United States and its citizens. No system that gives unequal access to public communication has any place in a society that claims to be a democracy.
—Sheila Stephens, Warren, OH

No one should be able to buy priority. It is discriminary against small innovative web sites and gives too much advantage to the big rick ones.
—Richard Sirow, W Hempstead, NY

We have spent too many years as captive Comcast customers and will not spend more under an even worse system.
—Cathleen Bataille, TOMS RIVER, NJ

Who do you work for - Corporations, or The People? The People are being as clear as we can, we are shouting: the internet is a utility for ALL. It is a tool of equality. Please rule as such.
—Samuel S Axelrath, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important because it allows an equal footing to all who provide content. Each provider, no matter whether they are an individual or a large wealthy corporation, must figure out the best and fastest way to provide their information. This encourages innovation from all providers.
—Marshall Thomas, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

We can't allow private enterprise to decide whom/what we can view. Un-American, undemocratic (and un-Constitutional?).
—Gerald Pearson, Mayfield Heights, OH

Keeping the internet open and available to everyone is the basic tenant of the internet itself. A system by which ALL can access any information content they so desire. To prevent or restrict the availability through speed or censorship is not only unethical, it is un-American. Do not approve the new set of proposed Internet rules. They are moving backward, not forward.
—Bob Neuzil, Gilbert, AZ

The world is given a most amazing gift and the FCC wants to gut it. Seriously, check yourselves.
—Karin Davies, Schaumburg, IL

Don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. No one would be able to do anything about it; most sites I frequent may lose.
—Eric B Wynen, St Louis, MO

In our increasingly stratified society, it is VITAL that we maintain some equally accessible public arenas. The internet is one of only a two such places left, the other being radio. Perhaps you find it acceptable that the wealthy gain access to the best of everything, while all of our resources become only available for those with the money to pay for them. But I find that future appalling. Please- re-think your bad decision. The internet ought to be equally accessible to *everyone*.
—Carrie Phyliky Rimes, Medford, OR

It is for all people, not just corporations. How can you not be for equality?
—Paula Child, Salt Lake City, UT

This proposal is an unwelcome and unnecessary intrusion into a system which is not broken. It is a naked, open power grab, a violation in the classical sense of the word, and Chairman Wheeler knows it. Scrap this plan posthaste.
—Russell Conner, new orleans, LA

Very little of the playing field for new entrepreneurs is even remotely close to level. Net neutrality protects a large part of what remains, and in a time of growing inequality and corporate consolidation, it is foolish for a free society to willingly diminish this.
—Jason Greaves, Austin, TX

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS EACH AND EVERY WEBSITE I WANT TO ACCESS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY PAY OFF INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SPEED UP ACCESS. MY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY A BRIBE IN ORDER FOR OUR WEBSITE TO FUNCTION.
—Martha Mattes, Tulsa, OK

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—Jordan Fuzie, Seattle, WA

Large corporations like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon already control internet services, making large profits by charging the public ever-increasing fees. It is important to protect Net Neutrality so that internet service does not become a two-tiered system, with fast lanes reserved only for those who can afford the extra fees.
—Mr. Norman Yoshida, Portland, OR

THE INTERNET IS NOT YOURS! IT IS OUR CONTENT, THAT WE CREATED, AND IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TAKE IT FROM US. WE NEED INFORMATION, AND YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION! THAT'S JUST BAD BUSINESS FOR EVERYONE.
—Rusty Hoyle, SEDRO WOOLLEY, WA

My God, does government have to grant giant corporations control of EVERYTHING in America? Enough is enough. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect what has become the most vital form of communication in the world.
—Bill Williamson, Palm Bay, FL

Net neutrality is vital to internet functioning. Regulate it as a public utility. Mr. Wheeler should recuse himself because he is just a lobbyist masquerading as a public servant. Corruption does not come in any more blatant form.
—Robert Poulsen, Santa Cruz, CA

The Internet, like the airwaves, the electric grid and the rad network is a public utility and should be regulated as a monopoly. Otherwise companies will manipulate the infrastructure in the name of corporate profit, not in the public interest. As a result, innovation, free speech and the enablement of an open market, facilitated by this public utility will be at risk If it is important to regulate other utilities, it is equally important to regulate the Internet.
—Roger Jollis, Leawood, KS

Throw out Your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am tired of big business with a lot of money running our life's and making it more expensive for all of us.
—Charlene Wikholm, Elbow Lake, MN

The Net is the future of communications. Everyone, rich or poor should have equal access just as everyone had equal postal mail access through US Post Office.
—Rachel Parnell, New Bern, NC

The internet is an amazing tool. If it is "neutral," it can function as an asset to freedom, democracy, communication and therefore true progress. If it is controlled by large corporations for profit, those benefits will be lost. Thank you for your consideration.
—Theresa Day, Milwaukie, OR

As a handicapped senior, I use the Internet for many things, shopping being a major use. Allowing a two-tiered Internet would lock me out of sites I need but could not afford.
—Donna L. Walcott, Port Huron, MI

Net Neutrality is important because it promotes fair, but competitive business practices between media outlets and internet providers.
—Ismael J Rodriguez, Vineland, NJ

This place is some people's only place to escape and to communicate the way they need to with their friends. Taking that away is just WRONG.
—Anna Hahn, Janesville, WI

I'm tired of Corporations screwing us in any way they can and then being told that it's for our own good. That the FCC is in the pocket of Verizon, Comcast , and Att is totally disgusting. This country is going to the dogs so fast and our rights trampled on so badly that I'm ashamed to be called an American. I vote Democrat and I'm a Progressive but if We as the people have to take to the streets to get OUR country back from the Corporations I will do it.
—Kathryn H. Regan, Hayward, CA

This is my connection to the world, as it is for my mom, and untold numbers of other folks! Keep our lines of communication open and free, we need it!
—Melody Martin, Norcross, GA

Keep the Internet available equally for all! Net Neutrality now and forever.
—Doug Kusak, Cleveland, OH

Don't let big businesses run the government.
—Ryan Bone, Cleveland heights, OH

We do not need the internet to be controlled by big corporations or the rich! Leave the internet neutral and tell big business and the rich to improve the speed of the internet for everyone and not just them, while the rest of us have to use a slower internet and they have the faster internet. The internet was set up for everyone to use and not just big corporations and the rich. We have enough people who are only thinking of themselves in this country!!!
—Kenneth W Christlieb, Fort Wayne, IN

It's what it was made to be. Free and open communication for all. Letting corporations in to make money will corrupt the whole system. Keep it free and open.
—Susan Garrett, Farminton, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cynthia Stewart, Nashua, NH

I am a retired senior citizen living on a pension smaller than my social security check. I can't afford to travel so my primary interaction with the outside world is the internet. I can't afford to pay more than I am now.
—H Ellis Griffin, Poughquag, NY

This is necessary for the 21st century to ensure equal access to all websites to prevent censorship in our internet. This is first amendment stuff. All websites should have a level playing field.
—Aram Hacobian, Burbank, CA

FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Sean Marooney, Thornton, CO

control by big corps is not freedom
—John Cooper, naalehu, HI

THE INTERNET IS WHERE TRUE DEMOCRACY CAN FLOURISH. DON'T LET THE GREED OF A FEW RUIN IT!
—Todd Freeman, Sonoma, CA

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!! It is important to keep it free so it can grow and be free from corporate influence and control. Telling us what we can and can not see. Making companies pay to have faster services. It will hurt the little guy that can't afford to pay to compete with the bigger companies.
—Glenn Kassahn, West Valley City, UT

STop the greedy corporations and bring us up to speed with the rest of the world
—Lawrence Cohen, la, CA

It's a public commodity like air to breathe!!
—Lou-Ellen Saidel, Evanston, IL

Net neutrality to date has facilitated thousands of new companies and an entire industry. Thank goodness the likes of AT&T and Westinghouse did not have then what you are about to grant Comcast, Time-Warner, and Verizon this year. Do not simply just legitimize the station of the current oligarchy. Classifying internet service providers as common carriers is the surest way to foster entrepreneurialism and innovation.
—Daniel Mainz, Brooklyn, NY

Life in the fast lane!! If that becomes restricted to Verizon et al we will all lose. The internet is the only bit of democracy we have left.
—Marjorie Bram, Redondo Beach, CA

If we lose net neutrality we lose more than we can even foresee. The net has fostered so much innovation, change and creativity which will certainly be undermined by the influence of big money. THIS ISN'T ROCKET SCIENCE...we know it will happen. Not even to mention the inconvenience and injustice that will be borne by users/customers. STOP letting money dictate every decision in Washington! Try it! You might like it!
—Kitty Kent, Mt Pleasant, SC

I can't afford to buy my way to easy access to the internet news or products.
—Veroune Chittim, Selma, OR

Competition is a major tenet of market economies and one of the major forces behind the historical success of our country. Please fulfill the FCC's responsibility for preserving a level playing field for all internet users, both individuals and businesses. One of the remarkable developments of this century has been the internet and the equal access that is available those who use it. Please, please, please do not be manipulated by or intimidated by a few large corporations into a decision that will compromise the internet itself and the future of American democracy--of the people, for the people and by the people. This is one of the most vital decisions the FCC has made since Congress created the agency.
—Walt Daub, Prescott, AZ

Keep Net Neutrality! ISPs should be classified as common carriers and regulated like utilities.
—Robin Elliott, Newbury Park, CA

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Charley Wittman, Allentown, PA

Please keep the internet open and equal to all, without throttling by the giant ISP companies!
—Alexandre F. Robert, Seattle, WA

Mr. Wheeler, You can and should immediately move to protect free speech, consumers and network neutrality through reclassifying broadband providers as telecommunications services.
—Linda Curtin, Cedaredge, CO

We should all be free to distinguish which materials on the internet are best and most suitable for us. That is having a free internet - net neutrality. Mr. Wheeler's proposed plan allows these rights to be bought and sold and discriminated upon based what corporations like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon want me to see. These corporations should not be making these decisions for me. I strongly oppose this plan. We need true net neutrality.
—Jessica Rose Heritier, Portland, OR

Enough is enough. When the goal of internet providers becomes monopolistic and they begin to charge for faster speeds then free speech and start up companies will lose out. It's time this government protected the principals it was founded on instead of only supporting wealth.
—Michael Follman, Huntington Station, NY

Because money shouldn't decide access.
—Kris Swanson, Sparks, NV

The continuation of true "Net Neutrality" is essential to maintain the Internet as the seed ground for innovations in business and culture that have transformed America's and the World's economy. The rules proposed by the FCC will allow monopolistic entities to decide what new or existing Internet services will thrive or fail. In other words, these rules will stifle innovation.
—Mr. Larry Phenis, Boise, ID

Don't the big corporate interests in our country already have a big enough bandwagon? They own all of the main broadcast media resources, which then just serve as mouthpieces for their viewpoints. They own the Supreme Court, and a large contingent of Congress. Can't we little folk have at least ONE MEANS OF HAVING OUR VOICES HEARD WITHOUT HAVING TO COMPETE DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR WITH RIGHTWING BILLIONAIRES AND BIG CORPORATIONS? THE INTERNET SHOULD BE TREATED AS A PUBLIC UTILITY JUST LIKE PHONE SERVICE OR ELECTRICITY, AND REGULATED AS SUCH, WITH NO SPECIAL "SUPERHIGHWAY FOR PAY".
—Louis Hauer, Round Rock, TX

The recent FCC's Internet proposal is like the farmer who buys a fancy new tractor but forgets to plant the seeds. He forgot the most important part of farming--the grassroots creation--in his focus on his fancy purchase. Persons who interfere with Internet neutrality will find themselves alienated from the natural creativity which evolves from our grassroots culture. The 1% have the audacity to believe that their "creations" are superior, but they will find that their products are actually inferior to that developed by the 99%.
—Lynne Treat, Chehalis, WA

This proposed plan for the internet robs Americans and small business owners of their freedom to fast internet. America cannot afford to have these shackles placed upon ordinary citizens in the interest of big business. PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Jodi Wille, Glendale, CA

The most feared idea threatening those in power is always a level playing field. But without a fairness doctrine there will never be a meritocracy.
—Byron Hathaway, LA, CA

The internet has been working so well for everyone, please do not tamper with it for the benefit of a few. Preserve real Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ellen Levine, Cambridge, MA

The internet belongs to the PEOPLE, NOT the corporate structure that wants it just for profit.
—Anthony Tripp, Pine, AZ

This will be bad for internet businesses that rely on sales from all economic levels, not just the wealthy. If internet shopping is no longer fast and easy, people will be more likely to try finding the product locally (which in itself isn't a bad thing) or give up on making a purchase at all. There are a lot of things like online classes that have no local equivalent that need fast internet for all of their customers. You will be driving those companies out of business.
—Teresa Carstensen, Columbus, OH

The internet should be regulated as a common carrier as is done for the telephone system.
—Jack Zektzer, Seattle, WA

Without net neutrality censorship would begin to threaten the internet, which was originally created for open information. It is not okay to censor ideas, similar to censoring books from a library because the ideas discussed were not appropriate by the perception of a few. The internet is one of the few places people can be open about their ideas freely and with nobody above the other. Please do not change that.
—Bridget Suski, Grand Blanc, MI

Net Neutrality is good for small businesses and is freedom of speech. To allow the cable companies to tier pricing is letting them have a monopoly. They provide poor customer service and do not deserve to grow with the way they will treat the customers that can't afford the speed they need. Other businesses will gouge the average citizen to make up for it. When new technologies emerge, more bandwidth will be needed (such as streaming to the new 4k TV's) and the little guy will lose out again. Students will not be able to afford even the "slow lane" they create. The slow speeds the cable companies provide now barely fit our needs yet other countries have faster speeds at much lower prices. Keep the hands of the companies that provide access to the net from chopping it up to provide faster service only for the wealthy. Do the right thing and do what the people want and need. Keep Net Neutrality and stop encouraging monopolies.
—Charles Coffelt, Tigard, OR

Don't approve these rules - reclassify ISPs as common carries otherwise they'll hold us to ransom and further corrupt the spread of information and misinformation.
—Mike Samaras, Peckham,

We need a level playing field so that startups have a chance to compete with established players.
—William Ridenour, Champaign, IL

Discrimination offline isn't legal and it shouldn't be online either. I run different online businesses as a small home based business. I compete with large companies because of the equalness of the internet. If they are allowed a fast lane because they can afford it, that puts me and my business at a disadvantage. It also would make elections not fair in our country. Grass roots organizations won't have the same resources that the two mainstream parties do. Thanks.
—David Farr, Crystal, MN

I believe we all deserve freedom to chose whatever is good for us and for the rest of the world.
—Afifee Kayale, Beirut, Hazmieh,

The internet needs to stay democratic. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality!
—Gitanjali J Hursh, Portland, OR

Why do people who most vociferously blow on about "the free market" always ...and I mean ALWAYS...want to put their thumb on the scale to make it not so free or not so fair?If the FCC hasn't completely sold it's integrity out to the highest bidders, it should be plain to see making a two-tiered system is not a level playing field and will not foster the sort of bottom-up creativity and invention America needs to remain competitive in the global marketplace where more and more we all depend upon a fast connection rate. The rest of the developed world is moving to widely laying fiber optic cable while the FCC seems bent on aiding and abetting cable companies and telecoms (their political donors) from doing anything but creating a world class, high speed network. It really is time for internet providers to be considered in law as utility companies and given the same regulations, mandates ....and incentives...so Americans can do what we do best: create and invent. It is up to you people at the FCC to decide if you will help us remain a first class nation by enabling every citizen --whether urban or rural; red state or blue-- to tap into a widely available high speed highway to the 21st century, creating our own destiny or whether we will become a second rate backwater of a nation where the only concern is the exponentially-expanding bottom line of moguls who deliver unto us peons our daily IV drip of Honey Boo-Boo and Duck Dynasty. Frankly, faced with the dismal prospects and eclipsed personal resources created by such a mandated dumbed-down society, I'd rather go live elsewhere...or completely off-line, off-grid in a godforsaken cave in the wilderness. We live free --truly free and wholly equal--or we die.
—Donna Duren, Zionsville, PA

The internet is essential to the future, everyone's future. Everyone should have equal access.
—Adrienne Frey, Franklin, TN

I don't want the sites I visit to be in the slow lane while corporations with lots of money get the fast lanes. It will prevent some of my favorite sites from staying operational. The non profits can't compete as they don't have excessive amounts of money to spend getting fast lane treatment.
—Allie Tennant, Fort Myers, FL

Allowing a more expensive "fast lane" will raise the cost of entry for new businesses into higher bandwidth internet services, giving established players a leg up and stifling innovation. I think that it would be a mistake to toss aside the level playing field that has helped foster the remarkably innovative culture of the internet in favor of a model that will undoubtably creep toward the sorts of entrenched market ownership seen elsewhere.
—Jason Scanlin, Los Angeles, CA

In a country that stands for "liberty and justice for all" then Net Neutrality is essential for that to hold true. Those with more capital should not be allowed preferential treatment for their content. Money should not be the judge of what is "more important" or has higher priority, especially as the gap between they highest and lowest income brackets in the US continues to widen.
—Lindsey LaPlant, Webster, NY

A free and open internet is vital to intellectual discourse. If the internet, in its infancy, had been hampered by the tactics that will become commonplace once the FCC enacts these rules, it would have never become public. Put a stop to the "fast lane" rules and ensure net neutrality.
—Aaron F Bourque, Aurora, CO

The past 30 years of economic growth and innovation should alone be enough to prove the value of a truly neutral internet. Young and brilliant minds have been been more than capable of creating new opportunities and ventures that stimulate the economy, engage the youth, and encourage new ideas. The internet needs to be neutral and should also be reclassified as a Title II utility. Finally, all ISPs should be required to encrypt it's traffic to ensure privacy from foreign government and civil entities abusing information it gathers.
—L Miguel Sanchez, Racine, WI

To assure equal access to resources for those who have no other avenues to gain information and/or request advocacy.
—Jacqueline List, Longmont, CO

We need to keep something in this country that everyone has equal access to. Those corporations have no ethics and not enough supervision to keep them from running rampant over anyone who can't afford the big prices. They have no reason for these rules. They make plenty of money as is and nobody needs to provide them with the means to shun most of the country for the benefit of a few.
—JK Kibler, Ghent, NY

please reclassify ISP'S as common carriers. Internet neutrality is very important.
—Kathy Miller, Port Hueneme, CA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Terrible idea.
—William Brant, Palm Coast, FL

True Net Neutrality is vital to an informed public. With true Net Neutrality, Democracy can't function. And won't function. Democracy in the USA has already deteriorated to the point of nearly becoming an Oligopoly. Do not push it over the edge.
—Bruce Watson, Raleigh, NC

You are there to serve the consumers, not the corporations. Please do the right thing.
—Shawn Holyoak, Dallas, TX

It's simple, the FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Stephanie Joyner, Catonsville, MD

I support free acces to the internet. I believe the ISPs should be declared Common Carryiers. I support Net Neutrality. The internet is a great sorce of information and should be used primarily for that purpose. Profit should not be the only motive.
—Winston C Neubecker, Willow Creek, CA

CUZ REASONS!!!!!!1! AS A FORMER(?) *SHILL!* FOR ISPs, MR WHEELER SHOULD BLOODY WELL KNOW THE ARGUMENTS *FOR* NET NEUTRALITY, AND ACTUALLY LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, NOT HIS FORMER(?) MASTERS/OWNERS. GOT IT? GOOOOD!!!!1! I THINK THE INTERNET IS AN INVALUABLE COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC - AMONG OTHER USES, OF COURSE (cat pics/vids, pr0n, selfies) - AND AS SUCH, SHOULD BE DECLARED A TITLE II COMMON CARRIER.. ISPs SHOULD INCREASE THE BANDWIDTH THEY OFFER, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN REACH THEIR SITES MORE EASILY,. PERHAPS THEN, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A "FAST LANE".
—Paul Bodine, Vancouver,

We live in a rural area and use the net through our mobile phone and TV from rooftop antenna. Both because of the cost of satellite. Also we have no landline phone because of cost. The net is sometimes the only source of weather or news, especially during stormy weather. Please leave the net alone or we may end up with nothing. For us it could be a matter of life and death.
—Glenna Shenas, Whitewright, TX

Freedom of communication is required to have democracy, that is the small semblance of democracy that remains. It is a desperately needed as Network TV news is no longer unbiased journalism we must rely on each other to obtain facts about any issue. Barbara Andries
—Barbara Andries, Dallas, TX

Tom Wheeler came from the industry we are asking him to protect us from. I hope he will rise to the occasion and represent the common man by proclaiming providers as common carriers. Even business wants real net neutrality; not what has been proposed. Stop protecting the interests of the interests that have been protecting you, Tom Wheeler. You can make it in this world being ethical. Please do so. Rampant noncompetative monopolistic money-speaking policies are bad for our everyone except the very few. The internet should remain open and neutral. Thank you.
—Stephanie Roche, Seattle, WA

DO NOT allow the internet to be handcuffed to the whims of ISPs. Defend what this nation stands for- freedom, equality and our rights to live prosperous lives.
—Alexander Sexton, Philomath, OR

Hello, The internet is very important to me. I share all kinds of information, some very critical and I received important information also. Being able to count on using the internet in a timely matter is critical.
—Barbara Keer, Wilmette, IL

I am a Veteran, Active Voter and TaxPayer. As a Veteran I put my life on the line for Democracy. I use the internet to find coupons to use when I shop. I also use the internet to buy things that I can't find in local stores. Please help stop the plutocratic take over and save American Democracy and the middle class. I paid into SS from 1962 until I was forced to retire in 2010. Any retirement savings I had were wiped out by Wall Street. The $1218. I receive from SS monthly pays my rent and utilities. I have 2 paper routes to pay for food and other necessities. What happens when I'm no longer able to do the routes?? I have a 1989 automobile if it breaks down and I can't repair it I lose the routes because I do not have enough income to secure a loan for a new vehicle. What ever happened to Respect for the Elderly???
—James K Hadcroft, N. Falmouth, MA

An open internet is essential to innovation, a robust and dynamic economy, and economic and political freedom. Please reject the currently proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Mackres, Manchester, MI

I cannot imagine a world where acess to the internet will be controlled by money andd private interest. Keeo communication open and free.
—Madeleine Charron, Bisbee, AZ

With the use of electronic media increasingly dominating the flow of both information and entertainment, it is critical that every individual has equal and open access to the internet. Even thinking that network neutrality is not important is like something out of Brave New World. Or, Mr. Wheeler, is that how you think? In other words, are you already brainwashed? If so, you should not be in a position of leadership.
—Mrs. Beth Kubly, Madison, WI

The internet is a Utility. It was built with Public dollars. It belongs to the Public. It is CRIMINAL for Public Officials like the FCC Chairman to "gift" it over to his buddies who stand to get even richer, through these, so-called, "new rules" that the FCC wants to institute. The so-called, "new-rules" constitute a theft of something that belongs to the Public. We CANNOT let them get away with it. Tom Wheeler should be fired or he should resign. He is not acting in the Public interest... far from it. He is a corporate lobbyist acting in the interest of his corporate buddies who want to secure a monopoly of their substandard service to prevent any competition. Time Warner and Comcast, Verizon, and ATT, Yeah, surprise, surprise. Meanwhile, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 should be repealed. It has been a disaster.
—Carol Krez, Langley, WA

Under no circumstances should Net Neutrality be changed from its current state. There is evidence that if it is changed it will be abused. The internet is not broken as it is so please do not try to fix it.
—Gregory Lingohr, Oceanside, CA

ABSOLUTE UNIMPEDED FREE SPEECH! FREE MARKET STYLE! WETHEPEOPLE SELF REGULATE! ONE NATION, MAXIMUM SPEED FOR ALL !!!
—Cal Hall, Huntersville, NC

The only way to protect net neutrality is to throw out your proposed rules and just reclassify ISP's as common carriers. My voice is not being amplified by big money, but there are many more voices like mine than there are voices speaking for the corporate few... please... listen to us. Protect net neutrality.
—Richard Foster, Escondido, CA

This is unacceptable and needs to be protected. Net neutrality is the last leg of this democracy and must be protected.
—Dean Petrakis, Newbury Park, CA

Allowing internet providers to make a tiered speed system is asking for disaster for the Internet. I PAY them for my connection. I PAY them for my access to WHATEVER I want to visit, download, etc. Now they want to charge another company for what I ASKED THAT COMPANY FOR! Of course, I'm sure that won't end up costing ME more money! So, I get to pay for my access directly to the cable company, and then again by paying another company so they can then hand it over to the cable company? If not being able to do that is going to kill their ability to continue investing in infrastructure, then why don't they start charging me directly what that cost would be and at least be honest for a change? I'm a conservative, and not particularly fond of government intervention. Usually, I would be unhappy to have the government tell the cable companies what they can and can't do. But these companies are ALREADY PROTECTED BY GOVERNMENT. They USE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THEIR BUSINESSES. Governments at the federal, state, and local levels have already altered this market so badly that the customer is always on the losing side. Please don't continue to do that to us.
—Scott Rarden, Overland Park, KS

Net Neutrality gives people the FREEDOM to promote their own businesses and achieve their dreams. If you get rid of that, we wouldn't be the land of the FREE, now will we?
—AJ Lee, Fairfax, VA

Reclassify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common-carriers - which they have become given the Internet's displacement of conventional/POTS as a primary communication medium.
—Bernard Karmilowicz, Columbia, MD

THE PROPOSED 2-TIERED PLAN IS NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS FOR CONSUMERS, WILL HURT SMALLER INTERNET-BASED COMPANIES, AND WILL ALLOW INTERNET CENSORSHIP. YES, I'M USING CAPSLOCK BECAUSE I'M SHOUTING!
—Angela Anderson, Snohomish, WA

Net neutrality is the way we can protect democracy even when other aspects of society and government are becoming more and more controlled by money. NET NEUTRALITY IS CRUCIAL!
—Veronica Williams, Katy, TX

The internet is a platform on which to build businesses, not one on which one business shoul limit the performance of others. If Ford owned roads and set a slower speed limit for non-Ford cars we would not accept it. Why should we accept the ability for a media streaming company such as comcast to limit/charge more for a competitor like Netflix to have the same experience? Keep our internet what it always has been: a level field for incredible innovation.
—Art Lawrt, Beverly, MA

Our country has been ravaged by the interest of corporate interests long enough. It is time to consider the interests of the people who make up this nation.
—Robert Sink, Odenton, MD

We must maintain Net Neutrality! If unequal access speeds are allowed the INEVITABLE result will be a seriously unlevel playing field, and lack of fair competition. This cannot be allowed to happen, and if it does we will work tirelessly to have it overturned and put those behind it to shame.
—Mr. David Hungerford, Lexington, KY

Save Net Neutrality
—Molly Moore, Tucson, AZ

I believe in honest competition. I believe in free speech. I do not believe in monopolies. I do not agree with pay for priority.
—Richard Mangan, Tacoma, WA

NET NEUTRALITY IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS, RESEARCERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND OTHERS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO BE RELEGATED TO SECOND AND THIRD CLASS USERS OF THE INTERNET PIDDLING ALONG AT SNAILS PACE. A RECLASSIFICATION OF ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THAT THESE USERS ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!! THANKS
—Raymond Narayan, South Ozone Park, NY

We don't need another arena in our lives controlled by major corporations and the wealthy. Keep the internet available to all.
—Lynn Cardiff, Salem, OR

Allowing the market to decide what I can look at and how fast I can look at it is un-American! We want to use the web as a tool to explore, to learn, and to communicate with each other, and we don't need fast-lanes set up by ISPs and providers relegating some content to second-class status. Keep their paws off!
—Cathy Moran Hajo, MAHWAH, NJ

Freedom of speech and expression is ours by constitution, but now that there is an Internet, big money companies will as usual try pounce all over it and make their greedy money at the expense of citizens. Amazing we even have to fight them.
—Diana Day, Monterey, CA

I regard a neutral internet as one of the last holds, as tenuous as they may be, to democracy.
—Richard Anthony DiMatteo, San Diego, CA

Don't do it. Your greed will destroy this country.
—John Williams, LaGrange, GA

Internet access is essential these days for everyone. It should be regulated as a utility since that it what it has become.
—J L Hilton, Fuquay Varina, NC

I do a great deal of pro bono work for Veterans and other non-profits and I am a writer. My husband and I live modestly and do not have the added benefit of pensions so we continue to work and for that work we need to access the internet and an a website integral to our small business. Net Neutrality is imperative that everyone gets a fair shake ... an equal opportunity to utilize the internet. Those in the FCC are given the honor and privilege to serve everyone. It is time to do the only right thing and that is to maintain absolute net neutrality now and in perpetuity.
—Pa Bennett, Atascadero, CA

The internet has become an ESSENTIAL means of communication and knowledge base for everyone....not just for entertainment, but CRITICAL and ESSENTIAL information. Hence net neutrality for EVERYONE, not just those who can pay should have access to the internet...It embraces and protects the democracy we claim to value, and I do happen to value.
—Jane S Permaul, PACIFIC PALISDAES, CA

The internet is my primary source of news. Don't screw with it.
—Arthur C. Hughes, Marietta, GA

A free, open, neutral internet is vital to maintaining a democratic society. The way to ensure it is to vote against the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I sincerely don't understand how anyone who wishes to do the right thing, who wishes to act in a manner that serves the American public and protects the rights of its citizens, can do anything less. Thank you for searching your conscience and listening to a view that represents the overwhelming majority of American citizens.
—Cynthia J Kimball, Sparks, NV

If we truly support equality in our culture, that should apply to the Internet as well.
—Marjorie Streeter, Alameda, CA

THE INTERNET IS A TOOL THAT IS PEOPLE UTILIZE ON A DAILY BASIS. AND TAKING AWAY THE FREEDOM FROM IT WOULD BE A DISASTER. MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS!
—Asher Wenrich, Newhall, CA

Net neutrality is the key to true innovation and empowerment. Please do not cave in to the special interests. Faster entertainment is not worth the loss of net neutrality. Thanks, EDK
—Eleanor D. Kinney, Indianapolis, IN

America is at a stag where we are at least try to discriminate less in a lot of areas. Your proposals, for the internet,do just the opposite. Surely big money does not own the FCC, at least not completely. Let's do what's right and continue net neutrality.
—Mr. Gene Imhoff, Huntsville, TX

DO NOT WANT HIGHER Internet provider costs. They charge too much now!!
—Sue Payne, Houston, TX

Dear FCC, I hope you will consider my wishes in making your up coming decisions. I value an even playing field. I feel very strongly about this. Please don't be 'bought out' by the cable providers. The role of government is to serve the people. Despite what corporations say, most of us people want a fair, even playing field on the internet. Please, please keep it this way.
—Josh Marean, EUGENE, OR

The internet doesn't need to be multi tiered it needs the ISPs to become common carriers for it to remain free and open.
—Ernest Bennett, Montesano, WA

I use it everyday. I am 71 yrs old and the internet keeps me informed and in contact with friends and family. Just because Russia and China control their people thru the internet does not mean that we should follow their lead. We are a free society, or at least we used to be.
—Eileen Kapetsky, Wilmington, NC

THE INTERNET IS A UTILITY!!!
—Richard Rothar, Metuchen, NJ

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers
—Judy kugler, Marietta, GA

The proposed rules would only strengthen the control exercised by the already oppressive operators, specifically the CATV companies. They have been given favored status in the world of "utilities" and have abused that advantage. The CATV companies do not deserve additional power.
—Stephen Souder, Danville, KY

You cannot allow monopoly owners of the pipes to control content. You are consigning the unmonied to a slow Internet. These broadband ISPs need to either be regulated or to have competition. We have neither and it is a travesty.
—Jane Hadley, Seattle, WA

Let's give EVERYONE great internet! Our country lags behind so many other countries. Why is our internet so slow?? Letting companies pay more for fast, so the rest of us get the usual slow- is NOT democratic.
—Maria Mikhailas, Questa, NM

The Internet -- devised by the US government and then handed over to the people -- is OURS. It should be treated like a UTILITY, NOT as a resource from which to squeeze the last ounce of lucre for and from a handful of already rich white men. You work for ME! Reclassify and protect net neutrality!
—Karen Lee Deering, LANCASTER, PA

This would only be the first step in big businesses cornering the internet traffic. A democracy only works well with a well-informed population. Don't take away this avenue of equal information distribution and turn it into something the "moneyed" interests control.
—Mary K Brandl, Minneapolis, MN

The free exchange of information must be protected at all costs!
—Obie Goodman, denver, CO

The proposed rules are entirely contrary to the concept of net neutrality, and will created a tiered internet which will stifle competition and innovation. This will happen at the expense of consumers and to the benefit of none but the cable providers and those corporations which can pay for expedited content delivery.
—Michael Luciano, Hanahan, SC

I'm an academic, and I don't want to lose access to online sites that offer alternative views or obscure information.
—Judith Poxon, Sacramento, CA

All ISPs should be common carriers, treating all traffic equally. Linda Johnson
—Linda Johnson, Fairless Hills, PA

To Whom It may Concern: I am not a lawyer nor an expert lobbyist for any side in the debate concerning what is in the best interest of the broadest array of people in this country both in the short term and the long term respecting how to regulate Wireless and Wired Internet speed provision but I can tell that the industry is out for its own interests and cares nothing for the commonwealth of the people except the bare minimum. Statistically, it can now be shown the the USA ranks far from the top in the development of pipe into rural areas as well as provision of speed compared to a great number of other developed and even developing nations and this can be shown to be the direct result of Industry crimping the national interest in pursuit of profit--that this in itself is a threat to national security is a no-brainer but in any case, in my opinion, it is best if the Federal Government intervenes forcefully in defense of the public interest in regulating the transmission of signal through the cables and airwaves of the wireless and cable Internet by banning prioritization/purchased-prefe rence. I believe that provision of Internet should be regulated as a Title II Utility and a firm No Blocking Rule and Ombudsman for enforcement of these mandates be put in place to guarantee the people are given what they are entitled to in obtaining access to what has become no less than a utility in this country fundamental to everything from commerce to National Security. Furthermore, I believe Broadband and Wireless providers be roundly fined for any demonstrable attempts to throttle the net by creating an insuperable barrier (steep monetary fines) in redressing the error that has been allowed to persist in this arena so that in future the country that invented the Internet is not at the bottom of the league-table because of malfeasance on the part of the anti-neutrality self-serving Broadband and Wireless Industry. Thank you.
—Lawrence Curtin, Airmont, NY

Net neutrality must be protected and not given to the highest bidder.
—Noreen Allen, Stafford Springs, CT

Chairman Wheeler's proposed plan is blatantly discriminatory and no matter what rules are put in place it will result in a two tiered system which will leave the ordinary consumer in the dust with higher cost and fewer choices. Most assuredly it would be the end of net neutrality as well as equal access to an extremely important communication source. Suzanne Schmidtke
—Suzanne Schmidtke, Universal City, CA

I work with a small business that does end-to-end web design and content for other SMBs. Our work is virtually 100% Internet-dependent and often requires the transfer of large files. Also, more and more business owners want embedded video on their sites. If the proposed new rules go through, both my business and other small and medium businesses that depend on high-speed connections and adequate bandwidth will be crippled in their marketing. DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE NEW REGULATIONS.
—Adam Cornford, Oakland, CA

Sewer pipes are not tiered service - every house in a neighborhood gets equal access to effluent flow. Why should the internet be treated any differently than that? The very definition of "common carrier" is at stake here... why should AT&T, for example, be classified a "common carrier" because they carry voice traffic, but NOT a "common carrier" because they carry data traffic? It makes no sense. In both cases, they're carrying goods for the general public - and that's the legal definition of "common carrier". This would not be an issue if "common sense" prevailed at the FCC.
—Sam Juliano, Austin, TX

I have an environmental website which shares information on climate change. A free internet is very important to me. Also if the government wants to be paint a picture of not being totally corrupt, it should not choose an ex-lobbyist as head of the FCC. This revolving door will always undercut the needs of We The People.
—Norman Miller, Costa Mesa, CA

When I first began telecommunicating, 300/1200 dial-by baud modems were a consumer standard. I've always been for growth in speed, -'cause there's only going to be one internet, right? Not if Wheeler's plan goes through. The government wouldn't sponsor 100% highways. Why would it fund 99% highways? Wait...*who* is the 1% here?
—Jason, Johnstown, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me; since I am a paying customer for internet access, it is my right to have open access to all internet information. The internet service provided should not be able to impose an added cost on internet websites, or restrict any of them if they do not pay extra.
—Stephen Keener, Lenexa, KS

I am sick to death of giant corporations screwing us. This is an outrageous thing to do to us.
—Clark T. Davis, Los Osos, CA

Eliminating net neutrality will enable monopoly pricing in a whole new arena. Are nation is great because of our unanticipated disruptive technological change, not because we enabled the pony express to charge different rates for messages from different people.
—Robert Woodward, Lee, NH

Preventing Cable Company F**ckery is vital to this country.
—Alicia Zody, Marshall, IL

The Internet is truly our final Frontier when it comes to our freedom of speech. And as a patriotic American, I find it necessary for us as a nation of "free" citizens that it remains that way.
—Nikolas Haik, Bloomington, CA

net neutrality is important because money is NOT speech. The concept of FREE speech is enshrined in our constitution; therefore to have to pay to get your speech heard is on it's face unconstitutional. This proposed rule is contrary to our most deeply held values, and must be rejected by the FCC.
—Jon Hansen, Normandy Park, WA

This is supposed to be the land of the free, not the land of whoever has the most money. Protect the right of information access for all.
—Ms. Krista Gobby, Corona, CA

Net must remain neutral. Too dangerous to let any company have control over our internet. Do not sell it off. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—philip Guttman, Portland, OR

How on earth could Obama appoint the current FCC chairman. He is in bed with the cable companies. His current proposal to essentially end net neutrality is a perfect illustration of this. This cannot stand.
—Ron Hammond, Santa Fe, NM

Net neutrality is very much akin to freedom of the press.
—Phillip Mixon, Augusta, GA

Just as telephone phone service is available and price-breaked the same for all, so should internet access. No preferential treatment for those who can bid up the price for fast connectivity and effectively block less wealthy sites from the superhighway. No relegating to bumpy country roads sites whose points of view differ from the ISPs. The internet has become the most important medium for businesses, government and issue-based organizations to reach the public. Its size and importance will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. Net neutrality must be preserved, in order to allow the free flow of information and opinion, which have been the bedrocks of our democracy. When such content is filtered out by money power or by the interests of the ISPs themselves, we are several steps closer to the kind of totalitarian state that we as a nation have rightly deplored. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject Chairman Wheeler's plan. Instead, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your attention to this crucial issue.
—Fred Nothnagel, North Andover, MA

We don't need this stupidity & outright greed forced on us, the net works just great as it is. If this debacle goes through, ending net neutrality I for one will have no problem with cancelling completely. We all got along fine before the net came into being and also I would have no problem having nothing to do with the companies who are dumping money into this though, I have no liking for cable companies and their price gouging is atrocious. their lack of customer service is a laugh...
—Eileen Fidler, Phoenix, AZ

I am outraged to hear that the FCC is now considering a plan to allow ISPs to provide lesser services to users who can't afford to pay them extra fees! Corporations already have far too much power over the people of this country, and I do not want them to start interfering with my online access or choices! The Internet should never have been classified as an information service to begin with. I ask that you end this corporate threat to the will of the people by reclassifying the Internet as a common carrier.
—Jane Murphy, Ripley, NY

A corporate monopoly on the internet is the death of small business, health care access, individual access to information, to democracy itself.
—Patricia Emmert, Austin, TX

we don't want big corporations to rule us. we want this access to each other. this is vital.
—Jean Public, not available, NJ

for many people the internet is their long distance to stay in touch with family members throughout the world. those conversations should be private.if you can say it on the phone why not the internet?? not too mention the internet is now the classroom for many children and if you are going to police the internet are these children still going to be able to learn?? When I say learn I mean the real stuf not just what some want them to learn BUT the true history so they can be the adults we need for the future.
—Terry Elliott, Wysox, PA

In this Democracy, we are all equal. If you allow Internet providers to control internet access and the way it is distributed, we are no longer equal or free. The public interest must be protected over corporate interests!
—Patrick Flynn, Larchmont, NY

WE ARE LOSING TOO MANY FREEDOMS DON'T MAKE IT ANOTHER ONE.
—ETHRAGE haggard, Lexington Park, MD

Net neutrality is essential to allowing the free flow of ideas from all perspectives. Allowing corporations to control content by controlling upload and download speeds is counter to the freedoms that this country was founded on.
—David Wells, North Tonawanda, NY

Net Neutrality is important because free speech shouldn't flow at diiferent rates or cost different rates! Data is data is data is data. The data hasn't changed, only the access has, and you know it!
—Raymond A. Gibson, Hollywood, FL

Do NOT let service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet. They do NOT own the Internet. We ALL do.
—Lenn Neff, St. Petersburg, FL

To say that money is equal to value is not logical. Our government is failing due to a lack of communication.
—Jack M Morrison, Costa Mesa, CA

Stop this gluttony of the corporate criminal vampire blood-sucking state and its regulatory dupes. May you all choke on the enhanced forms of bribery that goes with money is speech. and the FCC knows what it's saying; but can't understand me at all. BETTER your mother had not been born than to see what you have become.
—Dennis Szilak, Perrysburg, OH

The internet must be treated as if it was a common carrier. Letting access and speed of service over the internet depend on who can pay the most will destroy both free speech and open commerce. Do not let cable companies and phone companies screw everybody else of their profits. We need net neutrality NOW and ALWAYS.
—Frank Boeheim, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because of the rising prices of school costs and every small bussiness that thrives on the internet such as etsy, Amazon, and deviantart. If we lose net neutrality education will be more difficult to obtain and coronations will dominate everyone with their own interests above others.
—Catalina Gutierrez, Moorpark, CA

Keep the net open! A company should not be able to pay for an express lane!
—Zach Cresswell, Ithaca, MI

I am a writer and educator. The ability to access Internet information from a variety of sources and servers should not be treated as a commodity the government can sell for favors. The FCC should be protecting free access not selling some to cronies and giving second class treatment to the citizens who have paid for its development.
—Dom Zuccone, Houston, TX

It should not be biased . It is discrimination in every form.
—Cynthia Murphy, pensacola, FL

ISP's should be classified as common carriers and governed by the same regulations Keep the internet neutral.
—Alicia Gardner, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality us a win for the people . Fast lanes are yet another way to line the CEO, COO CFO, POLITICIANS pockets. Like we haven't seenenoughof that I nthe last 12 years!!!!!
—Susanne Demko, Charlotte, NC

Net Neutrality provides an avenue of information exchange, educational information, knowledge of the world's cultures and societies, ad infinitum. Millions of Americans will be financially unable to afford internet access, including myself. What remains of the American democracy depends on a free flow of information and informed citizens. Thank you.
—Sharon Conn, sandy, OR

reclassify ISPs as commons carriers as they are without fucking up a system that is working well for every one
—Dwight Blackwell, La Verne, CA

I AM A HUMAN BEING FIRST WHO WANTS TO CONNECR WITH OTHER HUMANS, NOT THE $$$
—Nancy Snyder, Cottonwood, AZ

how many "comments" (voices risen) does it take to over-ride corporate control of the internet? the internet is one of few places where money does not dictate level of service. it should always be free, equal and available to all.
—Roberta Schepps, guerneville, CA

Stop the destruction of Net Neutrality, make this a Government by the People, for the People again and not for whoever throws enough money at us wins!!!!
—Chris Nehring, La Porte, IN

You know FCC you're not doing the friggin math. AT&T, Verizon and Comcast are all content providers. If you let them tack on surcharges for broadband speeds to companies like Netflix, then Netflix is going to have to raise prices. I would DEFINITELY CANCEL MY NETFLIX ACCOUNT! And then the oligopoly for AT&T, Verizon and Comcast will get more profitable and dominant. Not to mention Comcast is already trying to merge with Time Warner. IF YOU RUIN NET NEUTRALITY YOU ARE GOING TO FUCK UP MY ENTERTAINMENT CHOICES AND I ALSO WORK ON THE INTERNET FOR A LIVING. YOU COULD FUCK UP MY ABILITY TO WORK AND BE PROFITABLE. PULL YOUR FUCKING HEAD OUT OF YOUR FUCKING SELFISH CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED FAT ASS YOU FUCKS!!!
—Joe Cuviello, Solana Beach, CA

The freedom and equality currently in place for online content is what makes it so special, don't ruin that!
—Felicity Angela Rhone, Victoria,

I am retired and living on very little income, without asking for government assistance. I use and enjoy the internet. I can't afford to put money in it. Please protect Net Neutrality. It should belong to all of us instead of lining some corporations pockets. Please do not discriminate against us. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect our Net Neutrality.
—Brenda Volpe, Hilliarrd, OH

The world is faced with multiple crises which require the collective knowledge and action of us all to confront. If the internet, our communication medium, is subverted to primarily express the will of the few rich and powerful, who can pay for access exceeding that of the vast majority of the people, it will diminishes the capability for the concerns of the majority of people to be addressed. Catastrophe for all will result.
—Brad Confer, Carmel, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows for equal access of information regardless of power or money. It allows smaller companies to compete on an equal footing.
—Susan Sachs, WAKEFIELD, RI

Net Neutrality is important to the future of our country and the world. Having a level playing field promotes innovation and communication which benefits the economy and people's lives. Allowing ISPs to control internet service speeds via fees, will greatly disadvantage and discourage new growth of companies and discoveries. A free internet is an integral part of a free and prosperous society. By changing the rules of authority, the FCC will change the internet from a common carrier to a for profit technology and further power the ISP monopoly. I'm an Obama supporter, but not on this proposal! Additionally, Tom Wheeler's ties to this industry makes this rule change have the appearance of something not on the level.
—Lori Daniells, Harvard, MA

PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!! DUMP TOM WHEELER, HE DOESN'T WORK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!!!
—Brett Jensen, La Habra Heights, CA

Maintaining the neutrality of Internet communications is key to encouraging economic and scientific growth. I urge the Commission not to favor any type of data and treat the Internet as a telecommunication service.
—Kevin Zheng, Ballwin, MO

It's inconceivable that it should be anything but neutral.
—Karen Peterson, Northbrook, IL

We must not add yet another layer of privilege to our already heavily layered society. This is not the world I want to live in nor is it the world we should be living it. We know better that the whole system works better when we are less separated in the way we must live. Only the rich can see how jolly it will be with still more privilege.
—Rose Bertrand, Madison, WI

The internet is so useful to both individuals and corporations, simply because it is an open platform. However, the rules that allow "fast lanes" will change this dynamic. Only those with the resources (i.e. large corporations and wealthy individuals) will have the ability to purchase access to these "fast lanes", which will essentially end the internet as we know it. It will be much harder for a start-up like the next Google, Facebook, or Amazon to compete with the existing players. The FCC should immediately end any plans for a "fast lane" and instead support Net Neutrality. Furthermore, the FCC should classify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as Comcast and AT&T as common carriers. Their job should simply be to charge for service, not prioritize content based on negotiated contracts with other companies.
—Adam Tenderholt, Seattle, WA

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—julie birkett, new era, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's the right course of action; side with the people. Do the right thing. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and restore Net Neutrality!
—Aidan Zingler, Des Moines, IA

ALL PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE FULL INTERNET.
—Kevin Armstrong, Lake Wylie, SC

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is an important communication tool for people everywhere. The internet also helps businesses create new ideas to expand their successful brands to individuals (and in return, make profits).
—Michael Yearsley, Levittown, NY

We are outraged that the FCC is even considering a two-tiered internet, which will lead to more price-gouging. The major carriers are already charging more than the rest of the world pays for slower service.
—M John, Ada, MI

I'm involved in animal rescue. I've already had a problem with Verizon blocking me for 24 hour periods for sending too many emails. That will get much worse if 100% net neutrality is not maintained. When I cannot send out email for an animal, that animal's life is at risk.
—Kathleen Eaton, Middletown, DE

At 92, I can remember when the first television was considered a common carrier and supposed to be free to all. Today I put up with a slower Internet and less television to avoid paying Comcast which has served us so badly in the intervening years but if these proposed new regulations go into effect I won't even be able to pay the fees even if I wanted to.
—LaVerne Uhte, Mill Valley, CA

I support a free and unbiased internet utilized for the good of the public foremost and not for the profit of corporations
—Peter Caponi, Austin, TX

Keep the internet for for all.
—Gregory Chandler Jr., Huntsville, AL

I am elderly and on a fixed income. I cannot afford NOT to have net neutrality! And your proposal only enriches very rich corporations; it is antidemocratic, too: a relatively few are enriched by censorship and greed because they influenced an unelected regulating body. Shame on you for even considering your new "rules"!
—Lynn Goodman-Strauss, Austin, TX

The economy has been shit since I graduated college in 2010. Even with a bachelors and several years work experience in offices, I still can't find a job that pays a decent wage. Now I am living in South Korea, because here my skills are valued as an English teacher and I'm paid accordingly, or at least enough to afford paying my loans. However, I haven't given up on America. My dream is to open my own business in Atlanta, Georgia. My plan has always been to use a following garnered through social media to achieve those ends and further my potential. To give something back to the place I'm from. But if net neutrality is done away with my fledgling business won't stand a chance against giant corporations. I can't even work in my own country. America is driving it's young folks out, entrpenuers, dreamers and hard working people of all walks of life. Call an end to the bull shit. Protect net neutrality.
—Rachael Sharpe, roswell, GA

It's so vital to protect real Net Neutrality. However, your proposed plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to truly protect real Net Neutrality.
—Abe Kutner, Casper, WY

A modern free society requires access to an open Internet, one without "fast lanes" only people in certain income groups can afford.
—Steve Gazzoli, Kent, WA

Everyone has a right to information, not just the highest bidders.
—Margaret Blakley, Littleton, CO

What part of freedom don't you understand?
—Mark Stamas, North Fork, CA

The Koch brothers shouldn't be allowed to buy Comcast and slow traffic to whitehouse.gov and boost traffic to republicans.org. We own the Internet, not the ISPs.
—Subrata Sircar, Sunnyvale, CA

net neutrality IS the democratic way to do business, not a 2 tiered system for the very wealthy greedy companies. We already have problems with comcast and lousy service and high prices.
—Mrs. Donnasue Jacobi, san andreas, CA

Because making something as fundamental as the Internet monopolized is UnAmerican and wrong!
—Abigale Laine Smith, Lafayette, IN

No double dipping.
—Richard Corbin, Parkville, MO

The software industry in the United States is strong and growing, and it relies heavily on its users having a fast, reliable Internet connection. For example, the growth of tech jobs in my home city of New York has increased 18% over the last decade. Your new rules, however, threaten to further consolidate the market for consumer Internet connectivity and could slow or stop the current surge in the software market. Please preserve Net Neutrality.
—Gregory Nofi, Brooklyn, NY

Preserve equal timely access to the internet. Rep. Seth Armstrong (ret.)
—Rep Seth Armstrong (ret.), Seattle, WA

I'm disabled, so the internet is my connection to the world. I also have a low fixed income, so any increases in costs regarding the internet will affect me severely.
—EJ Todd, Floral City, FL

The Information Tollway is unacceptable. When almost everything is now online, it's discrimination.
—Amy Norton, Columbus, OH

Public domain is an essential element of vital democracy. This is the critical issue, not the profits of corporate greed and social control. Sincerely David Reed Denver, Co.
—David Reed, Denver, CO

The internet belongs to everyone. The rich and influential should not be given control of any other part of our economy.
—Joan Parrish, Santa Cruz, CA

Protection of the first ammendment. Ability to work around corporate monopolies.
—Paul Winsor, Somerset, MA

This should be enough fix so everything is the same
—James L Sellers, St.Louis, MO

My family is awakening to the fact that govt, their depts and the corporations that run these are evil and sinister. The Fraudulent Communication Commission is evil garbage like their leadership!
—Lawrence Kitay, phoenix, AZ

The internet is a means of providing news to the world and promoting democracy and should not be another instrument of the rich to control the poor.
—Leslie Cassidy, New York, NY

Small business would suffer if they had to compete with large corporations who can afford to pay for a fast lane. Throughout its history the internet has been egalitarian, please don't change that.
—Skip Colon, Miami, FL

NEt Neutrality is important to global commerce, people staying in touch and leveling the playing field.
—Carol S Daly, San Jose, CA

Internet Service Providers need to be regulated the same as common carriers. This is the sensible solution for net neutrality for Americans.
—Ronald W Drake, Prescott, AZ

I am a college student who takes online courses. Some of the courses are hard enough for me, I do not want it to be hard just to access my courses with a slow internet.
—Alex Barnes, Indianapolis, IN

The internet belongs to the people. It was developed with government dollars and should not be for sale.
—Beth Pulsifer Anderson, Catonsville, MD

Net Neutrality has become one of the foundations, perhaps the only one left, of truly free speech in America. Anyone, regardless of social class or economic resources can raise issues and carry on public debate -- as the Internet is now. Rules to allow a tiered system of preferential to the rich and powerful interests will destroy the last bastion of free and equal access.
—Stephen Zettel, Libby, MT

When does a person have too much money? When they believe they can decide how other people must live their lives. When they can legislate new laws and requirements WITHOUT asking the people. When they get away with saying "I have a Pen." When they can pass laws making themselves exempt from crimes because they are wealthy. Have I made a point here or are you too fucking stupid to recognize it? There is a difference between "Dictating" and "legislating" though today they seem to be used interchangeably. How does that saying go about "political Correctness and turds?" Oh yes! "A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end." Remember the part of the US Constitution that says "By the People and for the People"? How about "Shall not be infringed"?
—Daniel Wiberg, ZipCode, SC

Impeach the spam; protect the citizen from surveillance.
—Nathalie Robisco, Bastia,

I believe the internet should ne free and open as it is now.
—Margaret Crane, San Antonio, TX

Do the right thing NOW!
—Dean Morris, Largo, FL

A free press, a free Internet, a free people, a free country, freedom for life, life for freedom. 70 years after and still fighting for these things. What a sad little country we are becoming.
—David Johnson, Mission Viejo, CA

Tom Wheeler is using his bully pulpit to shut down the freedom's cyber highway, using corp'se monopolies toll gates to prevent free access to intellectual freedom. His twisted thinking will allow this travesty by enslaving mankind's free will into a tollway, creating hostility, revolution, and hopefully evolution against bullying, which is what he will be doing if you let him. Whomever represents me, who does not allow net neutrality, will be stifling prosperity, stilling the one true thing that makes us human, communication. Shame on you and the future you will be creating.
—Ms. Judith Levinson, San Francisco, CA

Don't limit what remains of free and equal speech.
—Donald Rubin, Plympton, MA

Freedom on the net is very important. Please throw out your reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have enjoyed my freedom to do what I need to online since 1999.
—Cindi Dean, ghkfj, NY

I oppose the proposed cahnges to Internet rules. I think ISPs should remain as common carriers.
—William Frechtman, west hollywood, CA

I urge you to protect net neutrality and democratic access to information by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Aryn Bartley, Eugene, OR

Net neutrality is important to me as it supports free speech, democracy, vitality and diversity in the voices that get "heard" on the internet. Without this vitality and diversity, we as a culture are exposed mostly to "information" that comes from those with the most money and resources, and other voices get drowned out, diminished and pushed to the sidelines.
—Stephanie Koenig, Silver Spring, MD

The internet is a medium of free exchange. It is a chance for people to see other people as they are and not as the governments and media would have us see them. It is a chance for the world to come together instead of tearing itself apart. The defeat of net neutrality does one thing very well: It ensures that the wealthy will be heard above all others. We already see that in every other media. We do not need it on the internet as well. Protect the rights of the people over the machinations of the powerful few. We already have cable TV. Please do not turn he internet into the same.
—Thomas Moore, Philadelphia, PA

My online information is my own personal information and we should all be allowed to chose who we sign up with and our information should also be kept secure and private. We need to be treated equally and not gouged with fees and only preferred clients would be receiving great service.
—Elinore Krause, Mc Kees Rocks, PA

The internet is a valuable resource for learning and entertainment for many around the world. We need to ensure that it remains as open and accessible to as many people as possible, and not subject to the whims of huge corporations. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality Doing away with Net Neutrality would put the US a major step back compared with the rest of the world at a time when the US needs to push to remain the leader of innovation. Nations are catching and in many cases surpassing the US when it comes to polices regarding the Internet. The US needs to catch up, and reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a major step in the right direction
—Anthony Muniz, Comstock Park, MI

Net neutrality is extremely important to me and to all of the public, because it is truly free speech, not like the campaign money from billionaires. Without net neutrality, multi-billion-dollar corporations like Verizon can effectively decide what we can and can't see, and that is absolutely wrong.
—Winfield Carson, Poway, CA

We do not need to make Companies like Comcast or Verizon richer on the backs of ordinary people. Keep net neutrality.
—Donna Gordon, Cloudcroft, NM

Preserving net neutrality will preserve freedom of speech. Money does not equal speech. I don't know how most of you sleep at night. You are disconnected from the common people of the United States. You worship power and money. You do the bidding of lobbyists and those in high corporate power. When you are old and your health is failing, what side will you have served? The majority of the people, or the power-hungry few? What will you have gained? This is as much a moral issue as it is an issue of your own personal hearts as human beings. Your cynicism has begun corrupt your humanity. You aren't seeing people, you are seeing "others" in the way of your plan. Preserve net neutrality. Preserve your own humanity. Take a vacation across the United States--talk to the common man and woman. Don't lock yourself in a resort. Those common people treat you nice because they are paid to. If you want real opinions, don't rely on money.
—Paul Krauss, Scottsdale, AZ

We already pay to use the net--it's for everybody!!!
—Ann Stetser, Miami, FL

Not only do we need to keep Net Neutrality important to preserve. We should go a few steps further: We need to break up the giant corporate media, to get some competition. The American people paid to invent the internet, they deserve to be able to use it free, without paying outrages rates to large media providers.
—Mike Torpey, Portland, OR

Grass roots activism is how we conserve true democracy. Equal access to internet resources is essential to the health of our country. The internet should be classified as a utility/common carrier in order to keep it open for all.
—Mary Hamilton, Mountain View, CA

If you could find a way to sell souls for profit, you would be for it. Don't sell out our freedom of speech to the rich. They already own everything else.
—Michael Fowler, Honolulu, HI

It's important because without it the internet would be nothing but television, no one wants that but big companies that only hold greed to their hearts and souls.
—Tyler Weiss, Carlsbad, CA

If the net is to be censored and given to the rich , it might as well be shut down !
—Kurt Sjolander, Park Falls, WI

Why make the internet worse. We are already getting some of the slowest speeds for the amount paid in the world. It's deplorable that you are even considering making it worse.
—Marvin Sawyer, Yucca Valley, CA

The Internet was an American "invention" like no other. Don't ruin it to benefit the oligopolies.
—Ward Mundy, Mount Pleasant, SC

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are obviously common carriers. They must be classified as such. To do otherwise defies common sense.
—Mary Gover, Richfield, MN

Do you really believe that the public isTHAT STUPID that we can not see these proposed changes as unfair, and allowing these companies to buy access and deny us the possibility of similar service? Perhaps it is time we try to catch up with Estonia and much of Europe!!! Instead you are proposing that money can buy anything including preferential access. NO, NO, NO.
—Vija Z McDill, San Antonio, TX

Your proposed new rules are terrible, and discriminate against small businesses.
—Renee Brooks, South Houston, TX

Net Neutrality insures an open, democratic Internet. It is very important to keep it that way, and to prevent the creation of a two-tiered, pay to play system. FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Katherine McNeill, Sacramento, CA

Schools and public libraries are constantly faced with budget cuts. Technology has become a "must have" for education whether it is provided by schools or public libraries. For the FCC to refuse to accept that the Internet has become a utility like electrical service is destructive to our educational system. With the current actions by the FCC it is apparent the members of the FCC are more concerned about Corporate America's profit margin than education of the People.
—Earlene King, Mantorville, MN

Dear FCC, The only people in the country who support your plan are yourselves and the cable industry. Please do the right thing and enforce a *real* open internet with TItle II.
—Ben Rohrer, Worcester, MA

The FCC should throw out ots rules and reclassify ISPs as a common carrier.
—Lloyl Matthews, Lakewood, CO

The internet should always be free and fair for all - not just the wealthy, corrupted few. Thank you.
—Robyc Besly, Honolulu, HI

The internet not only provides my livelihood, but the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people across the world as well. Allowing ISPs to discriminate in their service will be a terrible blow to a huge part of the world economy.
—Ryan Gaygen, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is absolutely UNFAIR and goes against our core constitutional rights as citizens of America.
—Wilma Goodness, San Diego, CA

Nearly all net providers- Comcast/TWC, Cox, et.al. are thieves. This is for the sole purpose of making them more money.
—Rick Berger, N Adams, MA

I use the internet to get information. Restricting my access by letting only a few companies get their way restricts me, a citizen of this country. Not fair. I wish I had money like AT&T or Verizon or Comcast to influence your decision. All I have is this forum. Please take citizens of this country in account when you make decisions.
—Gloria Wigert, ocean grove, NJ

Net neutrality is essential to open communication and a healthy democracy in this country.
—PE E Crawford, Stevenson, WA

RECLASSIFY ISP'S!! PLEASE! DON'T DESTROY OUR INTERNET.
—Margaret Dodge, Yarmouth,, ME

Please preserve Net Neutrality. Thank you. Carole Allegro
—Carole Allegro, Bronx, NY

The net belongs to all of us not just the rich or mega-corporations. Keep it that way. It's a matter of fairness and equality.
—Randy Fuhrmann, Helena, MT

There is much on the Internet that is valuable that is not provided by businesses that can pay for privileged, high-speed transmission: the websites of public libraries, agencies that assist battered women, public schools...the Internet should be a level playing field for all
—Robert O'Kelly, Somerville, MA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. But we have a way to fight back: The FCC has opened up a comment period for us to weigh in on its proposal.
—Jackie Koontz, Temecula, CA

Do we have a democracy — or not? Communications infrastructure has become our nation's "highway system." Don't turn that into toll roads!
—Mary A. Keeler, Seattle, WA

Because everyone should have equal access information
—James Fucci, Pelham, AL

It is high time that ALL communication (Internet, wired or wireless again be classed as public utilities. The present, market system does not work as well as the old (before break-up) AT&T. The US internet provides less at higher cost than most of the world.
—Jan D van Cort, New York, NY

No slow lane for the Internet!
—Pierre Liechti, Anaheim, CA

I'm an entrepreneur who needs a level playing field as I work to bring innovative services to market. Destroying net neutrality would be disastrous for businesses like mine and for the greater economy. Don't let it happen.
—Tony Felice, Lakewood, OH

I spend a lot of time browsing the internet, it is a source of connection and entertainment, for hundreds of millions of Americans. I do not know who you are, but your opinion does not rise above the opinions of a country as a whole. Please take time to consider listening to the voices of the people who inhabit your nation before we decide the FCC is obsolete.
—Christopher Stockman, Phoenix, AZ

The spirit of the internet from its beginning has been equal access conditions for all. That means all companies, small and big, and all individuals, whoever and wherever they are. Subversion of that ideal, in even the smallest way, will be the beginning of the end of this great and so far successful experiment in democracy. On no account should you, or any other regulatory authority, ever allow that to happen.
—J Martin Ward, Minehead,

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers, so that access to the Internet will be truly democratic, and not based on ability to pay. Equal opportunity means that; it is different from opportunity if you can pay. The poor and the ordinary and the common person must have the same opportunity to learn, to know; these are the bases of opportunity.
—Anne T. O'Brien, Tarrytown, NY

Every day this country seems to be more and more like a monarchy, with huge corporations, who now pretty much control Congress, as KINGs. The soldiers who fought in the American Revolution must be spinning in their graves to see how the term "Tea Party" has been turned on its head. The original Boston Tea Party was about creating a democracy. The current one is about destroying it! The current Tea Party doesn't realize that our form of government - as described in the Constitution and Bill of Rights - is GOOD, not bad. When Ronald Reagan said "The government IS the problem," a lot of people started thinking that our form of government was somehow bad. They began believing lies that certain very rich people were propagating - such as Rupert Murdoch. He is one of the current "acting Kings" here, and must be deprived of such power. True Net Neutrality is one of the things we MUST have in order to have a real democracy. Please catch up to the 21st century, FCC, and declare the internet to be a Public Utility which needs to be regulated!!!! I may not have the exact language correct, but you probably know what I mean. for democracy, Marian Archibald Lansdale, PA
—Marian Archibald, Lansdale, PA

Please reverse your decision on the net neutrality. You're going to piss a lot of people off otherwise.
—Pete Willards, seattle, WA

This is just another form of handing over our rights to the corporations if the two-tiered system prevails.
—Michael Hoban, Newton, MA

It is absolutely vital that open communication and complete Net Neutrality be maintained on the Internet to allow the free flow of idea and innovation that have allowed amazing companies to start small and grow quickly (Facebook, for example) and for science and technological advances to be shared. Also, a democracy should have at least one place where all people can communicate equally, without corporate control creating haves and the have nots on the information superhighway. Declare the internet a public utility. Make it available equally to all. Regulate wht can be charged for access and the sort of minimum service that MUST be provided to all. Do not allow a two (or more) tiered service.
—Jean Kluge, Foristell, MO

The internet should be equally available and accessable to all. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Sharon Nicodemus, Sacramento, CA

Please dont allow those new rules proposed by the chairman of the fcc. He should be ashamed of being himself the chairman of the fcc and bit looking out for the interest of the people in general. Net neutrality please.
—Julian Ramos, El Paso, TX

My work and my children's ability to do their homework and prepare for college rely on access to the internet. How will this affect children's college opportunities -- are we really going to continue to reduce opportunities for those who don't already have them?
—Shay Chan Hodges, Haiku, HI

The FCC has a chance to really do something positive for average Americans here. For once, please do the right thing. And don't kowtow to some of the most hated companies on Earth (AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, etc.).
—Tom Winstead, Raleigh, NC

we don't need baby sitters while on the internet
—Joey Stevenson, Leitchfield, KY

Internet should be available to all... no exceptions!
—Toni Caldwell-Clark, Kansas City, KS

Internet and broadband providers should be regulated as common carriers.
—Richard Wolfe, Cheverly, MD

I do not approve of FCC Chairman / Comcast Lobbyist Tom Wheeler's plan to chip away at the fundamentals of Net Neutrality.
—Ryan Cummings, Elkton, MD

Keep the internet neutral. Corporations are monopolizing internet services and the FCC needs to protect the American public from higher prices and lowered internet speeds.
—Randall Patton, Battle Creek, MI

Anything that can be abused will be abused. Using a multi-tier system for internet speed will be abused in an effort to maximize profit for providers, and promote products of providers ahead of their competing products. Net neutrality must be maintained.
—Richard Martinez, Johns Creek, GA

The internet is our major source of information. It is essential that this flow of information is independent of commercial companies.
—Mark, Rocky Point, NY

I am a very small time user of the internet and do not want to be shuffled to the slow lane simply because I am not a big time user. My radio and telephone communications are not sped up or slowed down based on how much I pay. Why should my internet??
—Seren Bradshaw, Westwood, CA

We the people want to keep the net neutral. We don't want a discriminatory system that allows for fast ans slow lanes.
—Martin Corbin, Brattleboro, VT

I am a human being, not an income bracket! I "count" as much as a Peterson or a Koch, a Senator or a Doctor. If this nation aspires to become a democracy, then inequality must not be encouraged further!
—Pamela Allee, Portland,, OR

The internet is my daily source of information and as common in my life as a telephone. It should be classified as a "public utility" and vigorously protected from any attempts at control or favoritism. Equal access to the internet helps to balance race and class by ensuring that everyone has equal access to the information they need to succeed in life. It's vital.
—Forrest Batson, San Diego, CA

because the US is the home of freedom
—Sue Shulman, prospect hts, IL

PLEASE do not allow companies to participate in regulating how I access anything I choose on the internet. Having a two tiered internet system is just for THEIR profit. Keep REAL net neutrality alive and well by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The proposed internet rules are not in my best interest. Do not enact.
—Joanne Schwarz, Gaithersburg, MD

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated like one. It is essential to the functioning of our society, like electricity, water, gas, etc. The internet is the most common means of communication and commerce in the United States and should be regulated to ensure that it remains as impartial as our system of interstate highways and roads.
—Andrew Rubio, Upland, CA

The Internet is relied upon for personal, professional, and social research and interactions. The need for it has become ingrained in our everyday lives, just like electricity and running water. You must protect it as the resource it has evolved to be!
—Amanda Hafner, Snowflake, AZ

FCC, why would only the wealthiest people get speedy service online? That sounds fair? That sounds just and right? Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lonnie Benzel, ORMOND BEACH, FL

Net neutrality is a building block of a fair economic future for all Americans. Do your job and put the interests of the American people ahead of corporate welfare.
—Mark Aflatooni, Austin, TX

The Internet represents true worldwide democracy, for better or worse. Allowing government to parcel off the Internet to commercial carriers who will provide different levels of service is appalling! It's a direct, outright attack on democracy. The people of the world built the Internet, not commercial carriers, who should not be able to control access, speed, content or anything else.
—Kathy Keenan, Aptos, CA

Please designate internet service providers as common carriers in order to protect reasonable access to the internet. The proposal for a fast lane puts the internet in danger of monopoly control and threatens the right to free speech.
—Gregory Musnikow, Flushing, NY

The very first amendment to the constitution of the United States guarantees the freedom of speech. It's really that simple. Net Neutrality is a first amendment issue.
—William Ferguson, Los Angeles, CA

allowing a fast track for a price will stifle and possibly rout the creative and entrepreneurial components of the internet.
—Myron Meisel, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is our right as citizens of a FREE country. You work for us, not the corporations.
—Caitlin Sido, Spencerville, IN

This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality: reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Rev Gregory Yaroslow, Redlands, CA

I don't want, nor do I want future generations to have to pay more money for better service. Maintaining Net Neutrality will mean that future advances will benefit everyone, not primarily those who can more easily afford it.
—Doug Wilson, Eugene, OR

Stop pandering to big business,protect the people not the 1%
—Gordon Kelly, Port Saint Lucie, FL

No two-tear Internet - this would be the final straw for America! Please the wealthiest corporations at the expense of the people. Is this still America, the land of the free? We pay enough as it is to be able to just access the Internet; now we have to deal with corporate greed and manipulation. Classify the Internet as a public utility… it is the only way to keep it from being used as another method of ending Americans' free choice. Don't allow the Comcasts and Time Warner Cables of the planet rob the people blind. If you choose to do anything other than keeping the Internet neutral, you will lose the respect of millions. The FCC should not be playing into the hands of some of the wealthiest corporations in the world while the rest of the population gets tossed aside.
—Deborah Gostin, San Diego, CA

Without net neutrality there is no level playing field. ISP will play favorites. We need net neutrality to ensure equality for all.
—Ali Shakur, Plainfield, IL

Net neutrality keeps a level playing field for all business to compete fairly.
—M Loftus, Kihei, HI

The internet should be treated as a utility! In my area, I only have one option for cable internet, and they don't give me anything close to what I pay for, and charge me way more than I should have to pay, all because they can get away with it. This needs fixed. Make internet a utility, as internet is just about as important for school and business as electricity and water are now. It would be impossible for me to get my education without internet, and so I'm forced to pay way too much just to have access. I went a week without internet, and was unable to do my assignments off campus, as most of my assignments REQUIRE internet connection. It's a utility, treat it like one. Don't let ISPs dictate how good of service we get, and what websites we can have access to.
—Karolyn Foltz, Bryan, TX

FCC Chairman Wheeler's proposed Internet rules would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. We the users of the internet are asking you to throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Karen Kirschling, San Francisco, CA

WHY IS THE FCC EVEN CONSIDERING THIS? WE KNOW THAT THE CABLE COMPANY EXECUTIVES ARE LIARS. WHY ALL CAPS? WE ARE ALL PISSED BECAUSE YOU HAVE ENOUGH AND YET YOU WANT EVEN MORE. YOU ARE WILLING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING, INCLUDING OUR PLANET TO GET WHAT YOU WANT! YOUR KIND (CORPORATE AMERICA AND HER LACKYS) HAVE TURNED OUR COUNTRY INTO A GLOBAL JOKE. LEAVE OUR INTERNET ALONE! WE DONT NEED IT CHOPPED UP BY THE CABLE COMPANIES. WE DESERVE MORE THAN THEIR SCRAPS!
—Rebecca Rodriguez, Alhambra, CA

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Kevin M. Cox, San Francisco, CA

It's important for democracy! The post office can't slow down your mail based on what's inside it or speed up delivery even if they're paid extra money. ISPs shouldn't be able to slow the internet down and speed it up for people who can pay because the internet is a public utility!
—Sam Halpern, Atlanta, GA

I really believe the net should be the way it was and still is... Don't change it !! Please keep net neutrality...
—Pryce Elliott, Browning, MT

Don't capitulate to corporate blackmail!
—Teresa Carrillo, Corpus Christi, TX

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Gerald H. Learn, Wynnewood, PA

NET NEUTRALITY LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESS ALIKE, ENSURING COMPETITION TO THE BENEFIT OF CONSUMERS..
—Linwood Sasser, Simi valley, CA

Doing away with Net Neutrality limits competition and has an negative impact on the dissemination of information essential for a successful democracy. Doing away with Net Neutrality puts control of information in the hands of those with money (a monopoly) rather than all our citizens. NO TWO-TIERED INTERNET!!!!
—Catherine Stevens, Hilton Head Island, SC

I am disabled, don't get disability, quite low income. Internet access is very important to me. I also teach cat rescue extensively on the internet, and 99.9 percent of those I teach, are low income. This is FREE TEACHING, and the people I teach go do FREE SERVICE WORK, none of which would happen without net neutrality! Don't cave into the big companies, listen to all of us! Katherine Gesine Lohr
—Gesine Lohr, Alameda, CA

We have lost to much control over our lives as it is. Don't take away a free and fair internet!
—Joan F. Byrd, Cullowhee, NC

The FCC, if it is truly serving the public interest, must affirm that the Internet is a public utility that should have no privileged "fast lanes." Giving corporations or individuals the ability to purchase faster transmission lines will do irreparable damage to our democracy.
—Richard Herskowitz, Eugene, OR

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Susan Peirce, Lyons, CO

Americans deserve better internet service: faster, less expensive and accessible to all. The very concept of enabling the few corporations who provide internet access to charge more for faster service is wrong-headed. Net neutrality should be guaranteed and the industry should be regulated as a public utility just like electric companies and other public services the public depends on. I urge you to preserve net neutrality and designate internet service as a public utility.
—K Nilsen, Ben Lomond, CA

Allowing a tiered Internet would be about as fair as allowing commercial vehicles to drive faster on the highway than private vehicles.
—Kevin J. O'Rourke, Camden, NY

Please don't let corporate interests destroy the Internet for monetary gain! The Internet is a fundamental and tremendous tool of human knowledge, association, and progress, and it's your duty as agents fo a democracy to protect humanity's shared future by protecting net neutrality. You're in a position to harm the Internet or prevent harm -- please act to prevent harm.
—Megan A Dorsey, Seattle, WA

Equality in speed and accessibility is necessary for freedom on the Internet. Don't sacrifice our freedom for the profit of monopolies.
—Jordan Bosworth, New Castle, DE

All people and companies deserve a fair chance to thrive, and the advent of the internet has made this a real possibility. Ending net neutrality would put a serious damper on this unprecedented equality that we've been enjoying for the last twenty years.
—Steven Hlavac, Washingtonville, NY

The whole concept of the internet is at stake ...freedom to communicate without profiteering or censorship. The large corporate takeover is totally wrong.
—Granger Evans, Kelowna BC, AZ

It's important for our future to keep real net neutrality
—Kenny Smith, Sharon hill, PA

Chairman Wheeler, when we were kids our teacher taught us about the First Amendment. Freedom of speech is as important now as it was back in 1791. Internet service providers now want to ignore this freedom. To impede the dissemination of knowledge is to go against our basic freedoms. Please do not allow the discrimination of online speech and freedom to access it fairly and openly. Thank you for considering this important matter that will negatively affect millions of Americans, both young and old. Sincerely, Mark Morano
—Mark Morano, Boston, MA

The only reason that the Internet is what it is today is that everyone has equal access! Allowing those that have money to have "more equal" access than those that do not have money, is stepping on the backs on those that created the Internet in the first place. And only the very stupid could ever believe the statement that money just buys faster access and everyone else has fast access.
—William Querry, Painesville, OH

As a senior citizen without much income, I cannot afford to pay for the Internet. It seems to me that means of communicating over the Net must remain low in cost to permit users in my financial situation to continue using it.
—Dr. Sandra H Cooper, Wheatland, WY

The internet net is speech. The Constitution states there is freedom of speech in America. If Net Neutrality is not allowed then you are declaring as n end to free speech.
—Dan Driscoll, Newport News, VA

Our country is founded on the principle of equality for all... not only for the wealthiest corporations!
—Patricia Harris, Woodbine, NJ

Common Carrier reclassification is a MUST. I will keep this short. Simply reclassify the providers of internet connections (any provider who sells end users IP addresses to get online) as Common Carriers. They are using public space either air waves or public right of way to provide their service to the end user. Same as Electric providers do and Water companies that run supply running water and sewer in our homes. As such they should be treated as such. Thank You
—Stephen Chilcutt, Edinburgh, IN

It is essential to maintain an internet equally accessible to all... Free and speedy.... If we want to keep ahead of the rest of the world!!!
—Louanne Lasdon, Ravenna, OH

Millions and millions of real people vs. a handful of big money corporations. I think it's pretty obvious why we need NET NEUTRALITY!!
—George Davis, New Lisbon, WI

Please leave the internet the way it is now.
—Liter Spence, Cortez, CO

Internet communication is a service that has become vital to the function of our lives and economy. To allow telecommunications companies to dictate the quality of service based on the content being carried opens up a gigantic can of worms. It allows for de facto censorship under the guise of prioritizing other content over what a company wishes to suppress. It allows established businesses to interfere with the formation of new services by prioritizing existing ones. Imagine trying to start a new small business only to be told that phone calls to your business will not be as high quality or reliable, because the phone company is dedicating their resources to your competitors. And in the end, it suborns the choice of the consumer. When I purchase internet service, it is up to me where I want to go on the internet. I pay for the speed and amount of data that I feel is worth it to me, and it's up to my ISP to live up to that contract. If the ISP's network is getting too congested because of people watching youtube or netflix or using VoIP, then it is up to the ISP to fix the issue. Either that, or stop promising a high speed that it cannot guarantee simply because it's supply of bandwidth does not meet the demand of its consumers. If a supplier cannot meet demand, then it must stop promising to do so, or it must increase supply, period. It should not be allowed to play games by promising to fulfill a demand - unless there's too much, in which case it will arbitrarily decide which demands it will meet.
—Jason Place, Warwick, RI

Please designate internet service providers as common carriers. Providing the option of a fast lane threatens free speech. The rest of the world looks to America to protect democracy and free speech. Your example is important to the whole world"s freedom.
—Zvi Musnikow, D.N.Eilot,

Please do not enable a corportacracy by denying our access to an open internet.
—Peter Lockwood, Patagonia, AZ

The internet should not be any different for big corporations than it is for any one individual.
—Michael Lieberman, Honolulu, HI

The internet is a utility! It is an indispensable necessity of modern citizenship. THIS IS OBVIOUS! Why should anyone have any faster access when the US is already WELL-BEHIND the ROI and OVERALL speeds of OTHER countries in the world and rural areas still have only dial-up, cellular or satellite? NO MORE CORPORATE GIVEAWAYS! LOCK THE REVOLVING DOOR!!!
—Matthew Kozak, Lehigh Acres, FL

Without absolute, undiluted freedom of access to information there can be no democracy. Either you are with us the people, or you with the self-appointed, wealthy elite rulers.
—Robert Fischoff, Tucson, AZ

Stop being a bunch of greedy children, there shouldn't even be a question whether this is important.
—L Philips, Kalamazoo, MI

I cancelled my satellite subscription because of all the ignorant reality TV bull taking over everything and being forced to supplement the pay of sports figures that are straight up criminals. The only TV I watch now is online, I get to choose what I watch and I don't pay for anything I don't watch. I already pay my internet provider for the service and the companies that provide my shows, why should I have to pay extra to someone else so It doesn't get slowed down where I can't watch any more? That is robbery or extortion and it should be against the law.
—Yvonne Curtis, Hilham, TN

Net Neutrality must be maintained, creating a two tiered system would cause discrimination, allowing companies to pick winners and losers on line. Our Country deserves better. The FCC needs reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for listening to me, we need to be protected with a real Net Neutrality.
—Curtis Carneke, Bullhead City, AZ

We do not need big corporations controlling our right to free speech.
—Gary Haag, San Diego, CA

We all rely on the Internet, and it is increasingly important; there are some transactions that can be done only via the web. Internet access needs to be a service equally available to all, regardless of economic status.
—Barbara Clark, Danville, VA

Please protect net neutrality. Classify ISPs as common carriers. We need an open internet that is not controlled by companies seeking to line their own pockets. Please no extra fees, no discrimination. Thank you.
—Dorothy Lynn Brooks, Arlington, TX

"paid prioritization" will lead to higher prices for consumers and the end of innovation for small websites. Net Neutrality Now!
—Spencer Adams, LOS ANGELES, CA

Keep Net Neutrality... Communication thru net needs to be open - not controlled by cost, speed, special interests - do your job
—J letscher, Novi, MI

Why isn't Net Neutrality important? ISPs like Comcast are trying to charge for the same bit twice. They charge their customers a monthly rate so the customer can requests bits from content providers. And now, they want to charge the content providers for allowing that same bit to enter their networks in additional to already charging customers for that bit to leave their networks. Enough is enough. Do NOT form "fast lanes." Make ISPs common carriers! Protect Net Neutrality!
—Derek Liedl, Eau Claire, WI

Net neutrality is the only fair option to keep the internet democratic and open. There is no reason why the ISP's should be able to use monopolies given by the government to charge fast lane fees and thus charge twice for the same bandwidth. I pay my ISP, Google pays their ISPs, that's all there should be. Please keep the internet fair, open, democratic, and neutral by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers, thus protecting the citizens and the internet.
—Brett Stewart, Novato, CA

Change your rules. ISPs should be common carriers.
—Gilbert McGair, Hillsboro, OR

Open and Free to All. The American Way. We should be leading the way by example, for the World!
—Ron M. Romberger, Royal Oak, MI

The Internet is and integral part of the evolution and the Future of our species.
—Jessica J Williams, Olympia, WA

What a shame you do not care for the poor who even can not afford to pay $ 19.95 / month for their internet and you are giving free reign to big companies so that they can charge whatever they demand for a compulsory source of information in this age of technology.Where the greed of big companies will stop who are making billions of dollar profit already.Learn from South Korea where people only pay about $10- per month for 150 MBPS.
—Shaukat M Basit, Brooklyn, NY

The Robber Borons proved that uncontrolled greed and monopolies destroy freedom, choice and competitive shopping options ... Don't let big media STEAL our internet!!!!
—Larry Quintana, Modesto, CA

I do not trust corporate leadership to treat all Net users equally.
—Daniel Brant, Port Townsend, WA

I don't know why I am taking the time to write since I know that the rich guys always gets what they want (i.e. out coin-operated Democracy) but.... The internet should be an even playing field for everyone. Big corporations do not deserve to have a better field than the people of this Democracy. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as they should be. I dare you to prove me wrong. We, the people, want net neutrality.
—Patti Rose, McKinleyville, CA

Please do not let corporate money control accessibility to what the public views online. It is essential to keep the internet equally accessible to all in order to preserve freedom, just competition among all business enterprises, democracy, and free speech. If you grant greater access to the internet to those who can pay more for such privelege, your office would be nothing but a tool of the destructive plutocracy whose damaging actions we need to reverse.
—Grace Tumang, New York, NY

The Internet is, essentially, the last source of free speech, free press, and uncensored free information information. As a mobility impaired and impoverished senior, the Internet is my lifeline for both social and mental health and vitality. To turn my access over to the profit-motivated choices of major corporations is to cut that lifeline.
—Jeanne Young, Sequim, WA

Does your perspective change also come with K-Y jelly? As this time I would like to be prepared for the ass fucking your intending to dish out to the American public? Whom have been struggling to keep their heads above water to just be part of our society and now you like our government have found YET another way to suck our meager pockets dry so that you may continue to have over stuffed ones. You always want MORE, MORE, MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!! Because you think so LITTLE of the average person and our quality of lives. We are meager idiots to you. One day your soul shall reside in a very hot place where those pockets of gold shall melt and burn you to your rotten bones.
—Pamela Lasick, Dewey, AZ

An old adage for Tom Wheeler and the FCC - If it isn't broken, don't fix it. The Internet has been working marvelously well around the world - it isn't broken, so there is NO NEED to change it (other than AT&T, Comcast & Verizon want to make more money off of it - money grubbers)!
—Diana Saxon, Salem, OR

Stop big corporate greed... Trends toward metered access will limit access for the less wealthy and stifle new and creative business. Thanks you.
—Travis Nyberg, Philomath, OR

CONSUMERS DESERVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR. NO MONOPOLIES! NO SPECIAL FAVORS! INCREASE QUALITY AND SPEED TO THAT OF THE PROVIDERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. PROMOTE THE FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE USA!
—Ms. Meredith Richmond, Battle Ground, IN

Allowing ISPs to preferentially allow faster bandwidth to the highest bidder undermines the accessibility and diversity of information that makes the internet the bastion of freedom and innovation that it has become. In addition, ISPs have a serious conflict of interest, as their primary competition for cable TV comes from the internet. Cable TV is already heavily monopolized, with the high prices and poor service you would expect from a monopoly. Most innovations in cable service have been forced by the need to keep up with internet based television services. Keep the internet free!
—Christopher Edwards, Tucson, AZ

Internet service is a utility, and should be treated as such.
—Gretchen Dulong, Georgetown, MA

We insist on controlling our own internet. Let's not leave it up to the moneyed interests who already control enough of our lives.
—Arvin Blakeney, Centennial, CO

WE CATEGORICALLY AND COMPLETELY OBJECT TO CHAIRMAN WHEELER'S PLAN !!!!!!! WE WANT A COMPLETELY OPEN NET NEUTRALITY WITHOUT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST ADVANTAGE TO SOME! EVERY ONE WITH EQUAL ACCESS !!!!!!
—Howard Miller, Ventura, CA

How about for one fucking time you look out for people and not for massive companies.
—Kevin T Walsh, Silver Spring, MD

The Internet needs to be treated like a public utility, like a resource equally accessible to all of us.
—Robert Reichard, Olympia, WA

In 2010, the FCC's Open Internet Order forbid Internet service providers from blocking or discriminating against services or charging content providers for preferential treatment. Verizon challenged those rules and won; The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that the commission improperly imposed "common carrier" obligations on Internet Service Providers without first declaring them to be common carriers. With the freedom given by that ruling, the FCC is set to propose rules that would allow broadband providers to give some internet traffic preferential treatment, so long as such arrangements are available on 'commercially reasonable' terms for all interested content companies (to be determined by the FCC on a case-by-case basis). This is a massive backwards step in the protection of an open and neutral internet. I will steal words from the FCC's own Open Internet Order mentioned above: "if broadband providers can profitably charge edge providers for prioritized access to end users, they will have an incentive to degrade or decline to increase the quality of the service they provide to non-prioritized traffic… Even more damaging, broadband providers might withhold or decline to expand capacity in order to 'squeeze' non-prioritized traffic, a strategy that would increase the likelihood of network congestion and confront edge providers with a choice between accepting low-quality transmission or paying fees for prioritized access to end users." Net Neutrality is critical for innovation, communication, and education in this country. It is what has allowed the internet to grow to and become what it is today. I strongly urge you to collaborate with your colleagues in congress to protect Net Neutrality. Specifically, I ask you to work to have the FCC classify broadband access as a Title II Telecommunications Service, allowing the protection offered by the Open Internet Order. The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Complete Net Neutrality is absolutely necessary for that to continue to be true. Thank you for your time.
—Barbara Gray, Los Angeles, CA

I use the internet to find information I need. I do not want to deal with slow download speeds if the information is from a small user who doesn't pay extra for faster downloads. Most of my internet use is not with big companies. All data should be treated equally. No two tier internet.
—Theo B. Giesy, Norfolk, VA

It would be a disaster if the Internet were controlled and commercialized by two or three huge companies, which is what will happen if a "two-tiered" system is approved. This would not just ruin the Internet-- it would be a huge setback, and maybe a death blow, to our economy and our democracy. When will our country stop getting in the way of its own progress?
—Nita Sembrowich, Cambridge, MA

Equal accessibility for everyone, not just for the privileged few!!!!!
—Angel Santiago Jr, Vacaville, CA

No one, not matter what their status or how much money they have should receive special treatment!
—Brenda Michaels, Issaquah, WA

A Free and open internet is essential for america . The only way forward is to reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers .
—Philip Arnold, GLASSPORT, PA

Why should I, a senior citizen on Social Security, be FORCED to "support" a two-tier system that enforces discrimination. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Period.
—Rose Marie Ash, Buffalo, NY

Net neutrality has worked for decades and does not need to be 1) tweaked or 2) essentially made a pay for play environment.
—Alan Blank, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because big corporations and lots of money does not mean that you are more important. This whole program, the whole thing is essentially bribing people to give you more money so their stuff gets higher speed or better viewing which to me just flat out sounds like extortion and like it should MOST definitely NOT be legal.
—Sarah Terry, Orange Park, FL

Created with taxpayer money the internet was never meant to be a wholly or even partly commercial entity. It was and should remain to be about the unfettered access to information and the ability to share that information. Throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Vincent Gormley, Sioux Falls, SD

As a communications professor with a business background, I am appalled at what is happening at the FCC, in Congress and in the courts, with respect to net neutrality. It is critical, both morally and economically, that fair and equal access to the internet be maintained. The United States' future, economically and every other way, depends heavily on individuals and small companies and other organizations having equal access, and I fear that what is happening at the FCC now will have serious negative consequences for this nation's future.
—James Hutton, Woodland Park, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Richard Yerby, grants pass, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Nezka Pfeifer, Scranton, PA

The Internet belongs to us - The People! Get that right once and for all!
—Bob Marconi, Santa Clara, CA

I want equal access to ALL websites!
—Mary Jurmain, Eau Claire, WI

I strongly disagree with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan for the Internet. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality would allow rampant discrimination online. It is simply unfair for Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to be allowed to create 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. Once these companies have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, no one will be able to do anything about it.
—Debra Saude, Sweet Home, OR

At age 88 there is not a great deal of activity that I can actually take part in (physically and mentally) due to age impairment but having access to the internet while sitting in my moderate, comfortable office style tilt back (with arm rest) chair in front of my adequate 6 year old Compaq laptop computer is the one thing that still affords me some enjoyment -- now the FCC has taken a harsh stance that may well end my world wide web internet connection to information and personal easy contact with other people via an open and neutral internet hosted by my presently affordable service provider! I ask the FCC to rethink it's decision on rules that propounds the depredation of 'Net Neutrality' that will deny me this fragile remaining vestige of satisfaction.
—Frederick Hodges, Castle Rock, CO

the net is so important just like tht post office was, that it is time to nationalize it
—David Fischer, ny, NY

The internet is a useful tool for both business and personal reasons. It allows us to buy and sell things, support charities, network with friends, and so much more. If companies are allowed to require pages to pay more for speed, this will mean that many non-profits, small businesses, and personal pages will disappear due to lack of funds. This will have a ripple effect not only on the internet, but on economies, charities, and even daily lives. I implore you, please do not destroy the internet! Support net neutrality. Thanks for your time.
—Connie Jo Wolf, Erie, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because today the internet is the only place to get unbiased and factual news information without big business or political organizations tampering or editing or charging extra for this information. I should be able to access the internet in the same speed and with the same freedom that I do now. Already Brighthouse in St. Petersburg Florida is now charging it's customers an extra 4.00 per month for use of their modem to get the internet!! Now they are essentially saying we will now charge you extra for the service they are providing anyway! Consumers should not have to pay twice for this service!
—Mary Yonkers, St. Petersburg, FL

Net Neutrality is a much needed if we are to continue grow as a nation. Don't let us fall behind the rest of the world by bowing to corporate interests, reclass ISP's as common carriers and let the ideas and growth continue to flow.
—Robert Durand, Milford, CT

ARE YOU NUTS?
—Ms Stephanie A Harvey, Lansdale, PA

I am one of the internet "small fry". I have a website to sell my late husband's books on his time as a Spitfire pilot in WW2 and I have a website to advertise my artwork. It is people like me (who make up most of the country) who you are trying to discriminate against and cause us to lose our audiences. When we lose money, we cannot spend money. When we cannot spend money, the economy fails. Why aren't you trying to help us instead of helping those who need no help? This projected action is absolutely un-American! Stop it!!!
—Barbara Vickers, Sedona, AZ

Keep an unfettered Internet! An equal playing field has been integral to the success and revolutionary impact of the internet
—Michael J Blanchard, Manhattan Beach, CA

Just classify internet companies as common carriers and get it over with.
—Andrew Staubly, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is a utility and as such needs full regulation and oversight. Employees who work on routers and switches for cable companies are no different than the same category- same training employees who operate cable/broadband systems. My internet bill already reflects my choice of speed and it's pricing. Without net neutrality I most certainly will pay double. Once for better speed and again to get to the sites that need that better speed. SAVE our Neutral Internet!
—Melanie Kelley, Lebanon, TN

make it a public utility and have done with this mess
—Lori Stoner, Bryan, OH

The Internet is an important source of not only entertainment, but of education. It would do so much harm to our nation to hinder access to it, and to allow corporations whose only consideration is their own bottom line to pick and choose its content.
—Natalie Ryan, Conway, AR

Stop corpotactracy….Keep the net Neutral
—John Naylor, makawao, HI

Hey Tom Wheeler, you piece of shit (apologizes to fecal matter, you should not be compared to something as terrible as this individual) Americans are on to your betrayal. You have sold yourself to the highest bidder and you intend to go against the best wishes of the American people. Be warned that you are about to awake a sleeping giant if you continue to attack net neutrality. Society will thrust a collective sword through your heart (or rather the empty space where you should have one) and leave you in a ditch to die.
—Nicholas Bevins, Rio Rancho, NM

Do NOT approve the Wheeler plan, please. The American people are brain washed enough. Don't add to the ignorance!
—Susan, Malvern, PA

I'm an IT developer, and by removing REAL net neutrality I know you will stop all innovation coming from independent sources. Remember that net neutrality is what made the internet as it is today!
—Matias Porcellatti, Bahia Blanca,

Reclassify ISP's to retain Net Neutrality. There is alreADY too much corporate control of my life! Thank you
—Liane Clemen, san diego, CA

There is no reason for me to live under surveillance.
—Claudia McNulty, climax, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler should resign and return any money he received as regulator. The proposed changes are a give away to the established ISPs and an abomination to free enterprise.
—Vincent incent Wilson, Pomeroy, IA

please protect real net neutrality
—Enrique Montoya, santa fe, NM

dear FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Joan Boudreaux, Gray, LA

The internet belongs to everyone and should be a level playing field for all. Preserve Net Neutrality!
—Linda Spurrier, Hamilton, OH

The FCC does not need to protect the mega-corporations that want special treatment and faster lines only to increase their already exhorbitant profits. It is the common household that needs protection from their greed, not the corporations! And regarding Wheelers previous canned responses averring that he is a supporter of "Open Internet": Guess what Tom? Open is not the same as Net Neutrality, and you are only obfuscating the issue. The FCC was created to protect the public, not corporations!
—David Ross, San Francisco, CA

No one should be allowed to charge for a fast lane on the internet.
—William Guppy, Fullerton, CA

Please, do not let one more BIG COMPANY control. Thank you
—Tom Goddard, Holyoke, CO

You need to stop breaking our country. 95% sure American soldiers won't stop an angry mob.
—Mr. Fuck You, you, ND

You know what the right thing to do is, why am I having to tell you?
—Dearis P Anthony, Lafayette, LA

Treat the internet as a public utility. No "pay to play" for faster service. Equality for all. Period. We are not fooled by Chairman Wheeler's claims of fairness within the plan he favors. Keep President Obmam's election campaign promise - true net neutrality.
—Kelly James Blank, Comstock Park, MI

Don't let the Internet be controlled by a few big corporations.
—Richard Guernsey, So Wellfleet, MA

As someone who is already fighting to pay for my internet bill, the idea of it increasing for me to get the upper tier and see what I want to see at the rate of speed I receive those viewings now makes me sick. The Internet should be classified as a common carrier!
—Sharon J Smith, Evansville, IN

I cannot afford to pay more for internet access - you will be discriminating against poorer people, against schools, and allowing certain corporations to have more power. Don't add to the inequality.
—Amanda Martin, Sherman Oaks, CA

I want the net to remain available equally to all, not more for the haves and less for the have-nots.
—Gary Hennemuth, San Francisco, CA

A free and open internet is the best tool for spreading democracy we've ever had. And this is the first time in history that information is available to all, no matter their means, status or place in the world. Please don't return us to the dark ages by allowing tiered, pay-to-play internet structures that benefit only large corporations. The people of the world are counting on you to make the right decision and say "yes" to Net Neutrality!
—Joanna Bonnheim, Berkeley, CA

Don't create yet another horrific means of developing and supporting inequality in our world. Do the right and fair thing for EVERONE and keep the net neutral.
—Patricia A Parsley, ,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! We need net neutrality!
—Paul Harvey, Derry, PA

Net Neutrality is the 21st century version of free speech. To limit access speed is to create a two-tiered system that hampers the ability of the citizenry to have a voice. We "vote" with our blogs and opinions on-line; we "vote" with support for cyber entrepreneurs; we "vote" when we choose direct access to source material. With each of these votes we, who can not afford lobbyists, have our voices heard. Support Net Neutrality. Do not give into the temptation to create a society of "soft authoritarianism."
—Dorothy Deasy, Vancouver, WA

Those with the concentration of wealth already have all the advantages, so they do not need more help. In this one area, which is so important for all our futures, let's keep the playing field level.
—Richard Corbeil, Fremont, CA

No more consolidation and narrowing, and reducing our choices, the internet works fine , no need to change it and monopolize it. I strongly disagree with this rule change.
—Max Mensing, yachats, OR

I am disabled. I live alone and have no family close to me. My daughter lives in Scotland and I use my Internet to keep in touch with her. Most of my communication to the outside world is in the Internet. Much of my shopping is over the Internet. I know I'm not the only person in tubs position. You sacrificing my critical communication medium in order to satisfy the fat cat corporations!
—Debra S Davenport, Nevada, IA

We have limited bandwidth with high demand where I live. We will create cyber ghettos if those in control in effect auction off access and speed to the highest bidder. A thriving cyberspace demands equal access with egalitarian "rationing," not priority access to "preferred" customers, or bandwidth allotted by "pay more and go to the front of the line."
—Tim White, Friday Harbor, WA

In this country, every citizen counts. Give all an equal chance.
—Robin madden, Cincinnati, OH

I want to protect my freedom of speech and ability to choose what I view. In an affordable manner that allows all to have access.
—Kelly Hutton, Hinesville, GA

Watch John Oliver to see why!
—Walter Sedriks, Palo Alto, CA

Keep the internet opens to all and no economic descrimination.
—Paul Baskis, Vero Beach, FL

Please protect our internet. It has become an essential component of a true democracy. It should not be held hostage by the big service providers. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you
—Kathleen Calberson, Jamaica, NY

The FCC must support real net neutrality and not the cable company rear-kissing two-tier system! Keep the net neutral to everyone by reclassifying it as a common carrier or we will have Tom Wheeler resign!
—Levi White, Lakeland, GA

I should not be charged more money at both ends when nothing more is being provided to me for that money.
—Richard Thomas, Warren, OH

No no never.
—Apollo Broom, Washington, DC

ISP's are Common Carriers, period.
—J David Tholl, Needham, MA

For America to stay competive and innovative we need easily accessible, affordable, secure, unrestricted high speed internet for schools and small business
—Adam Singer, Chicago, IL

I PAY for internet services and those that display on the web PAY to show their services. Those two fees are enough. DO NOT limit what I can/cannot access by 'tiering' the internet.
—Jennifer S, aurora, IL

An open and free internet in which all people can participate equally without regard to cost or other factors.
—Sam Lindberg, Bishop Hill, IL

We need broadband internet to be classified as a common carrier service because if it is not, the very innovations that made it into what it is today could easily be squashed by small innovative companies not being able to pay enough to reach their consumer base. It is no different than telephone communications and should be regulated as such.
—Ian C Schempp, Shoreline, WA

Do not turn internet service into a monopoly like cable companies. There are way more smart people at Google, Microsoft, Amazon, etc. We need to follow their lead on this issue.
—Jacob Thomas, BRONX, NY

Net Neutrality = Democracy Please don't kill it
—Antoine Tannous, bloomfield, NJ

Because the truth is what is important and an open internet guarantees the truth to everyone. Keep the internet OPEN.
—Barbara Nadel, Milford, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me. I use the internet to catch up on global events. I use it to learn how to do things. I am working on developing an online platform for my art. The government funded the development of the internet. It was made for the people, not for greedy corporations. A vote against a free and open internet is a public admission of your own corruption.
—Chris watts, Anchorage, AK

Corporate America and the extremely rich already control and influence too many aspects of our democracy reducing our democracy to a word only, with little meaning. Corporations have no right to determine control and usability of any aspect of the internet. The FCC should throw out any possible rules it is considering and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suzanne Wooldridge, Gravel Switch, KY

everyone should be treated the same and the prices should remain the same not just a few
—Joyce Conway, parkville, MD

Net neutrality is essential to protect the vibrant traffic by our small businesses and our citizens. Big money should not be unfairly advantaged.
—John C. Wiesner, Castro Valley, CA

This is one of the biggest corporate sellouts of in our Federal governments history!!!
—Luis Castellanos, Selma, CA

Access to information is vital to a functioning democracy. It does not make sense to increase the power of telecommunications companies to control information. Instead, it's time to increase regulation of these oversized organizations. They should be regulated as public utilites - and become truly useful providers of a public service.
—Mary Stewart, Wilmington, CA

Don't give companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out these proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Natalie Terry, Orange Park, FL

Please listen to the voices of those who don't fill your wallet. You're a government agency, please listen to the people.
—Daniel Cesarano, Worcester, MA

The internet was created to be free for all, not monopolized by a few.
—Chrissie Barnett, San Diego, CA

FCC: Please implement Internet rules for net neutrality, so all data would continue to be treated equally. Re-classify Internet Service Providers as common--not preferred--information carriers.
—Ali O. Lee, Bayside, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I prefer to not have my supposedly democratic country run by lordly white men in suits who can apportion out information by fiat and routinely lie through smarmy PR people about their intentions and the bad outcomes of their actions. WE developed the internet. American taxpayer money MADE it. It is a tool for all of us. Divvying it up so that the wealthiest oligopolies can sell it off to whomever can pay is a betrayal of one of the best investments this nation has ever made in its future.
—Matthew Grimm, Madison, WI

The neutrality of the net is key to providing the Infrastucture allowing small business to compete. With out it we create an automatic disadvantage to small business.
—Harriet Pea, Superior, CO

Without neutrality the internet cannot grow and change. The same old, same old will dominate and new start-ups will find it difficult to get off the ground. The internet will stagnate and people will lose interest.
—Ian Brown, Cheadle,

This should Not even be an Issue. ANY Thinking person would see that NET NEUTRALITY is vital to our society. Anything less will evolve into harmful business practices, and rampant discrimination (especially possible for people who have a lower income).
—Patricia Adams, Celina, TN

Net Neutrality is bad for the consumer and will add even more power to the few big providers. It is bad enough already that we don't have a choice.
—Hans van Huijkelom, Collegeville, PA

We demand that you cease efforts to undo "net neutrality" !! How about spending a few moments and thinking of, and then acting for we ordinary John & Jane Does of America. DO THE RIGHT THING !! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY !!
—Richard & Gale Pfaehler, Elverson, PA

I believe in Democracy, not Oligarchy.
—Benjamin Martin, portland, OR

Universal non-discriminatory access to the public internet is as important to the US economy in the 21st century as universal non-discriminatory access to the public telephone network was in the 20th century. Government regulation of both is required to insure that the public good is never sacrificed to private greed.
—Joseph C. Ghiloni, Londonderry, NH

I am a retired person with a low income. I use the internet everyday. Please do not regulate it so I have to pay more.
—Jean Boyd, Spokane, WA

Net neutrality is crucial to freedom of expression as the digital age is now so integral in how we socialize and communicate. For once please don't allow utilities lobbyists to take advantage of the public. We already are way behind many developed countries' bandwidth because ISPs have such a monopoly from region to region. This is just the phone/cable companies death cries because technology allows us to use all of the services they could control and charge us individually through a single data connection.
—William Petersen, Oceanside, CA

Please do not let the big corporations run the Internet into the ground. I am a college student and cannot afford high quality Internet to begin with, and making it so that there are "fast-lanes" is quite prejudiced to begin with, how is this proposed bill even getting through to the FCC? Somebody must be in bed with them, and classify all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common carriers so other, cheaper startups can have a chance at this already growing monopoly (I thought monopolies were illegal? What I learned in public education must've been wrong then?). By leaving this comment I'll probably be thrown on the "Slow Dirt Road" haha...the irony, going to government to fix a problem about discrimination to be discriminated against....
—Louis Rasic, Anchorage, AK

We own the airwaves. Our taxes paid for the research that created the Internet. You are supposed to protect our property in this area. Your promises are worthless because they have been proven not to work, every single time. Stop fixing what isn't broken. Do your job and protect net neutrality, properly.
—Mark Richter, Santa Ana, CA

The internet has been the most democratic creation in history. By creating a tiered system, our last vestige of democracy in America will be destroyed. It will increase the divide between the haves and have nots which is already very close to a record high. It would be an enormous and costly mistake to treat ISP's as anything other than common carriers.
—Catherine Kilgore, Huachuca City, AZ

"Why is a free and open internet important to a healthy democracy?" This is the final question to my Mass Communication exam -- doesn't the FCC know the answer?
—Jacqueline Guzda, bronx, NY

The internet should not discriminate.
—David Favello, Walnut Creek, CA

Customers with less money should be just as important. Please don't politicize our right to communicate.
—Nancy Kneip, Hampshire, IL

Reclassify the internet as a public utility, which it is. Stop monopoly control of communication. History is watching you.
—Barbara Whipperman, Richmond, CA

How many monopolies does it take before enough is enough. It's not like most people have options for Internet service.
—Tom McDonnell, Warwick, NY

I WANT ALL DATA ON THE NET TREATED EQUALLY. I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO DECIDE WHAT TO READ,WHAT TO WATCH AND WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THE DATA ON THE NET.
—Piero Zoro, Houston, TX

You stopped the fiber optics. Now with broadband the only choice, you want to enable big companies to rip off the American people some more. I am going to put a sheep and ram on my alter tonight, just to make sure you will do the right thing for the American people.
—Robert Rogan, Detroit, MI

Support Net Neutrality. If you fail to uphold the views of the people, the people will fail to support you.
—Anthony J Tully, Las Vegas, NV

I want to be able to surf websites of organizations that will not be able to afford fast lane fees. Corporations should not be dictating what all of us can access.
—Linda Alfredson, Asheville, NC

PLEASE, MR. WHEELER AND FCC, DO NOT GO THRU WITH THIS DISCRIMINATORY 2-TIER PLAN AND GIVE US BACK REAL NET NEUTRALITY. EQUAL ACCESS TO BANDWIDTH TO EVEN SMALLER, NEWER PLAYERS ON THE INTERNET FIELD. THANK YOU!
—Ms. Susan Jones, Portland, OR

The Net is an important source of unfiltered facts and information. It is important to have a balance between the filtered, mixed, mashed and, additive filled "official" news, and news and information from independent sources.
—David Kelley, Marlborough, MA

Corporate greed is so rampant and toxic that theft comes natural to its adherents. The WWW Internet (as we know it, is a universal, free to use via established and accepted protocols. These new proposals, which by the merest of coincidences are designed to enrich the already corrupt crooks, liars, thieves and even the nicest among them are nothing less than Corporate parasites who appear to believe that if THEY want it, then it is theirs as of a natural right. This is Wall Street chicanery that will,if implemented, create super extra riches for the overfed parasites that head boardrooms all over the fiscal world., while forcing undeserving victims of poverty further into the gutter of enforced distress., as they are denied access to what they will not be able to afford. Shame on you and your kind. Robert Hooper
—Robert Hooper, stamford,

Net neutrality is an integral part of a free and democratic society.
—Arthur Zaloga, Washington, DC

Diversity in learning, is what stirs creativity and sparks innovation! In order, for our country and us, it's citizens, to excel and contribute, we must not allow monopolizing of the Internet, by the few corporations who seek to undermine its free and open availability of information! The Internet belongs to everyone, equally and your job is to keep it that way!
—L Bagley, Albuquerque, NM

The web is a place for people to share information freely. If net neutrality is abandoned information and commerce will be hindered, the only businesses and institutions gaining profiting those with already too much power.
—Krista Amigone, Los Angeles, CA

Please don't ruin something that is good for everyone.
—Mary Stoll, Las Vegas, NV

To follow through with the rules proposed, the FCC will be preforming another form of segregation, which would only apply to those who need the internet the most. While many people use the internet for things that would be considered a luxury, or superfluous, the internet itself is not a luxury. People use it for everything, and every reason, from buying clothing or groceries they wouldn't have access to, or paying bills, looking for jobs, or finding homes, sharing videos with friends and the first pictures of their child. The internet provides people with information that they can use in their everyday life, that they would otherwise not know of, or have access to. These rules will inhibit the flow of information, and regardless of how people use the information they receive in their everyday life, information is more important than profit, because it harbors the potential of creativity. If the FCC goes forward with these plans, they will be setting back progress into the future, for nothing more than profits of an all too unequal economy today. I would hope that an agency of a government that is for, and by the people, would protect those people's ability to seek out, and create better lives for themselves.
—Benji Ratliffe, Columbus, OH

"Fast-lanes" are contradictory to the very nature of the internet. It's nothing more than a corporate grab, analogous to preferential sales of the air that transmits the sound waves carrying our voices. Let them get paid for the overall services they provide, as if they were providing hearing aids--and no more.
—Alan Podber, Brattleboro, VT

Stop tilting the playing field in favor of established wealth. You cannot have one speed limit for the ultra rich and a lower speed limit for everyone else.
—Robert Binion, San Francisco, CA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This plan is made for corporate interests only. The FCC is obligated to protect the Public's interests, not the corporate interest's at the expense of the public.
—Howard, Santa Fe, NM

As a person in the process of starting a new farm in rural SWVA which will recruit beginning farmers to the area, I am very conscious of the fact that the internet neutrality is absolutely necessary for us to succeed. The internet will be our primary source for a lot of our research and exchange of information needed to make our farms financially viable. It will be the means by which 1) we access a lot of the information needed for us to succeed, 2) we stay connected with other participants in the local healthy food movement, and 3) we access the network of business and services needed for us to thrive. Simply put, this is a "no-brainer." Do you your job!
—Harry Hamil, Black Mountain, NC

equal actces same speed to all stop corp greed
—K Lucas, Westminsrter, CA

Do your fucking job! Being responsible to the citizens of this nation, not some fucking corporation!
—Ron Russell, Pacific Grove, CA

This is a perfect opportunity to begin the process of reclaiming our rights as consumers to choose what products we want to buy and what information we choose to seek. Please let's leave the powerful corporations out of it and get back to the basics of capitalism, which can work in your favor and mine. Aren't you tired of kowtowing to big corporations? Who's in control here?
—Kristina Parks, Lenoir city, TN

I want to be able to access any content I choose, rather than relying on my provider to give me whoever has paid them the most.
—Maurice Restivo, Angleton, TX

It would allow Big Companies/Corporations to dominate and control the Equality that this nation (supposedly) represents. This is Totally UNEXCEPTABLE!
—Sharon Palmer, Petaluma, CA

It's important that everyone has fair access to the internet and most of all that it's free.
—Heidi Schwarz, Lisle, IL

Please save the only tool we have for us to express yourself and see how others can do the same. Share ideas is the most important thing for all of us understand the world and it self. Thank you
—Roger Farias, redondo beach, CA

NO INTERNET SLOW LANES!
—Nathaniel J. Watkins, Addison, TX

I don't want any fast lanes. Let's make it a common carrier.
—Howard Gordon, Bowie, MD

Money should not be the basis for access, and yet that would be the case if this putrid standard was established. Please, shape up and represent all people's interest.
—Chris B. Doob, woodbridge, CT

Net neutrality is essential to the free flow of information in a democratic society.
—Gaia Mika, Taos, NM

Net Neutrality is important to keep the internet available and operating at speeds everyone can afford
—Jonathan Kronske, belgrade, MT

Net Neutrality gives the average citizen a chance to be informed.
—Lenore Swaim, Colorado Springs, CO

Save net neutrality. Proposed rules would allow rampant discrimination online.
—Susan Shaak, Reading, PA

The air, the water, God, our souls and the airwaves are and must always be free (without cost).
—Gretchen Boise, Salem, VA

There is absolutely no reason to have a 2-tired internet. Everyone who goes online for any reason should be on the same level. This is why we elect officials and one of the things our govt. should do for us. Why does big business always have the upper hand?
—Todd Fundaro, Royal Oak, MI

Remember, this is America. Protect net neutrality for ALL Americans. Not just filthy rich people who will pay more for improved speedy Internet. Insult to our intelligence if you choose to discriminate. Also, speak plain English when describing your plans concerning our Internet.
—Erica Wangsgard, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet is not a privatized resource to be manipulated by big businesses. Treat it like a public utility and guarantee non-elitist access for 99% of Americans!
—Trevor Hyde, Carrboro, NC

FREEDOM OF SPEECH. PRIVACY.
—Michael Morgan, Swannanoa, NC

Everyone should have a level playing field on the internet. We need to stop the monopolies and their excess powers. You as the FCC need to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alice Fierros, Oakley, CA

Free and equal access to the internet is crucial to a healthy democracy.
—Julia Sanford, Van Nuys, CA

It's key to an open democracy.
—Jonathan Lentz, Makawao, HI

You money-grubbing schmucks only care about the money you will get from this deal, and not about the consumer.
—Jermaine Hemphrey, South Salem, NY

It's time for you people to stop yielding to the desires of the huge ISPs regarding the two-tiered Internet they want and, instead, to reclassify them as common carriers
—Richard M. Rubio, Pompano Beach, FL

should not be political
—Mrs. Wendy H, Jax, FL

Verizon has already made it impossible for me to use Netflix. After years of no problems I now can only get Netflix intermittently. Verizon has made it so annoying to use that I may as well cancel it. NET NEUTRALITY DO NOT CHANGE IT !!!!! WE ALREADY PAY TOO MUCH TO TOO MANY FOR TOO LITTLE !!!!!! BUT WORSE THAN THAT IS THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON SMALL COMPANIES WHICH CAN'T COMPETE. WHAT A WAY TO STIFLE NEW BUSINESSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Hazel Kilp, Spring City, PA

Inequality in America has grown to alarming proportions . Please prevent internet inequality by supporting Net Neutrality !
—Michael Daveiga, concord, CA

THE INTERNET IS THE PUBLIC SQUARE OF THE 21ST CENTURY. PRESERVE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT CREATED THE UNITED STATES AND KEEPS US VIBRANT AND STRONG!
—Emily DeHuff, Newport, OR

Please reclossify as common carriers
—Ann Canann, Cupertino, CA

Fast lanes and slow lanes are inherently unfair and discriminatory and destroy the flow of even-handed accurate information reaching all of us! The rich already have a frightening amount of power without unfairly shackling everybody else with slower lanes! It's un-American! It ruins our freedom! It means we should elect somebody to throw you people out and put it back even-handed! The best thing about the internet is the way it is now!
—Debra Piepgrass, Honolulu, HI

We have to admit that an educated electorate--a foundation of democracy--is now endangered by Supreme Court decisions that place corporations (biology tells us these are not "people") above the "demos"--the actual persons for whom democracy was named, who are supposed to run it, and who are supposed to be served by it. The internet and the World Wide Web are now components of our educational process, for both children and adults. The demise of Net Neutrality threatens both communication as well as education, and thereby threatens our very democracy. You MUST NOT allow this to happen! Thank you.
—Toni Rorapaugh, Vestal, NY

Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Big Business does not deserve to control internet communications.
—Jane Hayward, Lewisburg, PA

We need to maintain equality and regain democracy in America. No more corporatism!!!!
—Mr. Chris Buchman, Gobles, MI

The principle of open access to the internet must be preserved. Paying for preferential/faster access is unfair and discriminates against anyone who cannot afford the higher rates. It also gives unprecedented control of access, and timely access, to public discourse. We the people are citizens, not merely consumers. The FCC's charter and mission may have been rewritten by fools to be all about business but it was created to preserve a multiplicity of voices in public discourse, recognizing that the air in which radio and TV waves travel is public space. THE INTERNET IS NO DIFFERENT. It was created as a non-hierarchical network agreement. The health and unity of the country is supported by the openness of this public sphere and the discourse that is allowed to take place there. THE JOB OF THE FCC COMMISSIONERS IS TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PUBLIC, NOT INDIVIDUAL CORPORATE INTERESTS. Reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service and stop this reckless drive to enshrine corporate profit and control over democratic principles.
—Jackie Goodman, Ojai, CA

Everybody knows the FCC should NOT be allowed to control the Internet. As it has been demonstrated, Tom Wheeler has too great of a personal intrest in destroying our rightful, lawful, and precious national treasure of a equal access Internet. Tom Wheeler, should be removed as the head off the FCC for killing off net neutrality, that symbol of the Amercian Dream! Net neutrality spreads the American freedom and democracy around the world! THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN.
—Christel Davies, Santa Fe, NM

Dear FCC: Please re-classify ISP's as Common Carriers. Please retain Net Neutrality.
—Robert E Smith, Citrus Heights, CA

Everyone should have the same access to the internet. It is important to a free society that access is shared equally.
—Laurence Margolis, Minnetonka, MN

It is the only place where everyone has true equality. Keep it free, safe and out of the hands of money grubbing monopolies.
—J Agata, Sebastopol, CA

Because it's America. Anything less than Net Neutrality is censorship and dictatorship.....that is NOT what this country is about and remember you work for us, not the corporations.
—Dawn Davis, Sylmar, CA

What are you waiting for? reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Edward Cruver, Shoreline, WA

In the current economy that has been deliberately destroyed by the big bank criminals on Wall Street, my only option as a 63 year old, disabled woman who lost her teaching position in 2009 thanks to drastic budget cuts at the college where I taught, I HAVE to have free and open access to the internet to be able to make a living. It is the ONLY work I am able to perform anymore due to health issues ... and, despite a spectacular resume filled with relevant experience and an excellent, graduate level education (M.Sc.), I cannot find full time employment. No University or college in this nation will hire a disabled, older woman ... and I can't physically perform the 'fast food industry/service industry' types of jobs that are available, even if they WOULD hire me! The banks and the do-nothing Congress we have at present; the corporatist, extreme right wing judges (criminals, as far as I am concerned) sitting on the Supreme Court; a do-nothing President who would rather compromise than stand up for what is right and moral; and the corporate lobbyists who are buying politicians right and left, are all destroying what used to be a democracy. This 'so-called' democracy DEMANDS that you maintain a free internet with equal access for all - it is the ONLY form of media remaining in this country at present that has remained open to all WITH EQUAL ACCESS. Do NOT allow another corporate monopoly to take away my only means of survival ... we, the public, are under assault from ISP providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon and we aren't going to take it anymore! IF THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" HAS ANY MEANING AT ALL, you MUST rule in favor of an open and equal access to the internet - otherwise, the REAL mission of the FCC is nothing more than a mockery and a sham!
—Pamela Overholtzer, Moscow, ID

Your proposed rules on May 15 will destroy net neutrality as we know it. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers and the internet as a telecommunications service so that you can regulate it in the public interest. This means that all internet content must come in at the same rate. Separate fast lanes for websites that can afford to pay for them and slow lanes for websites that cannot afford to pay are unacceptable. We must have net neutrality.
—Michael Aaron Karsh, Martinez, CA

The internet is the great equalizer...it gives equal opportunity to small and large businesses to innovate. Creating a two tier system will stifle this innovation and give unprecedented power to the cable and telcos. Net neutrality is core to keeping a level playing field for businesses, consumers, and will enable the US to remain the lead innovator of network technology.
—Straker Coniglio, San Jose, CA

Free speech is not tiered. If we have to pay for speech, it should be one price in the best interest of the people, and not like our current oligarchy government.
—Darien Martay, VICTORIA,

End the ridiculousness and start paying attention to your people. If you keep up things like this, it won't be long until Canada and/or America turn into the next Kiev.
—Nathan Smith, Vancouver,

ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such.
—Fay Wouk, Boulder, CO

As an independent researcher in 2 fields, I need access to ALL sites at reasonable fees and rapid speed. DON'T allow discrimination re WHO can afford to use the great resource we ALL are used to and rely on. NET-NEUTRALITY needs to be a priority in a FREE SOCIETY.
—Coral J Cadman, San Francisco, CA

What's even worse, THE SORRY S.O.B. HAD THE NERVE TO EMAIL SOME OF US THAT FIRST SENT HIM AN EMAIL, THAT HE APPROVES OF 'NET NEUTRALITY' TOO! THE LOUSY LIAR!
—Jody Webb, Asheville, NC

So tired of government intervention. Don't cave in to the big monied, internet monopolies. I know Cox is planning for this to go through, as they already informed me that I went over a certain amount of Gbytes, and needed to look into paying more for my internet connection, or risk being disconnected. Keep out of it, and keep the internet a level playing field for all of us, not just the money hungry companies at the top of the heap.
—Sandra Nelsen, Glendale, AZ

Your approach to Net Neutrality is going to leave us in the back of the pack among our international partners. How is it that we are only 7th in speed and connectivity? Come on folks! Mike Wayte, Seattle, WA
—Michael J Wayte, SEATTLE, WA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dave Dunkak, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because it fosters an environment of free expression, as well as prevents highly anticompetitive practices that spell nothing but trouble for the users and your constituents.
—Bradley Veerhoff, Arlington, VA

We need REAL Net Neutrality.
—Reverend Sandra Mackie, Gettysburg, PA

The internet needs to be a Public Utility.
—Paul Adrien, Eustis, FL

Corporations bleed us dry already in so many ways. How can you have thriving innovation AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH if you allow big corporations to EFFECTIVELY LOCK OUT SMALL VOICES.
—Tristan de frondeville, San Francisco, CA

I run a one-woman online business. Without a level Internet playing field, I'm screwed as are millions of others like me. Quit bowing to corporate greed. Do what the majority of Internet users want. Do the right thing.
—Jen Funk Weber, Sutton, AK

Allowing the sale of internet accessibility by business interests will be the death knell of our most important form of communication in our world. Do NOT allow this to happen EVER!
—Jim L Vaughan, Pittsburg, CA

Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—ronald Green, Santa Barbara, CA

Net Neutrality is very important in today's world. The internet has become the media through which people are able to make their lives considerably easier, and making it even more difficult for those with low income to access it is simply mean-spirited.
—Brandon Wilkinson, Dallas, TX

Corporations do not like humans and corporations now can vote. Corporations make oil spills that destroy millions of miles of ocean and thousands of miles of shore life. The global media are becoming the very same type of corporations that do not like, nor will they ever appreciate, humans. Removing net neutrality is putting corporations in charge of censoring human words. Without words we will become extinct.
—Miss SM Majo De Kuyper, Amsterdam,

Net neutrality is as essential as is our basic "guaranteed" freedom and liberty! By granting cable companies the ability to charge extra or premium prices for faster internet speeds...especially in the U.S. is absurd and borders on "infringement" of my freedoms and rights in a "free" nation. I would only expect something like this in a totalitarian or autocratic regime. Is that what this "ploy" is?? Please keep the net free from capitalist exploitation.
—Mr. Randolph Whitmire, Rochester Hills, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because access to information from a level playing field is essential to our democracy. The public needs to be able to secure the details of public policy initiatives and related commentary and analysis from all sources. Without net neutrality it is possible that sources backed by big money will drown out the more obscure and less well-financed voices.
—Ms. DebbieAiona Aiona, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because it provides a level playing field for ALL Americans; not just the affluent!
—Darryl M Keitt, ELIZABETH, NJ

Without Net Neutrality E-commerce will slow down to a trickle of what E-tailers now experience.
—Joan Lobell, Baltimore, MD

The miracle of the internet is that it allows everyone equal access to information that they might otherwise have no way of getting. I do not speak only of academic knowledge, although this is an extremely important aspect of the internet, but also as a source of news stories we might not get on the local channel, of opinions and viewpoints which counter those we are told to accept, and a look into other places and lives that we would otherwise never touch. It is a forum for art, music, and self-expression. There are a lot of crazies out there, but they are overwhelmed by people all over the world who are using the internet to share, to mobilize, and to learn. Creating a 'fast and slow lane' is a barely concealed and frankly, disgusting effort to destroy everything that is meaningful about the internet, for the financial profit of a few. I'd say 'shame on you', but if the FCC was capable of shame, this would never have been proposed in the first place.
—Sarah Faltesek, Falcon Heights, MN

Without internet equality, major revolutions and innovations would not have happened. And it places non-profit organizations in very precarious situations in which those with more money (=power) would be able to have a bigger voice in the Internet.
—Houston Wong, Kirkland, WA

The internet was designed by the people for the people. Now we have money grubbing corporations wanting to maximize their potential profits and screw up our internet. Please do not let this happen.
—Gary Gall, Cambria, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Leland Befort, Great Bend, KS

IT IS WRONG TO MAKE THE INTERNET FOR THE RICH ONLY. THIS IS CENSORSHIP. IT SHOULD BE AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD AND ALL PROVIDERS SHOULD BE EQUAL.
—Claudia Schumann, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality means that we as individuals decide what we wish to access. Individual content contributors and readers/consumers of content are not discriminated against financially, politically or philosophically. ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Joanne Lukacher, Poughkeepsie, NY

Keep the net neutral. Keep the big money bullshit hands off the internet. Say no to comcast time warner etc - oh and by the way, those are monopolies and they still
—Mr. Marshal Garner, Euless, TX

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF CORPORATE TAKEOVER OF THIS COUNTRY, WE'VE HAD IT UP TO OUR EYEBALLS. IT'S TIME TO STOP AND IT'S TIME TO GET THAT 'FOX IN THE HENHOUSE' WHEELER OUT OF THE FCC. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH THE PEOPLE CAN TAKE.
—John O'Doherty, CORONA, CA

Reclassify ISP's as an alternative to preserving Net Neutrality.
—Alison Gray, Stroudsburg, PA

There is no way that a fast lane/slow lane can be fair--small users will be pushed out by big corporate users. Web content will be edited by monied interests. The current proposed rules do not reflect the reality that the internet has become a necessary utility and should be regulated as such.
—Helen R Gabel, Bothell, WA

YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS! YOU MONEY HUNGRY WHORES! IT IS BAD ENOUGH I CAN'T GET MY CHOICE OF PROVIDERS, IF THERE IS EVEN SUCH A THING AS A GOOD ONE ANYMORE, BUT NOW YOU WANT TO SCREW THE PEOPLE EVEN MORE! IF YOU CARED AT ALL ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE WANTED, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN SUGGEST TAKING SOMETHING THAT WORKS PERFECTLY FINE AND SCREWING IT UP WITH YOUR MONEY GRUBBING TREACHERY. NET NEUTRALITY IS FOR THE PEOPLE. IT IS BAD ENOUGH MY INTERNET IS AS SLOW AS IT IS BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MORE, BUT THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WANT TO MAKE IT WORSE FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T PAY THEM TO SPEED THEIR SITES UP. IT IS BAD ENOUGH OUR GOVERNMENT IS OWNED BY THE RICH, NOW THEY WANT TO TAKE OUR FREEDOM TO ENJOY THE INTERNET AWAY TOO. THEY ARE A POISON TO THIS COUNTRY'S SOUL. THEY MUST BE STOPPED!
—Victoria Banaszak, Wichita, KS

FCC: I have always considered the internet a place where all ideas could be exchanged without favoring some over others. Your new rules would allow some internet service providers (the big ones with lots of money and political influence) to control what gets through first, or even at all. This is against not only the basic founding principles of those who developed the internet, but also against what democracy in the United States of America is about. Please preserve the net neutrality that all Americans have enjoyed, and want to continue so that we will all be equal partners in this land of the free and home of the brave. Stuart R. Shaw, Salem, Oregon, USA.
—Stuart R. Shaw, Salem, OR

Freedom of expression. Freedom of growth for start up companies. Freedom from comcast bullying. Freedom was the point of the internet do you really want to make out internet like that found in china.....
—Ttechmasterjoe Rafferty, orange, CA

Without Net Neutrality, Zuckerberg could not have founded Facebbok because he would not have had the funds to go on the fast lane when he started. Anybody starting a new business or idea would not be heard because they would be drowned out by the richer more established players. If I want to start a new business or service, I would not have an equal shot at everybodies screen.
—Christopher Jeremiah, Fremont, CA

Treat everyone equally
—Beatrice Kozak, New York, NY

It's very simple. The right to communicate should be inalienable and separate from commercial control. It stifles free thought and creates gatekeepers with their feduciary responsibility to maximize profit for their shareholders which is a simple conflict of interest. It is the governments sole responsibility to regulate and protect its peoples' rights as corporations are responsible to act on behalf of their shareholders.
—Antonio kaplan, Half moon bay, CA

It's been good for all people in all places to have free and uninterrupted speech and access. It is time to stop big corporations from acting like big billionaire thugs. More innovation occurs from lots of small people doing input and connection than from a few big bruisers making big money.
—Ann Wagner, Fort Myers, FL

The Internet is the ultimate resource for news, opinions, and merchandise of any type. It was intended to be accessed by all and should remain open to all who wish to use it. Those who desire to access must have the power to decide how to access it, when to access it, and how they will make use of that access.
—Nick Tsambassis, Clarksville, TN

The media (paid for by influential rich groups) put out biased news and information. The internet should be free of that. The internet should be neutral!
—Jacoba Sitteren, Austin,, TX

1. companies shouldnt have to pay extra to get their data to customers who are already paying an arm and a leg for broadband. 2. cable phone and internet prices keep going up and up when it actually gets cheaper and cheaper to provide these services every year. any buisness that can be anywhere from 70%-90% profit needs to kncok that shit off. 3.major isps fought the old net neutrality laws and verizon actually took it to court and got them overturned. NOW they want us to think that they are willing to work with the fcc to make new and better laws concerning this but really whos going to believe that now when we had laws that did exactly what they needed to do. the wording wasnt perfect but they protected the internet the way it needed to be done. any laws that take their place would not be able to take the measures needed to truly protect net neutrality. we need isp's reclassified as a common carrier. not only is it needed now but 20 years from now when internet will be a major part of EVERYONES life, we cant just tell people no your screwed because the companies with all the money decided you have to pay x amount or SRY THE SERVICE YOU LIKE TO USE ISNT PAYING US ENOUGH MONEY SO ITS GOING TO BE SUPER SLOW. BY FIGHTING THE OLD NET NEUTRALITY LAWS THE ISP'S SHOWED THEY DONT WANT ANYONE MONITORING OR CONTROLLING THEM SO ANY NEW LAWS WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PROTECT THE MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE USE TODAY.
—Thomas Gilroy, college park, MD

Monopolies are controlling broadcast & cable &common carriers. At least leave the internet as public utility or neutral for American citizens.
—Evelyn Morton, Missouri City, TX

To benefit everyone and avoid discrimination, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—JB Preato, San Diego, CA

I want to access information from all sources whether or not they are wealthy. So, I don't want Pay to Play on the Internet. I don't want corporations to speed their info to me and slow down the info of individuals.
—Alexandra Hopkins, La Crescenta, CA

A neutral internet is one of the great modern freedoms and any move to change that for reasons of greed should be resisted by every possible means.
—Brian Hockey, Brisbane,

Let's keep the dream of starting out small and becoming big one day alive in the modern age not squash it before it starts.
—Kevin Behring, Littleton, CO

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality.
—Larry Powers, San Remo, NY

It's about having a level playing/working field.
—Frank Gonzales Jr., Plymouth, MI

Our nation runs off of the innovation and advancement that start up companies bring to the table. If net neutrality is taken away this type of innovation would decrease drastically and in my opinion would one of the worst case scenarios for our country. We our only world power due to the innovation the comes from our country if that stops who knows what would happen.
—Sam Nail, Miami, FL

I provide free services to families and agencies which serve children of prisoners. That's what I mostly do on my computer. I think all people should have equal access to all computer services. No exceptions, and certainly no boosts to big corporations that have money to push their products and services!
—Sydney Gurewitz Clemens, San Francisco, CA

The current proposals for a 2 tier system would do nothing to improve services to the consumer. It would just strengthen the already appalling monopoly of the cable companies and essentially crush the opportunity for new innovation. Chairman Wheeler appears to be continuing his role of lobbyist for the cable companies, ensuring their profit margins continue to grow at the expense of the people. What happened to government oversight, ensuring essential services are available to all. The proposals are truly shameful.
—Kevin Casey, Covington, LA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. (NOTE TO WHEELER: YOUR JOB IS UNDER SCRUTINY, TOO).
—Jen richmond, Hilo, HI

Don't let the ISPs determine what sites I have good, fast access to. AT&T and the other carriers are already making money at both ends, charging the ISPs for bandwidth and charging sites like Google for bandwidth. It's bad enough paying different rates for different speeds but at least that makes some sense. Allowing fast lanes for websites that have the money will prevent new sites from getting the visitors they need to get or keep going.
—Eric Foss, Bakersfield, CA

Please protect equal use of the Internet. People deserve to access every website available to them. Thank you!
—Steven Norman Calender, Carlsbad, CA

I'm sure I'm not the only person who hates the very limited choice for TV access (if you can't use rabbit ears). I do NOT want my internet access to be similarly limited, and I don't want to be subject to being a hostage of the large telecommunication companies just so I can access the internet. FCC should reclassify the internet carriers as common carriers, and not succumb to the demands of the telecom industry.
—Maradel Gale, Bainbridge Island, WA

Because this is how dictatorships are created, the rich, the powerful, and those with the ability to control and direct the nature and outcomes of policy and politics first control a nations ability to speak out and it's citizens ability to hear the voice of rational and reasoned opposition. The internet allows average citizens to have their voices and their concerns heard like no other medium of communication in the history of mankind. It also allows the propagation of new ideas and new technologies thereby fostering emerging businesses based on the viability of the concept not just who happens to dominate the market or have the funds to suppress competition. Create a "financial gateway" to the internet that requires massive capital to gain high speed universal access and you will severely harm our national political discourse and effectively hamstring small scale commercial and emerging technological development. You will foster the increased formation of monopolies and dramatically limit our economic development in the way that allows our entire society to benefit, from the ground up. These companies who have lobbied for these changes do so to gain additional market share, the ability to limit who does and does not have access to high speed internet communication, stifle competition, and the ability to massively increase their profits. All of this while using the "public airwaves" under a licensing agreement that stipulates that they are required to serve the common good of the communities they serve and the public as a whole. The new proposed regulations create a much greater likelihood that the major national online access and media providers will abuse this responsibility and much needed public trust even more so than they currently do. Promoting these types of regulations that have been specifically designed by major corporations for the profit and business interests of those very same companies was not why the FCC was originally created, and the taxpayers and consumers of this nation deserve to see that their best interests are not abused by the very regulatory agencies and corporations that exist today due to the taxes that have been faithfully provide to our federal government. This vital resource must be protected and made equally available to all the citizens of this nation.
—Clyde Kent, Everett, WA

Really? Your going to give more power to the monopolies. Let's keep the Internet neutral to encourage innovation - not stifle it.
—Graham Chalfant, Brentwood, TN

this is a no brainer. do the right thing! or are you confused as to what the right course of action is? you're all idiots over there and although I'm sure this will fall on def ears, it gives me great pleasure to express my disdain for the way you fuck us all over even though we pay ur paycheck. one way or another, we'll force you to take better actions even though it's obvious you're all bought out by lobbyists and that dumbshit president of ours.
—Diane Di Vittorio, Oakland, CA

Because without it, we enter one of those situations where the free market imprisons itself far more effectively than anyone else ever could.
—Khalil Sheehan-Miles, South Hadley, MA

The equal and free flow of information is, or should be, as scared as free speech itself.
—Craig Dunkerley, San Jose, CA

Please maintain Net Neutrality.
—John Boyer, Madison, WI

I feel it has become one of the cornerstones of the future of democracy. Net Neutrality should be added to the Bill of Rights.
—Norman L. Kaufman, New York,, NY

The freedom of Americans hinges on maintaining Net Neutrality. Do not give our freedom to big business.
—Michael Beehler, Brush Prairie, WA

We only need one lane on the Internet, free and open to all. Anything else is simply toadying to big money.
—Robert M Barr, Phoenix, AZ

Corporations should have less rights than people.
—Rich Moser, Santa Barbara, CA

As a citizen of this country, whom you are required to serve, I beseech you to maintain net neutrality. Yielding the the Internet to the claws of monopolistic corporations is the first step in establishing inequality in the cyber realm. This bodes ill for a future in which the goals of equality, justice, and liberty reign supreme over the status quo. The gravity of this decision cannot be overstated. There are clear principles that must be upheld by public servants and they are above money. Are you willing to sacrifice your dignity, to sell your soul and throw your fellow citizens under the bus? There comes a time in the lives of human beings where pivotal choices must be made. The choice here is as clear as day. Choose wisely and thrust us forward to a better future. Choose poorly and the resulting backlash will cause you much regret. Thank you for taking your time to listen to me.
—Daniel Cannistraro, Mclean, VA

I look at corporate regulations as another "have and have nots" ploy. We don't need a second class internet for the majority and a first class internet for the few that can afford it. If anything, the ISP's should be getting their speed up to par with South Korea, Sweden, and Finland. The FCC needs to classify the ISP's as "common carriers" because they are our source of communication and information such as Ma Bell and ATT use to be. There are not many options. The internet is a must when applying for jobs, looking up information, and communicating with others.
—Cj Brierly, mullica Hill, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect Net Neutrality.
—Ilja Maslov, ALPHARETTA, GA

You say that term, Net Neutrality, but I don't believe you know what it really means. What do you think it means? That you get to feel neutral towards the idea of service providers prioritizing whatever they want us to see and then slowing down all the other content that they don't approve or don't get money from? Where they policy states they can't discriminate content on the internet for stability and speed, but the fast/slow lane part continues to let them DO EXACTLY THAT. Net Neutrality means that ALL content on the internet is FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE. No special treatment for sites that buy into your fast-lane bribing scheme, no lesser treatment, no low speed or low stability simply because a site is 'undesirable' or can't afford to pay up to your slow-down shakedown.
—Jeff Hoffmqn, 93710, CA

Keep the internet neutral and free to encourage democracy, innovation, and worldwide exchange. Do not bow to oligarchy and corporate mob rule. Does anyone at the FCC have a single intestine left in their spineless bodies?
—Ms. Carolyn Andrews, Santa Rosa, CA

PLEASE KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL. PEOPLE LIKE ME ARE AT THE MERCY OF BIG NAME CORPRATIONS
—Linda Williams, Fayetteville, NC

The Internet exists becsue the taxpayers paid for the research that established it. The Internet is owned by We the people, therefore is a common carrier and should be regulated as one. Instead of private corporations wning property owned by We the people, and charging us to use our property, private corporations should be paying a fee to squat on public property and rake in fortunes.
—Joseph Nagarya, Boston, MA

Stop punishing people for being poor. Because that's exactly what these new rules do and it's disgusting.
—Linda Ault, Huntsville, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bruce Eggum, Gresham, WI

The internet is one of the most important tools for citizens. It is ridiculous to have the richest corporations having control. You have already made American internet connects the most expensive and relatively slow by giving corporations monopolies that provide limited competition. Do not further strengthen the their control of internet prices. What you should be doing is opening access for everyone in America to have multiple service providers competing for their business. The internet was started in America. We should be leading the other developed countries. It is time for the FCC to address the problem.
—Peter Sheehan, Milwaukee, WI

We are citizens and our rights should not be for sale to the highest corporation. I have enough trouble today getting the religious mail from my own community. AOL calls it all Spam and google says they are meaningless promotions. I will never get any of the material as they also label my parish (the largest in the 8 county Cleveland Diocese) as useless promotion. Stop selling my rights to practice my religion to corporations to grease your palms with silver.
—Ann C. McGill, Brunswick, OH

This would destroy the base premise of universal network access that has driven billions of GDP every year since it's inception. Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Alan MacLamroc, Smyrna, GA

We've sold everything else to the highest bidder: our elections, our food regulations, etc. How about we preserve at least one semblance of democracy and equality?
—Carla Happel, Indianapolis, IN

Kill net neutrality and private corporations will have the power to throttle whatever site they choose, including ones they don't agree with. Net neutrality prevents an extra possibility of censorship.
—Kevin F, Atlanta, GA

Without real net neutrality but tiered internet you can forget about strong USA, a country of innovation.
—Sebastian Bednarski, Jersey city, NJ

The internet is a vast source of free information. Free from cost and free from censorship. It is the medium through which the denizens of the world may learn the truth about many many things. Allowing it to be privatized would destroy it. It must remain free and open to all. Forever.
—Erik Live, Thunder Bay, CA

If approved, these rules would mean the end of real Net Neutrality.
—Gary Adkison, FORT WORTH, TX

The FCC needs to start representing the interests of the American people as if it was their jobs. OH WAIT, IT IS. It's so disgusting how many people in government function as nothing more than the puppets of giant corporations.
—Savvas Spyridopoulos, Boston, MA

Because the internet is a public utility that belongs to all people equally, whether as individuals, groups, organizations or while engaging in business. None of these variations however are more equal than another, and nor does any of these variations have the right to engage in any kind of metering or otherwise restricting equal access including by bandwidth. The public should collectively determine any suitability criteria according to the principles of democracy before economics. ETC, ETC.
—James "Rolin" Stone, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is necessary for the flow of information from all sources on the internet. The two tiered system will allow the control the internet content.
—Roseann Dal Bello, woodacre, CA

The only rule needed is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Preserve Net Neutrality for all.
—Beth Angel, East Hampton, CT

The internet is an experiment in real democracy. We don't need an internet sold out to wealth, again
—Cherise Millhouse, seattee, WA

Free and unfettered access to the internet for everyone is the only way to assure free speech in the 21st century.
—Susan Proietta, Philadelphia, PA

It is critical that large-use companies not be able to purchase faster internet services that leave educational institutions and other users with slower access. Thank you!
—Mary Kreger, San Francisco, CA

It is insane to allow cable companies to control anyone's access to the internet by making different levels of 'speed'. Let everyone have the same access, as it should be. Keep the Internet neutral. It's our Internet, as its founder intended. It's not a tool for profit and never should be.
—Allison Spencer, Valrico, FL

The internet is a public utility.
—Maureen Walsh, Redondo Beach, CA

The internet belongs to the people. It is not the property of corporations.
—Kirk D. Gardner, LANGLEY, WA

Dear FFC, I heard about what you are doing to Net Neutrality. You cannot go through with it, because it could damage an already fragile relationship between ISPs and their customers! Giving power to these companies, which allows them to discriminate no less, could easily be abused in the near future. Not to mention the extra fees people would need to pay in order to get optimal speeds on their devices! People in power can also discriminate against the healthy outlets many strange people rely on over the Internet. These prudes in power can tell a ISP that there is a website that presents explicit images of "animal people", which are called "furries" (who can consent to sex like a human being), and then that website can be completely blocked from all access. Ruining the jobs of people who draw such images for others for a living! But there is no beastiality there! It's all artwork of characters that do not exist! FCC, please do not let ISPs discriminate and give them the power to shut down websites because of whiny people in power!
—James Kentala, Wildomar, CA

I own a small Internet business, I can't afford to pay "fast lane" preference fees!
—Roger Tillman, Houston, TX

Keep Net Neutrality
—Carol Ann Timm, Brooklyn, MI

Net neutrality is vitally important to maintain our democracy, and to allow people who are NOT corporations to have a voice. Our nation is being taken over by corporate interests. Net neutrality gives everyone a chance to communicate. If net neutrality is lost, the corporations will slow down and block the communications of American citizens. Corporations will dominate our lives even more than they already do.
—Sandra Perkins, Seattle, WA

Please, I beg you all, keep Net Neutrality in place. In this age of corporate conglomeration and domination, I don't think it's too much to ask to keep one venue--the Internet--open and equal for all speech, commerce, and cat pictures.
—Mike Ruekberg, Sherman Oaks, CA

Please designate cable companies as common carriers. They should be required to allow Internet service providers (ISPs) free access to cable lines, the model used for dial-up Internet. We should ensure that cable companies cannot screen, interrupt or filter Internet content without court order.
—Rick Thomas, Mountain View, CA

Do you want to see America go downhill faster than the Roman Empire when it burned? Let the FCC continue to tell America it's for net neutrality, and then not reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Naomi Barnes, Roosevelt, NJ

Net Neutrality is important to me because I DO NOT have an army of Lawyers to represent me in congress. I only have the power of the Internet to make my point(s) made and disseminated. Do we think that Egypt/Tunisia/Libya and other progressively leaning countries (well, mostly) would have begun their revolutions without an open internet? Why do the oppressors constantly want to suspend/limit/omit the internet then?
—Robert Hodge Hodge, Portland, OR

Say no to internet "fast lanes" for some, not others. This proposed FCC rule would squelch innovative online startups which have made the internet what it is today. I support Net Neutrality!
—Wendy Hinson, Memphis, TN

Real Netnutality mean real, equal, internet access for everyone. Not just the highest bidder. Please think hard about the future of the internet if any crippling laws or rules are put in place now and how hard it would be to correct the error. Free and open internet for all!!
—Rob Jackson, Westland, MI

Net neutrality is necessary for the internet to continue being a place of innovation and competition.
—Ken Shangle, Sparta, MI

NET NEUTRALITY KEEPS THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT ALIVE.
—James Boothby, LOS ANGELES, CA

Keep equal access for ALL Americans to Internet access & use
—Marc Keenberg, Oxnard, CA

Net neutrality balances the equation for all users.
—Bill Brady, West Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is all about the people and what's fair for all. Stop catering to big business. You are the government, and you work for The People. You call the shots on our behalf, and business obeys the roles.
—Mr. Michael Gaston, Somerville, NJ

Net Neutrality is important for several reasons. One, it protects the right of an individual to start his or her own internet-based company (i.e. Netflix) and not be harried by unnecessary and unlawful "premium speed fees". Two, it protects our right to not be charged more than we should rightly pay for a service.Three, Internet Service Providers have not used the money garnered from the 1996 Telecommunications Act that was supposed to be used to upgrade the infrastructure of the internet to be capable of upload and download speeds to 50 mb/s and quite frankly, that has not been satisfied as the big ISP's (Verizon and Time Warner) have instead blackmailed Netflix into paying the previously stated "premium speed fees" in order for their users to get their content streamed at the speeds they were previously being streamed at before Verizon's and Time Warner's greed set in. Please we do not be needing to help Netflix pay an additional toll fee to get what we pay for. Please do not allow those greedy s.o.b.'s to triple dip. After all, we the people know that to be unlawful and morally reprehensible.
—James Lucher, Albuquerque, NM

It is not hyperbole to state that the progress of our world today depends on a free and open Internet. Government research money created this great technological equalizer, a true worldwide communication structure. The FCC's rules are poised to destroy this fantastic boon all for the sake of corporate profit, profit for major companies that have a HISTORY of lousy customer service, slow speed, and high cost. The FCC needs to support the rights of the vast majority of our nation over wealthy businesses by throwing out these rules and CLASSIFYING ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Jean Salvatore, Bel Air, MD

Do not allow Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—George Phillips, Carrboro, NC

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. This will harm our economy which depends on the internet and net neutrality to do business fairly and equitably.
—Kevin West, Austin, TX

Keep the Net a tool for the public good that benefits us all rather than a tool for the profit of a few.
—Robert Adams, Pasadena, CA

The media is mainly propaganda. Democracy is not well served. The net holds the potential to deliver credible accurate information. Allowing some to have favored access will discourage many from viewing slower sites. The free flow of ideas and discussion thwarted, democracy undermined.
—Dirk DeLu, Santa Cruz, CA

for freedom in the republic from "corporate mind control/terror"
—Robert J. Roth, shaker hts., OH

the only way to protect real net neutrality is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Mercy Myers, st. paul, MN

The proposed rules reek of Payola, which has cost the media giants huge fines. These rules benefit NO ONE but Comcast, Verizon, etc. There will be no infrastructure improvements only slower, poorer service at a greater cost. It will hurt all concerned except those companies collecting the fees. Those rules and the resulting fees would preclude start-up businesses from which much of our progress is made. As it is now our internet service is already much slower and more expensive than the rest of the industrialized world. These rules yield short-term profits over long-term service and growth. Not a good choice for America.
—Mary Ashcliffe, Henniker, NH

The free and unobstructed equal flow of information is important to make sure everyone has equal access to it.
—Teri L Champine, Ishpeming, MI

So many of our recent success stories are the direct result of common, standardized internet access both from the server- and consumer-side. Support a future, robust economic base and keep the net neutral!
—Ryan Price, Seattle, WA

NO INTERNET FAST LANE! NO INTERNET SLOW LANES!
—Frank Garrett, LONG BEACH, CA

We can't afford to allow a single mega entity to control the flow of information. We certainly can't afford to take them at their word that they will be fair with the distribution of speed, when we have PROOF that they haven't been in the past. Please don't let the internet be held hostage to the whims of major corporations that only have the best interest of profit at heart. America already lags behind the rest of the world in this area. Don't put us out of the race entirely.
—Lilia Exon-Primm, West Monroe, LA

No tiering of Internet access... Classify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS!
—Terry Vollmer, Maplewood, MO

It's the last bastion of true democracy!
—Stephen Markel, Los Angeles, CA

We want a neutral net! Not a corporate-ruled net!
—Hudson César T. Ribeiro, Recife,

FREE & OPEN FAST INTERNET ACCESS: NO 'TIERED PAY SYSTEM'...NOW THAT ALL OF 'NATURE' IS FETTERED & POLLUTED, LET US MAINTAIN OUR BEST HUMAN ENDEAVOUR TO DATE: THIS 'INTERNET', AS A BASTION OF OPEN NEUTRALITY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO EVERYONE ON & OFF THE 'NET'! ADD MY NAME HERE AND COUNT IT 1000 TIMES: FOR EVERYONE I KNOW WHO AGREES BUT WON'T GET TO SIGN THIS!
—K Rudin, Westport, CA

I think this video can explain why Net Neturality is a necessity and does a better job shooting down any arguments for a fast lane/slow lane net better than I could: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Pp1MAMkIa6A
—Austin, won't disclose, IN

Our freedoms depend on access to an open internet. A tiered system is discriminatory and has the potential for great bias and abuse. Please protect Net Neutrality - it is an incredibly important commodity in the Age of Information.
—Alex Perea, Basking Ridge, NJ

No big company should have that much power. Equal rights for all.
—Bob Palmer, Petaluma, CA

All people should be able to access information on the internet as they see fit. They should not have to pay more to access information, or be able to share information with others. Access to education and information should be available to all.
—Amanda Lippert, Honolulu, HI

Tom Wheeler has no business to allow rampant discrimination on-line...His one sided opinionated decision is unworkable, plus not fit for purpose...The FCC must throw out its rules, plus reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Trevor Alfred, HOUNSLOW,

The internet has changed our society by allowing consistent access to any and all information that companies and individuals publish online. Please don't tip the scales to favor big companies, and continue to treat all online traffic the same. Net neutrality is key to conserving freedom of speech online.
—Aleksandra Biedron, Union, NJ

The internet should not be solely for the rich, equal access by all is only fair.
—Sandra Fujita, Kaneohe, HI

Please reclassify the Internet service providers as common carriers to protect the open nature of the Internet. That open nature is the source of the huge flood of innovations on the net over the past two decades.
—Jim Rankin, Concord, CA

Dear FCC, The proposed rules before the commission are wholly unacceptable. The internet should be FREE of encumbrances which benefit only a small handful of companies. ISPs need to be reclassified as COMMON CARRIERS. This would actually ALLOW and encourage competition for once. The stanglehold the ISPs have on their customers is appalling and it needs to stop. Please take my comments seriously. There are millions of us that feel this way....unfortunately, many of them do not understand this issue sufficiently, but, once explained to them in plain English, they get it. Sincerely, Tyler Chester
—Tyler Chester, Ridgefield, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Martha White, Chicago, IL

I AM SO VERY ANGRY THAT MY COST HAS INCREASED AND I WAS NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL THE DARN CHARGE HIT MY VISA. MY GRAND-DAUGHTER NOTIFIED MY INTERNET PROVIDER "CLEAR" THAT I WAS PAYING FOR HIGH-SPEED, YET RECEIVING DSL. WHAT A JOKE. JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW THE POOR ARE BEING RIPPED-OFF. I REFUSE TO HAVE SUDDENLINK RIP ME OFF AGAIN, THAT'S WHY I CHANGED TO "CLEAR" You in Washington, get off you lazy butts and protect the people of this country. You constantly requesting donations, how can I donate, when thieves like the internet, cable and satellite and companies are taking.
—Linda Everett Logan, BALCH SPRINGS, TX

You don't want to be the people whose legacy will be having your terrible discriminatory rules overturned by the next FCC bureaucrats. It's like when a judge refrains from doing something stupid - just like the proposed discriminatory Internet rules - because he or she knows their decision will be overturned on appeal, and they will look stupid for having make a foolish decision. Be the smart judge. You can avoid a legacy of idiocy by doing the right thing.
—Joe McAneny, Vallejo, CA

Internet service providers should definitely be regulated as common carriers. There is no reason whatsoever to single out internet service as fundamentally different from telephone or cable service beyond base corporate interests. Allowing ISP's to be regulated differently allows companies to enter uncompetitive agreements which may help the companies involved, but harm US citizens and the US as a whole.
—Jason Dick, New York, NY

please don't turn the internet over to corporate interests
—Lynn Starner, Vacaville, CA

I do not participate in the entertainment market, thus I rely on free TV. I expect to do the same with equal access with the Internet, given that it eliminates the elitism of wealth and allows the Internet to serve for the educational purposes for which it was designed and created. Keep the Net neutral!
—Margaret McCarthy, Rio Rancho, NM

The Internet is too vitally important for a lot of reasons to be strangled by greedy corporations looking to make money. A lot of things have been made off limits to average Americans due to lack of money on their part to pay for it. For instance, it is getting more & more difficult to see your favorite team play baseball. All the cable companies, out of pure greed have the games locked up. You either have to pay through the nose to see them on tv or you have to go to the stadium & pay through the nose. Please, please don't do this to the Internet. We pay more than enough to just have online access. That's not free. My family pays Verizon to be online. Please don't cause us to pay more to visit certain websites or to get content at a decent speed. P.S. May I Also remind you, THIS WILL ENCOURAGE CENSORSHIP. There was already a scandal earlier about some cell phone provider refusing to forward messages about abortion. Please keep this in mind.
—Susanna Sorin, Helendale, CA

Please keep the internet equally accessible to all! Thank you.
—Shawn Knudeson, Anchorage, AK

Dear FCC commissioners Insuring that every packet on the internet is treated equally by ISPs and the backbone institutions is vital, in my mind, to maintaining a democratic, just, and equitable internet. The corporate interests who are pushing a two tiered internet will be able to make plenty of profit without sacrificing this core principle.
—Bill Boyarsky, Hillsborough, NC

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Maryann Dominiak, CAPE CORAL, FL

Prove to the citizens that you truely represent them and not the corporations.
—Js, Ipswich, MA

Leave our freedom of speech and action alone. Thank you.
—Amanda Giles, Hastings,

The internet should be regulated as a public utility. The internet is necessary for every aspect of our lives and should remain neutral.
—Amanda Butler, Salt Lake City, UT

Public and equally accessible internet service is one of the most important, critical and influential tools available to society today. The free sharing of information MUST not be compromised in any way. I support Net Neutrality.
—Thomas, gainesville, FL

Please, FCC, throw out your new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Please do the right thing for the sake of ALL people and not just those with a lot of money. Thank you for reading my comments.
—Alexandro Guerra, Stockton, CA

The Internet is the last opportunity for free people to communicate and share opinions. The oligarchs have bought the press, television, the courts, the congress, the White House... and now the FCC?
—Alun Whittaker, Vallejo, CA

This is originally to my son and his peers. Always listen to a mom. They really want the best for everyone. Get a hot cuppa something and sit down with it because this is really critically thought through. My son is in one of the best undergrad physics programs in the world and is already classified as a sophomore despite having finished only two quarters. His success is in part because of a free neutral internet that lets him access class material on-line, use Khan academy when public school teachers were too busy to teach, and because surfing the internet does not always lead to porn but also to interesting science facts and news. It is not often that we moms separate from the non-glamorous details that make our family and the world go round and actually voice our opinions so please do me the honor of LISTENING UP. To my son and his peers, youths in the creative part of life that ironically are often too busy creating their futures to have the time to protect their futures: Your future is at risk. You are part of a new generation of information and ideas that has never been experienced in the history of mankind. A critical factor in your potential and your already realized contributions is due to the open and somewhat free internet. The internet is not just a highway with meaningless packets of data going back and forth. There, ideas good and bad are discussed and fleshed out. There, great learning and social connections are made. Yes, there is bad with the good, but in a democracy the ability to evaluate and exchange ideas is critical to a healthy government and responsible citizenry. The internet has the yin yang quality of a truly dynamic system where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. There, businesses and ideas grow on their own merit or appeal, some good, some bad, some both, but all see the light of day. Before we turn over our internet and the speed and equality of our ability to share ideas and even our freedom of speech and freedom to assemble, to the highest bidder, we have much to evaluate. The younger generation comprehends the value of this better the older generation. No matter that the internet began with our generation. For us it has not been integral to our development every second of our lives as it has been to the new generations. Now the old ways want to control the new ways. They want to impose their limits and business models to control the future. If we turn speed control over then we are relegating many to the back roads of the information age. Those many will be like the abandoned towns on Route 66. If we relegate some to slower lanes, those left on the slow byroads will be on the slow roads for innovation, ideas, communication and business growth. The health of our economy and democratic society rely on all of those things. We are able to crowd source humanity with an internet equal to all ideas and equally accessible to all. Such a place is critical to our future. We are more people on this planet than ever before with fewer resources. In the last 150 years we have endangered cultures, flora and fauna and our own future existence. That’s part of the yin of our human explosion of technology. The yang to all that includes the internet. Our side effects of this ever increasing population and its industry are exponential as population continues to increase and other continents rise to use levels of resources at an astounding rate. To solve our problems we need an informed citizenry that can easily exchange ideas and information. We need a free open place of discussion where the outlier can become the savior, where the odd guy with the quirky idea can make others think even if his idea does not pan out. With the internet, we are crowd sourcing all of humanity. We have already borne some of the fruits of this. I believe that the internet has enabled our youth to be wiser, more empathetic, more tolerant and accepting despite the ability to self select content on the internet. You see that with the start-ups that serve and problem solve for the third world; you see it with tolerance of differences. Because of global access to ideas and communication via internet, we realize that ultimately we are all one. Faster lanes for only those with ability to pay limits ideas and problem solving greatly. Everything starts small. This is the information age. To deny access to information through the default of slower speed to ideas and information is akin to denying a future and opportunity. Humans, wonderful as we can be, usually default to easy. In this case faster would be the easy default. Faster/easy has already led to the existence of shows with names like Swamp People. It is OK to want to take it easy for an hour at the end of a day but to have such distractions as by far the overwhelming options is abhorrent. At present the choices on cable are limited by what some corporation produces. This limitation is not present on the current open equal speed and access internet. On the internet, everything is available - ideas, art, entertainment, information. Those things must be available in a democracy and in a meritocracy. They must be as fast as the easy and not so beneficial default of Swamp People. The internet has more than choice though. The internet is used for EVERYTHING and letting only those with enough money have the ability to quickly exchange ideas and information limits business opportunity and ideas from others. ISP’s somewhat belatedly figured that out and want to control it for profit. Nothing wrong with profit but this controls our future as well. A little altruism in the name of our future is a good thing. A free open equal neutral internet does not limit our future but rather expands our ability to solve its problems. Allowing a few businesses to control aspects of it limits new ideas, new business. When the internet is "sold" to the highest bidder we not only further limit the content, we also limit the freedom to assemble and free speech by allowing that to mostly occur in the slow lanes. Who will be in the slow lanes? Schools, small communities, volunteer organizations and non-profits like Boy Scouts and churches - anyone without a big budget. Small voices and potentially big ideas are lost. The ability for those small entities to organize and communicate is lessened. There is only so much band width. Mega corporations can control what we access by default. For example, News Corp and Fox Entertainment Group will have fast lanes, rest assured, and we humans will default to what is convenient and fast. Already the mega corporations that control so much of what we can access are lining up in anticipation that their lobbyists will win this one. We have ATT wanting to buy DirecTv. We have Comcast buying Time Warner. The competition, and thus the access to options for information and entertainment, narrows. This damages information and idea exchange for innovation. The lack of faster speed will become more apparent as technology advances speeds possible. The current constant will be archaic in no time, especially when you see how much room for improvement there already is in the USA compared to the rest of the world. Already, the big providers through frivolous lawsuits are limiting new ISP's for communities seeking an alternative. The limits of content and competition and speed ultimately damage democracy and the first amendment. Those limits hinder the freedom to assemble and

limit free speech because the speed, real access, is controlled mostly by a small number of content providers and ISP's. We can truly become the "Idiocracy". There are arguments that the ISP's feel that they will lose innovation if they cannot control the internet and charge for it. They hold us hostage with the threat that they will not innovate or increase quality of lines. By and large, the ISP's have not used profits for upgrades or expansion. They have lawsuits to limit the expansion by smaller start-ups or communities wanting their own ISP's. Already we are behind the world in many ways on our infrastructure for the “information highway”. The ISP’s have already shown that they cannot be trusted to have the individual citizen’s experience or quality of content valued. For example, Comcast is willing to give up customers in their deal with Time Warner because it is not the measly monthly payment that they are seeking but rather they seek control of the future market. They will not altruistically innovate for the citizens and customers; they will always do what must be done for profit. They want more than money. Ultimately this is about the power to control information and its access. We have so much to evaluate before we turn over our internet, which is our freedom to assemble and freedom of speech through the ability to share ideas and innovate and evaluate, to the highest bidder. We must thoughtfully consider the long term impact of this. We must thoughtfully consider how to improve our internet infrastructure without imposing limits on the exchange of ideas and our first amendment. Our democratic society and our economy rely on both for their health. The future of not only the USA but humanity relies on the innovation and information availed only by equal access and speed of the internet.
—Mary (Maggie) Douma, ORINDA, CA

Please keep free speech active and alive, secure Net Neutrality by appropriate law! Thank you!
—K Laurence Barlow, Salt Lake City, UT

Major telecommunication firms shouldn't be allowed to simply "buy" the internet and and create a purely commercial world wide web.
—Celeste Hong, L.A., CA

The Internet should be open for everyone. NO one has the right to determine what we can and cannot do. Please end the war on Net Neutrality. We've been fighting this for years. Why do we live in an oligarchy, no longer a democracy?
—Judith Pentz, Bel Air, MD

I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dorothy Piper, McKInney, TX

Our lives depend on net neutrality! Don't change what isn't broke an knuckle under to the corporate greed! You know what side everyone else is on!!!
—Jana Shiloh, Sedona, AZ

KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS!
—Don Brake, Zeeland, MI

When I make a phone call the phone company does not have the right to decide if my phone goes in the slow lane so why should they have the right to decide how the speed of my emails. The internet is a common carrier just like the phone lines.
—LARRY SUKUT, port orchard, WA

The Net is free for all, don't make it a free-for-all-corporations! It gives many of us business opportunities, which most likely will be lost if ISPs are not classified as common carriers, which is exactly what they are! Please don't pretend.
—Gloria Kegeles, Wendell, MA

I'm a disabled Veteran and I use the Internet to help me make a living. I'm hoping that very soon I'll be able to work myself into a full-time business that I can leave to my family in the event of my passing, or at least build up a saleable asset. Without Net Neutrality I and thousands of others like me may not be able to afford the "fast lane" being proposed by Mr. Wheeler. I beg you not to all these changes to be made.
—Joe Stewart, Scottsdale, AZ

I strongly believe that Internet users should be able to access any web content they choose and use any applications they choose, without restrictions or limitations imposed by their Internet service providers!
—Constantine Kasabian, Salt Lake City, UT

So that free speech will remain free and ALL voices can be heard and decisions can be made based on TRUE HONEST FACTS. Not just what those who are trying to control the internet wants one to hear.
—Viletta Jones, Pasadena, CA

The internet is everyone's vessel for information. If they control that, they control everything. Nobody should have that much power.
—Mary-Sue Elfman, Houston, TX

if i can't go to space at least let me browse the web freely
—Ben Kulp, Ardsley, PA

Net Neutrality is fair for the public and these corporation efforts are motivated only by selfish greed! Please save net neutrality!
—Cody Farr, Mountain View, OK

Don't give our internet to any business of any kind. They will use it to prevent the people's free and open expression of thoughts and speech, just as today's big corporate media does today.
—Lowell Young, Mariposa, CA

I feel the internet should be available to everyone equally. For large, powerful companies to dominate would hurt the smaller companies and ultimately any competition with them. The internet should be there for us all when we need it and for the cheapest price possible.
—Karen Hadley, Mesa, AZ

I have a small business website to showcase my work. Will anyone even be able to have the images load? People won't take the time to wait for a slow loading site.
—Phillip Schwartz, Ghent, NY

Because the Net belongs to everyone not just the wealthy commercial enterprises!
—Barbara Doucet, Newnan, GA

All sights and companies on the Internet should be able to be accessed equally and without bias.
—Heather Cameron, Rotorua,

The internet was not invented by comcast or anyone else, it was a cumulative creation by many over many years. Leave it alone, don't let "capitalism" sink its teeth into it. People will just walk away from it if that happens.
—Michael Moretti, warwick, RI

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Chr Hz Wn, Sthlm,

One big reason small businesses are successful is the impartiality of the Internet and the equal access to all. To allow big corporations/Internet service providers to start writing the rules on who can play or not is unconscionable and not what our democracy stands for.
—Irene Gurley, Gardnerville, NV

It's supposed to be an open, unmoderated resource for sharing information. If businesses want to use it to sell their product or service then it's up to them to figure out how to prevent or catch theft and/or misuse. The laws governing theft are already in place and that's as far as government should get into it. Same thing with children's activities on the net... It's up to their PARENTS to regulate their access. The internet is supposed to be a neutral ground for information. There are supposed to be risks associated with its use. It is up to the user to properly prepare for those risks. This is what we WANT in an internet. And we have it. The unrestricted sharing of information is the power and purpose of the net. Any regulation at all would diminish that. If you allow ISPs to control access to the net then you hand its future over to those whose only concern is profit for themselves. That's not the net we have and that's not the net we want.
—Ryan Osborn, pawling, NY

Internet: The only vehicle that allows for true freedom of expression--not to be sold to the highest bidder!
—Lydia Gerson, New York, NY

Free speech in an American right. Don't let commercial entities take that away.
—Lee Lynch, Newport, OR

I want to retain choice that is not constrained by the effects of hardball tactics on the part of those who serve as our naition's main data conduits.
—David E. Shapiro, Brentwood, MD

Net Neutrality now and always!!!
—Joanne Godzicki, Spring Hill, FL

Protect our democracy and freedom of speech
—Christa Harrison, Geyserville, CA

Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—S Allison, Lisbon, IA

IF YOU DONT CLASSIFY INTERNET AT A TELECOMMUNCATION COMPANY , I will be letting my congress rep know that you SOLD OUT THE USA TO HIGHEST BIDDER
—Brett wallace, Mountville, PA

Shame on FCC
—Nick Grigorenko, buffalo, NY

For what Tom Wheeler is doing he must be a left over from the Bush admin.
—Kenneth Dorsey, Reno, NV

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dallas DeKeyrel, Novato, CA

It's important because no one, should control who has access to the information it provides.
—Andrew R., Cumberland, MD

The internet is a utility and should be treated as one - it is necessary for everyone from all walks of life. If the control goes to the highest bidder, they will be able to predetermine what information is available and to whom.
—Anne Wright, Rochester Hills, MI

Je suis pour la neutralité d'internet et je considère comme totalement inacceptable que certains groupes et organisations, certaines corporations ou entreprises, certains partis politiques et certains gouvernements tentent, par toutes sortes de subterfuges, à saper cette neutralité ainsi que nos droits et libertés. I am for internet neutrality and I consider it totally unacceptable that some groups and organizations, some corporations or businessmen, political parties and governments are trying by all kinds of subterfuges to undermine the net neutrality and our rights and freedoms.
—Ue, Ville de La Baie,

Net neutrality is important for all Americans!
—Kirk VanVranken, Schenectady, NY

I don't want big companies like AT&T, Comcast et al to create fast lanes for those who will pay more and conversely, slower speeds for those who have less money. Broadband providers must be reclassified and regulated in the public interest so that the internet has a fair and level playing field.
—Philip Lipari, Colonia, NJ

The millions of writers and social commentators that chronicle our time and our lives will forever brand Tom Wheeler and his loathsome band of boot licking, parasitic grubs as those responsible for corrupting, and, ultimately, killing the democratic exchange of ideas and the profound potential for open global dialogue. Their names will be synonymous with those historic malignancies that have sought to metastasize their vile policies and schemes to control and silence humanity's yearning for a voice. Tom Wheeler's profiteering tenure will be reviled in the future to be as horrendous as the McCarthy HUAC hearings, and other permanent blots on our nation's history.
—Darin Singleton, Los Angeles, CA

Please - everything in the world is owned by corporations - can you just let this one thing be for the people. In the long run it will be better for all of us.
—Jae Song, Brooklyn, NY

Because its a part of democracy and you cant sell freedom.
—Ian Bird, Madison, WI

The internet should be equally accessible for everyone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, keep the internet free to all.
—Carole Tiller, Fort Myers, FL

It is outrageous to allow internet service providers - nefarious companies such as ATT/Comcast/Verizon who already make so much money off the back of their clients - special permission to become the regulators of the internet. That's like asking NRA to take over gun control instead of the government. PLEASE FIGHT BACK AGAINST THEM AND DON'T CAVE IN.
—Isabelle Carbonell, Rockville, MD

Everyone deserves to have equal access to the internet. It is one of the most important parts of the world 's "commons".
—Greg Johnson, Fairplay, CO

Broadband service should be be common carrier. Why? This is the underlying core of the entire Internet based commercial and consumer ecosystem. Please reject any "fast lane" consideration and do the job right.
—John Tollefsrud, Placerville, CA

I'm preparing to launch a small online business. The end of real net neutrality will mean the end of my business before I can even start it.
—Karen M. Freeman, Washington, DC

Without net neutrality the stock market will be rigged in favor of only those willing to pay extra to be the first to complete the trade. Not paying for a fast lane on the internet? Too bad, you lose.
—Eugene Ekaitis, monongahela, PA

The internet belongs to all of us and I am against making part of it faster for those with money to spend. This is elitist and is just WRONG!!!!
—Linnea J Priest MD, Traverse City, MI

The American people have already spoken on this issue. They want a free and fair Internet.
—H E Davis, Richmond, TX

Don't make the internet a two tier system that discourages innovation. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jessie L Berlin, Santa Clara, CA

I am sick of corporations being in charge of how I get information. You have already ruined radio and television. Do your job and keep the internet open for all. Work for the people for a change instead of money and power.
—Ms. Cheri Lister, Tigard, OR

I do not want to be relegated to inferior internet speeds while wealthy individuals pay a ransom for high speed.
—Richard Koda, Ridgefield, CT

Keep a level playing field for all, regardless of their financial clout. This is a DEMOCRACY!
—Mr. Kurt R. Schwarz, Ellicott City, MD

Leave the Internet alone and let big companies use our internet equally with the citizens of the USA. This is not to be gobbled up, by large Companies, to put up fences, that we will be limited by or have to pay, to go through. This is serious, to the citizens and we vote and pay taxes.
—Mr. Murrie Kinney Jr., DAYTON, TX

We are supposed to have a democracy in this country, but it is rapidly being eroded by giant corporations that demand their way or the highway. The extent of their greed and lust for power knows no boundaries. FCC, reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect freedom and rights of individuals NOW!
—Jan Harris, Sebastopol, CA

The internet is the last bastion of a free communications system in this country. Well, almost free. We still pay ridiculous amounts for it. But why do you insist on stealing our resources from us? Stop serving the wealthy! They don't need any more money! Serve the people! Net neutrality forever!
—Vajra Kilgour, New York, NY

The Internet is a unique creaqtion which should be treated as a utility, not as a commodity.
—Ms. Jean Harris, Montgomery, AL

Dear FCC, Your chairman's proposed plan is an outrage. Instead of true net neutrality, it would establish a two-tiered system that does NOT allow equal access for all who use the internet (i.e. everyone!)! If you thought that we all wouldn't notice this usurping by big corporations, in this now most basic area of our lives, think again! DO NOT DO THIS!!!
—Natasha B Suter, Ithaca, NY

I AM STANDING FOR WHAT POPE FRANCIS CALLS THE BID FOR EQUALITY. YOU, TOM WHEELER, ARE ONE OF THOSE SELF-SERVING NON EQUAL-SERVING PEOPLE. YOU LACK COMPASSION AND A CARING WORLD. YOU WOULD HOLD A NATION UP TO IDOLATRY. I WOULD HOLD THIS NATION UP TO SWEET, PURE FREEDOM TO ENGAGE, SIDE BY SIDE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. THIS WORLD IS NOT FOR THE RICH. IT EXISTS FOR EVERYONE..
—Prudence Brooks, GLENDALE, AZ

The internet has always been a level playing ground for whoever has access to it, which today, is almost every single person. Why change that? Why would you want to allow big business, which by the way are frowned upon nowadays, to control the internet? Honestly, I'm surprised that this is even an issue. The only thing that could come from these new rules is one thing: discrimination and anger. I see no plus side to said rules and it really irritates me that you are even considering to take away the freedom of the internet. What kind of Americans are we if we continue to allow the big companies rule us? The whole great thing about America is that we would (at least in theory) be able to build our dreams from rock bottom and succeed. Why in the world, would you want to kill the dreams of the hardworking small businesses? I think I've made my stance clear on this issue and I can assure you, absolutely none of the people I know want these rules to come into effect. Throw out those supposed rules and stop trying to make it even easier for the people that rip off the American people to do just that. Don't allow large companies to monopolize the economy, because I don't know what you were taught, but if a company monopolizes their particular trade, not only is there zero growth, but it also is very unhealthy for our economy. Thank you.
—Marylou Phillips, Marshall, MN

To be so deaf to Internet Fairness I have to assume you're being paid off. SHAME! Charlie
—Charles Gray, Rochester, NY

What about older people like my husband & myself who live on Soc. Security alone, being only $1000 mo.? Everything costs so much these days and now you want to discriminate against the poor. When will it ever be enough for the wealthy? Always you want more, more, more.
—Carol Ann McCoy, Silver City, NM

IS IT REALLY THAT HARD FOR YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE REST OF US PEONS WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO LOBBYISTS AND POLITICIANS? ARE YOU REALLY THAT CYNICAL, GUTLESS, WITH NO SENSE OF MORALITY. WE HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRIES FROM KILLING OUR PLANET, CORPORATIONS WHO PERPETUATE WARS, THE NRA GOONS WHO KILL OUR CHILDREN, THE CHEMICAL COMPANIES THAT POISON OUR FOOD AND NOW THIS, CORPORATIONS NOT ONLY BUYING OUR GOVERNMENT BUT OUR SOURCES OF INFO. IS THERE NOT SOME PART OF YOU LEFT TO STAND WITH US?
—Joan Gabrie, Perkasie, PA

You can't allow companies to act like a mafia and basically demand “protection money". That's not what this country is founded. You guys are literally allowing monopolies. This isn't OK. Have some integrity.
—Michael Allen Wright, Fairfield, CA

The internet should be equally available to all of us. There should be no preference toward corporations nor those who can pay more than the rest of us can pay
—Susan T Cooper, Richardson, TX

The Telcos & National ISP providers have always charged too much for too slow speeds. Their attempt to make some Internet Content Providers pay more for faster or "better" access speeds, "Pay to Play", will greatly harm the Internet for ALL users. By whatever name you call it, we MUST preserve Net Neutrality.
—Don B. Meriwether, Atlanta, GA

IN A TIME WHEN MONEY IS RULING THIS COUNTRY, THE PUBLIC NEEDS ACCESS TO ALL SORTS OF NEWS, OPINIONS AND FACTS.
—Sandra L Gibbs, Pittsburgh, PA

Depending on your decision Mr. Chairman, your grandchildren if you have any will see your name in history books as the one who destroyed the middle class' access to the internet as we know it right now.
—Mary f Brady, Dubuque, IA

Tom Wheeler, quit catering to big corporate interests and make the internet a universally and equally accessible medium of communication.
—David Burke, San Francisco, CA

I think the net should stay an open net not turned into manoply with if you pay a fee you get faster reliable service. it should be an equal playing field no matter what speed you subscribe to.no data cap. Comcast twc merger should be rejected. the contract netflox and Comcast entered into should be voided and money returned to netflix
—Scott O'Dell, Norwalk, OH

I'll keep it short. If ever there was a service that fit the description of being a public good and therefore subject to being classified as a common carrier, it is the Internet and the companies that administer its function. I have no faith that the mega corporations that monopolize the delivery of internet services will act in the best interests of the public without regulation. Thank you…
—Robert Vargas, Bothell, WA

FCC I have written many times to tell you maintain Net Neutrality and not five Comcast, ATT & T have the right to charge consumers to have a greater speed. Everyone needs to have equal access. I have a business which I market on the net and and this would definitely affect my income. Please listen to the majority of people in the United States. Sandra McKnight. Voice Power Studios, www.voicepowerstudios.com
—Ms. Sandra McKnight, Santa Fe, NM

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL. Keep the internet FREE without allowing telecommunications companies and big corporations to get discounts and make the rest of us pay more.
—Margie M Mulligan Ph.D., Hemet, CA

Using "tiers" will cost patrons money they don't have. There's already a super-rich class and a poor struggling class financially; doing away with net neutrality will only add to that inequality. For God's sake, for just once do something positive for the people instead of the corporations!!!!!!
—Judy Genandt, East Dundee, IL

net neutrality is imperative. its no ones business what people do on the net. and the spying is so childish
—Annette Bailey, syracuse, NY

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD OWN THE AIRS ABOVE THE GROUND, AND AS SUCH, SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN BONDAGE BY BIG BUSINESS WHICH WISHES TO CONTROL EVEN THE AIR WE BREATHE. YOUR NEW INTERNET RULES ARE SELF-SERVING TO THE BIG BUSINESS ALTHOUGH YOU ARE THERE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE. PLEASE REMEMBER US, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN YOU DRAW UP RULES.
—Ms. Shirley Pettis, Denver, CO

Giving away our free internet to corporate control is tantamount to chopping up the first amendment and selling it like cuts of chicken. DO NOT sell out our right to open uncensored communication.
—Todd Stewart, San Diego, CA

I am a law professor, scientist, and fiction-writer. I need to do much elaborate research FAST and without barriers. So, I need a truly neutral internet, NOT one that prefers rich corporations.
—Jaffee Leonard R Professor of Law Emeritus, Woodburn, OR

Doing away with neutrality on the internet is a step towards monopolistic practices and higher prices and less service to the consumer. Please do not allow this to take place.
—:Hugh Smith, Surprise, AZ

it is important for commerce, education and the freedom of speech.
—Ronald R. Villarreal, Wake Village, TX

Prove you're not a liar and actually take the opinion of the people into consideration. Corporations do not need the help of the FCC to bleed the public dry.you are meant to help us, not them. A level playing field is essential to the well being on the public at large.
—Anthony Harris, Aurora, CO

you cant do this. Internet is for the people and not for the basterds companies so then can make money of the people its for. Stop this plan and make sure internet is for the people.
—Istvan Zwanenburg, hoorn,

NO TO A MULTITIERED INTERNET!!!! PRESERVE TRUE NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!
—Scott White, rockford, IL

Net neutrality is one of the most important things to me due to the fact I provide content through youtube and twitch.tv. If net neutrality were to change I can almost guarantee they would be next on the chopping block. I also feel as a consumer that the telecomms will not only charge a premium to netflix and other competitors online but they would also charge the consumer doing double dipping so to speak. I feel like the only change that needs to happen with the current telecomms growing to such great power is to get anti trust laws against them, break them up and allow true competition to happen for once. If net neutrality ends up changed to what the telecomms are suggesting all I know is that we have shown our children and youth that in the end the only thing that truly matters is finding out the price of someones integrity instead of doing what is right. I hope for the sake of the internets future that you, the FCC do the right thing, not what will line your pockets the most from kickbacks from the telecomms.
—Nicholas Dietrich, Muskegon, MI

We need Net NEUTRALITY, meaning nobody gets a better deal than the next guy. We do not want discrimination of any kind, and we want equal rights for every user. NO favouritism of any one user or group of users, whether commercial or private. NET NEUTRAL - EVERYBODY EQUAL!!!
—Bess Edwards, TIMMINS, ON

Our democracy depends on Net Neutrality.
—M Honer-Orton, Rockville, UT

The internet is a service for everyone and should remain a fair opportunity no matter how small or large your business is. Let's make the necessary changes so that pay to play doesn't destroy the open internet.
—Jonathan Clabough, Louisville, TN

Net neutrality preserves the democratic promise of the internet that everyone has an equal voice. This is extremely important for a medium that people have come to depend upon for personal and business communications, as well as a wide array of information and resources for every day living. It's akin to the air we breath, the water we drink, and electricity we depend upon for living in a modern society. It's an essential utility and should be treated that way.
—Edward Challberg, San Rafael, CA

I am totally and completely against ISPs being classified as common carriers. ISPs are clearly utilities and have NO BUSINESS affecting my data flow in any way. The FCC is supposed to protect consumers. Clearly that is not happening at the top. Protect consumers from the USA telecom monopolies. This is outrageous.
—Bruce Macfarlane, Key Largo, FL

The internet is more like a utility than anything else. Many schools, hospitals, publicly funded institutions, entrepreneurs, small businesses rely on having equal access to the web. It would be disastrous and destructive to our economy to create a tiered system. Preserving net neutrality is one of the easiest ways to help put America back on the road to prosperity and to stimulate innovation, growth and creativity. Do not cave to the interests of the few at the expense of the many, you must do what is right for the rest of us. Look inside your heart, you'll find the most honest answer, move from a spirit of generosity. You'll all sleep better.
—Francesca Prada, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I feel the internet is an equalizing force. It serves all nations and everyone with access equally.
—Steven J. Prchal, Tucson, AZ

Net neutrality is critical for a vibrant economy. Monopoly capitalism destroys economies & the rules you are proposing supports monopoly capitalism. Please support true net neutrality. Sheila Williams
—Sheila Williams, Ventura, CA

The "winners" of our country's capitalistic economy are forcing the rest of us to be losers. When so many of us are doomed to be losers, our country will be a loser as well. Putin has nothing on Wheeler.
—Stephanie Johnson, Durango, CO

Net Neutrality is essential to the basic American concept of capitalism. Allowing every business owner an equal footing to compete and start their own corporation is what makes this country great. Having "pay lanes" for internet speed would cripple competition, and goes against everything America stands for. Please, do no do this.
—Jason Fiorito, Cumming, GA

Maintaining Net Neutrality is essential to preserve freedom of expression for everyone----not the privileged few. Giving special access to the commercial few as opposed to everyone is just un-American.
—Pat Fairbrother, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is one of the few democratic outlets we as country that claims to be a democracy. Please understand the importance of keeping it neutral, and that the vast majority of us want this.
—Brandon Hollinger, lancaster, PA

The Internet is perhaps the last, truly democratizing phenomenon we have in this country--or in the world for that matter. As a citizen and a voter, I refuse to be sold out by the government--again--to the big corporate media interests.
—Harry Ettling, New York, NY

There absolutely, should not be a fast and a slow lane on the internet, internet service providers should be regulated equally to the telcom provides, reclassifying ISP as coomon carrier. And last but not least, I really want to see the FCC Chairman, Tom Wheeler, fired and not be anymore in any position where he could influence ANY kind or ruling.
—Marco Scataglini, Santa Monica, CA

The internet is my primary communication tool.
—Kathryn Rose, Denver, CO

You cannot destroy net neutrality! Comcast & Time Warner will become an even larger monopoly to control content, stifle start-ups and increase cost.
—Kip Sekulic, avon lake, OH

Equality, a level playing field. Where all people rich and poor have a equal chance to complete and comment. The reason stated for allowing consolidation of news outlets is the internet. Don't take away our ability to hear many diverse opinions even ones we don't agree with!
—Robert Tufte, Rogers, MN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Danielle Jacques, Chelsea, MA

In the country that invented the internet, we have some of the slowest average speeds thanks to the monopoly of these asshole corporations. Don't give them any more power. They do enough damage already.
—Aldo Mysek, Chicago, IL

The internet is a new chance to implement our highest ideals!
—Noleian Reusse, Chicago, IL

Americans do not want a tiered internet system. Equal access for all!
—Mae Lucier, Newark, DE

Everyone needs the Internet, not everyone can afford it as easily as others. It's the great equalizer, don't take that way from us.
—Juli Sellers, Sammamish, WA

The equal access we all currently have to the internet is a beautiful system that works really well. Please don't mess that up.
—Juliet deButts, New York, NY

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS CARRIERS AND PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL USERS!
—Derek Schmeh, westminster, CO

Net neutrality is a very important concept if we are to maintain equal access to one of the fastest growing mediums in the world today. We have gotten to the point where not only big commerce heavily depends on the net, but now so does education, government, advocates of all kinds of view points and small businesses. Anything else but net neutrality represents artificially created boundaries for the sake of charging more money, to companies that often have already been granted significant monopolies to provide service in many communities.
—James Robinton, Laconia, NH

I do not oppose government use of the Internet for spying, insofar as suspicionless and ordinary traffic is not recorded; the risk of data mining for propaganda purposes alone is too great to waste time on such efforts, and same distracts from necessary criminal tracking. As for the monetary aspects of Net Neutrality, I side with the NAB on this issue. Lastly, I believe that independents, which even industry leaders as EditShare acknowledge as "today's film/video/ipTV professionals", should have accessibility to a fair and open Internet market.
—Daniel C. Arendt, Albany, OR

The internet is a public utility. It is for everyone. Some internet users must not be "more equal" than others.
—Joel Hildebrandt, Berkeley, CA

The internet neutrality is important to me and to all who serve and support their community for the greatest good of all, increasing genuine connection and inclusion in a compassionate manner. When human beings are given respect, choice, freedom, and autonomy it supports natural giving and caring. None of us will survive if we keep giving all power to big corporations for profit. They obviously dont care for the WHOLE, they are swallowing the planet and destroying it faster than we ca repair it. We are all interconnected, all of us matter, not just the big cheeses. Lucie
—Lucie Barbeau, Berkeley, CA

We do not want anymore monopolies or too big to fail fiascoes in our lives. We the consumers are already paying through the nose for internet and cable services. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH and "WE, THE REAL PEOPLE" demand that net neutrality be upheld!!! WE ARE WATCHING!!!
—John Pizzulo, Kernersville, NC

This country was built on the idea of free and open communication.
—Amy Forson, Mascot, TN

We need net neutrality so that all web sites and content cost the same. Internet providers like cable should be regulated like a common carrier, a telecom company. The US has slow speed, expensive service and lacks competition and real regulation of Internet carriers. It's faster and cheaper in France and more widespread in Panamá (3G).
—Nancy Cadet, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is an important tenant of a free an open internet. As a future physician, I can imagine a future without net neutrality having a negative impact on my patient's treatment due to lack of fast access to important physician resources.
—Harry Reed, New York, NY

familial contact, news, local events BEFORE they happen. these are some of the reasons I would like to keep the internet neutral. at 3 score and 10 + several years, it is sometimes difficult to physically use other means of receiving the above information and contacts.
—Bobby Morrison, Hoodsport, WA

We need to be able to have net neutrality because it important all data has to be treated equally. The FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Holly Shisler, Forest Hill, MD

Because the next youtube, netflix or facebook should not be held hostage to isp's.
—Nicholas Wilczynski, Greensboro, NC

Internet access is a symbol of modern life in a modern country. Equal access to all sites, without regard to who runs them or what's on them, is a symbol of a free, modern country. The United States of America has long been a symbol of a free, modern country, so why is it that our Internet standards, policies, and accesses are at odds with this symbol? To protect true Net Neutrality, the FCC cannot allow corporations (or anyone else) to purchase "fast lanes" of the Internet. This is a commodity that belongs to all people in our nation; as such, all people should have access to it, just as all people have access to water, telephone service, gas and electricity. The Internet is long overdue for reclassification as a public utility, which will ultimately protect true Net Neutrality. I urge you to reclassify the Internet as a public utility. Keep the Internet open to all Americans.
—Rebecca Brooks, Seattle, WA

America was founded on equality. All men are created equal. The founders did not fight for rich corporations. They fought for us all, equally. Maybe the FCC could figure that out.
—Michael Zuckerman, Trenton, NJ

The only way to support net neutrality is by classifying all internet service providers as what they actually are: common carriers. Chairman Wheeler's current proposal is unacceptable. Information availability is the foundation of democracy. Save net neutrality: save democracy. Classify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Ted Dreier, Portland, OR

One of the best things about the internet is that all information is available to all equally. Please support Net Neutrality!
—Gregory Duncan, Fort Wayne, IN

Don't take away the internet.
—Joe Cooper, Independence, MO

The Internet is supposed to be for everyone, not just the businesses that can pay the most.
—Kimberly L. Stevens, Chesapeake, VA

Net Neutrality is important and deserves to be preserved for many reasons. Two of these are: Because the internet as it is encourages competition by ensuring smaller entities the same opportunity for access as larger entities. Because privatizing the internet by creating a "pay-to-play" environment, makes it a de facto business environment, rewarding those using the internet to make money and making it more difficult for those involved in not-for-profit enterprises to meet their goals.
—Jason Goodyear, Santa Fe, NM

Save the Internet from a provider cartel.
—Eran Leshem, Cupertino, CA

I urge you to declare the Internet anpublic utility. If you hand the Internet over to the corporations that would create another monopoly. It would make it impossible for any of us to access the information we seek to stay an informed consumer. Internet should be free for everyone.
—Lenora Roedner, Barnhart, MO

Because I use the internet frequently every day, it is important to me that it not be controlled by service providers like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon.
—Dorothy Holland, Santa Barbara, CA

Please do not let big money win.
—John 'Grrady, Denver, CO

The internet was created for all of us, not to be so different for the rich and poor.
—Paula Leffmann, Covington, LA

You can't say you favor net neutrality while creating a two-tier service/pricing scheme. That's NOT neutrality, it's discrimination.
—Kirk Leonard, Salem, OR

I have absolutely zero faith in the broadband companies to properly self-regulate and ensure strong levels of service for non-fast lane sites should the proposed rules go through. I am strongly opposed to them and feel that the only way to continue the success of one of the greatest inventions ever made is to not allow companies to pay for preferential treatment from Internet providers.
—Joshua Cannaday, Newberg, OR

We cannot afford a society in which corporations have the ability to effectively censor the content we receive, by paying to have their content shoved in our faces before we get the content we truly want. The internet has always been - and must always remain - NEUTRAL!
—Derek Gilbert, Jacksonville, FL

The internet is and should remain like the air should be but isn't, more than just free, but equatable . As those in the upper 3% we'll know! they don't play by the same rules that the rest of us. They feel somehow justified in polluting the air, water, and land that belongs not them but to future generations. The internet is becoming just as important and now they feel free to take what is not theirs. Do not help or abet them. You are supposed to be protecting us and our future.
—Robert Niles M.D., Maryville, TN

I'm writing to urge the FCC to reject a two-tiered Internet and embrace a policy of Internet Fairness, "Net Neutrality." Regulating Internet Service Providers as common carriers has great historic precedent, and was important to the development of telephone service in America. It also has parallels with the development of the interstate highway system. I have reason to believe that my ISP (Verizon) may already be positioning itself into a position to manipulate me into paying higher fees. I have been having painfully slow upload and download times. I tested my speeds and had just 156 Kbps download and 256 Kbps upload. After spending time with tech support we got it "fixed." At least the technician said that new tests showing 717 Kbps download and 712 Kbps upload speeds were what I was supposed to be getting. But the first time I tested my speeds in July 2011, I had 1528 kbps download and 373 kbps upload. My account says I get High Speed Internet Enhanced, which should give me 3Mbps -7 Mbps (3000-7000 Kbps). But I now get less than one-fourth of what I should be -- and the technician said my line is capable of up to 5 Mbps. He tried to tell me that I really have always been down for the basic package. But my original speed was much higher - about twice what it is now. That leads me to believe that Verizon has degraded my service and then created categories to encourage me to upgrade to faster Internet at a higher fee. Tiering allows discrimination and favoritism. That picks winners and losers in our economy. It will have dire consequences on the future of our economic prosperity. Through principles of common carrier and an egalitarian approach to fundamental communication and transportation system, the U.S.'s telephone service and open highways as they developed in the middle of the 20th century led to a vast economic expansion and broadly shared prosperity. Choking off the ability of new and small business from having equal access to a basic, sufficient level of service is a huge mistake that will have negative economic consequences. It certainly had negative consequences for Netflix when Comcast throttled their download speed back. Eventually Netflix had to cave in order to keep their customers. That's economic blackmail, and is an unfair business practice of cartels. That hurt Netflix' bottom line, and that of their investors. Internet service is an essential communication tool - and it is also in many ways an essential public square for democracy. Allowing corporations to play favorites and limit the ability of anyone to send and receive information in a timely way has very serious implications for democracy. My husband Perry and I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to add the Internet to the kind of communications infrastructure to which the principles of common carrier apply. Failure to do so will create havoc with our economy and democracy. That is unthinkable.
—Susan Raybuck, Wimberley, TX

Are you freaking kidding me? I'd say quit carrying the cable company's water, but you're obviously a bunch of complete shills, so I won't bother. Instead, I'll make it clear there will be consequences if you proceed with this garbage. Any of who support this, if you think you're going to just skate back into a comfy job with a newly-empowered (thanks to you) cable giant afterwards, you'd better wake up and realize reckoning day is coming for selfish, corrupt a-holes like you (especially you Wheeler); and soon!
—Jeremy Peters, Sacramento, CA

Because we don't need a bunch of fat - cats monopolizing the Internet.
—Mark Rossetti, Haverhill, MA

Democratically accessible communications means, in our era, democratic flow of information needed by us citizens. Without it, we cannot have any kind of democracy.
—Kevin M McCarron, Washington, DC

This is an obvious ploy to make more money for large internet providers at the expense of the consumer. Not a good idea when the middle classes are already so pressed to maintain a decent life. It would also be more expensive for public providers like libraries, schools, universities, etc., I would think. How would you address these two issues?
—Susan Ostlie, Albuquerque, NM

The Internet was developed as a Dept of Defense tool originally paid for by all taxpayers. When it was expanded & turned for civilian use, it came under Federal Telecommunication Acts. Federal laws should NOT discriminate! Privatization of governmental property is a big mistake. ONE INTERNET FOR ALL USERS ON AN EQUAL BASIS!!
—KAY CAREY, BEAVERTON, OR

I expect my electricity to come to my house at the same speed it arrives at my next door neighbor, who is chief counsel for PECO. I similarly expect the content I choose to view, regardless of the Web site it originates from to arrive at my computer at the same speed as content from whatever site my next door neighbor chooses to view. Both PECO and Verizon, my ISP, are utilities and both should be treated as such. That means Verizon, Comcast, AT&T and Time Warner should all be regulated as common carriers and explicitly be prevented from provided preferred delivery of content based on how much a content provider is able to pay for expedited delivery of their content.
—Joseph Magid, Wynnewood, PA

I think the net should be treated like the phone companies are treated. Besides as a deaf blind person I'm sure we'll get screwed if the large corporations have there wayy
—Christian Shinaberger, Santa Monica, CA

A free and open internet protects our democracy.
—Joe Beland, Santee, CA

C'MON. DO THE RIGHT THING FOR A CHANGE!
—Fred W. Donour, Norfolk, VA

neutral net now!!! neutral net now!!!
—William Schneider, flushing, NY

After many decades of biased information via media outlets and newspapers we are entitled to this open and free discourse and exchange of information and opinions!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Birgit Graefner, Holgate,

Sirs, your job is to protect the internet, not give it away. Do your job. Thank you
—Gordon Browning, Viola, WI

Please preserve the open nature of the internet and allow innovative technology to have equal footing. By allowing ISPs to throttle traffic at will, it gives them tremendous power to pick winners and losers. Since 96% of people don't have a real choice in their internet provider (and no, severely throttled and metered cellular access isn't an alternative), it's impossible for true capitalist and competitive pressure to allow people to vote with their feet. By enshrining in these cartels with such power, the ISPs will continue to employ restrictive trade practices to raise prices and restrict access in interest of maximizing their corporate profit and not serving the interest of the consumer to a level never before seen.
—Bryan Adams, Livonia, MI

I don't want my computer to slow. I don't like companies that take away my freedom.
—Carol Kaploe, Kingman, AZ

We don't need new rules for internet. Prevent monopolies from controlling content!
—Mr. Joshua McAllister, Royal Oak, MI

We need to protect access for everyone. It's already more expensive than the rest of the world.
—Ron Williams, Travelers Rest, SC

The internet belong to the people who have made it the vibrant community it is. It is reprehensible to let large corporations take over something thay they did not create.
—Barbara Cohn, Carlsbad, CA

Freedom of access, freedom of choice in content without Government or corporate intereferance ought to be a right. Do right and keep the Internet neutral.
—Eva-Genevieve Scarborough, Riverside, CA

Fast internet should be for everyone! Not just people who has the money to afford it.
—Zachary Hlavna, Columbus, OH

ISP's SHOULD BE COMMON CARRIERS Let's have REAL NET Neutrality
—Richard Fireman, Mars Hill, NC

Keep net neutrality and don't give in to the big corporations.
—Rosemary Scully, Davie, FL

Freedom!
—Wilson, Martinsville, IN

The loss of net neutrality compromises the value of the internet and a universal tool of communication and exchange of ideas without the interference and undue influence of money and power. In fact the loss of net neutrality would be a loss to the freedom of speech and democracy itself.
—Mark Rosing, New Rochelle, NY

Separate but equal... Payola... Pay for faster service lanes by artificially slowing down traffic till more money can be extorted from you much like the mobs did in the 1920'0 is the same thing
—William Peary, Sag Harbor, NY

Because I deserve an equal internet where I don't have to pay extra because I want to use a site like Netflix. Because companies like AT&T, Time Warner, Verizon, Comcast, etc don't deserve to have a monopoly on the internet (which was originally a free platform) and have the right to decide whether or not to drive prices up based on what I do. Because I play video games and that occasionally causes me to be connected to the internet to download or play content - I shouldn't be charged extra for doing something I already pay for. Because I DON"T HAVE MONEY COMING OUT OF MY ASS LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE VOTING ON THESE OUTRAGEOUS BILLS.
—Chelsea B., fayetteville, NC

Keep the internet neutral! We don't need to give big business more reasons to get more money from true real life citizens. Keep the net neutral, please!
—Arlene E Reber, Anchorage, AK

I'm tired of my access to information being for sale to the highest bidder. First network, local and cable news and now this. I'm sick of it.
—Daniel Kenny, Chicago, IL

equal access is a basic right
—Edward Lach, Baltimore, MD

A free and open internet provides a platform for free speech, start-up businesses, and users who can affordibly access it. Without Net Neutrality, all of the above will disappear and be more detrimental to the economy rather than benefitting it. Do not let big name companies bully or bribe the FCC. Restore Net Neutrality today!
—Paige Aviles, Stafford, VA

Please keep the internet accessible for small business & for the public! The internet is one single level playing field when it comes to social & economical disparities - please keep the world wide web open & equal! Thank you!
—Nicole Alexander, Brooklyn, NY

net neutrality is an essential part of our ongoing democracy. It would be very dangerous if this is compromised in any way.
—Gerson Lesser M.D., Bronx, NY

Please don't let cable companies create internet fees out of reach to low socioeconomic communities and small businesses by making internet pricing out of reach or slower for those who can't afford it.
—Felecia Mulvany, San Jose, CA

The FCC proposed rules will not ensure equal access to the internet, which is absolutely necessary to a functioning democracy now and in the future. Please retract these rules, reclassify service providers as common carriers, which they obviously are, and regulate them accordingly. We do not need a few mega-companies deciding what information will be easy for the public to get, and what information will be difficult if not impossible to disseminate.
—Vicky Peters, Lakewood, CO

The internet is a public good that should be kept free.
—Mike Pickens, Indianola, IA

The internet cannot be treated as an interstate road where the speed limit is 60 mph, so if you wanna go faster you have pay a toll to be able to use the Turnpike where the speed limit is 75mph and there's less traffic. The internet is an interactive structure of data exchange. Nothing more,nothing less. It has the power to unite the continents of this planet closer together and to be more united as a society. That power should be distributed equally to all mankind and not to the highest bidder. This proposal is another way to alienate the common folk from a decent way of living. If this proposal is approved, you'll be part of the list of countries that restrict Internet access to it's inhabitants. You will be no better than countries like North Korea.
—Irteip, San Juan, PR

We have enough monopoly already.
—Robert McKinnie, Salt Lake City, UT

Soul of the people. Infrastructure to everything. Knowledge to help all!
—H Smith, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

The internet providers will have too much control,and will be able to control pricing and distribution. Net Neutrality is a must! Do not approve Wheelers plan.
—Glen Conkling, Euclid, OH

I would still like to see Internet as public utility and browse freely regardless that small companies can't pay to be put on a fast lane. Net neutrality is a part of great things that comes with democracy as a form of society. Please let it be the way it used to be and please do not allow big companies to merge - please give a chance for a fair competition and for smaller businesses to survive. Thanks for consideration.
—Ekaterina Danilova, Brooklyn, NY

The FCC chairman promised to preserve Net Neutrality. Show us you're a NOT liar who's pandering to the rich corporations. Do the right thing. The people want it.
—Dave Parker, Dayton, OH

As a life-long educator, I insist: WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY, our DEMOCRACY is doomed!
—Patricia McHUGH, SAINT LOUIS, MO

The internet is the last free place that people can interact and take public action. The news media can no longer be relied upon to be unbiased. The internet should be equally available to all citizens, regardless of finances.
—Barbara Polhamius, Soquel, CA

don't sell our rights to easy to access information to mega corporations. do the right thing, not whats going to make someone the most money.
—Jonathan W Fetch, grove city, PA

The internet is for everyone. It should not be perverted so that plutocrats can determine people's content.
—Bob Martling, richmond, VA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon should NOT be allowed to create 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.
—Matthew Jendian, Clovis, CA

Self-explanatory!
—John Filipkowski, Dartmouth,

The PEOPLE want net neutrality! LEAVE CORPORATIONS OUT!!
—Jeff Passofaro, River Falls, WI

I'm a small business owner and my storefront is the Internet. By killing Net Neutrality you are killing small business owners and innovation. We have a hard enough time with our current economic situation, why are you trying to make it worse?
—Melony Chitwood, aztec, NM

I am outraged at the things proposed by this administration and congress. Net Neutrality will kill the ability of companies to compete against the telecom giants to offer a better product at competitive prices. Totally against the principles of a free market system that this country was built on. This opens the door for increased fees to the end user...aren’t we paying to much already for so many things used to regulate us the public. Please don’t approve this rule!!
—Jo Tucker, LaCenter, WA

I pay Comcast to provide high-speed Internet service. If Comcast then slows down my service, it is in breach of our agreement and cannot justify the fees charged for access to high-speed Internet service. If service slows down, Internet providers must drastically lower the monthly fees billed to broad-band customers. If the FCC proceeds with this ill-conceived plan, the top tier Internet providers can expect push-back from the disenfranchised; mesh networks will proliferate and entire communities will be inspired to create public Internet service, both of which will improve service, lower costs, and suck money from the corporate bottom line like a Kirby on steroids. The best way for the FCC to serve the public--and its corporate overlords--is to maintain Net neutrality by reclassifying the Internet as a public utility and ISPs as common carriers.
—Phil Hanson, Portland, OR

Not everything on this country should be determined by big corporations and big money. The internet was developed by our government using our tax dollars and belongs to all of us not to the big corporations. The internet is the last bastion of democracy in this country now that the supreme court has given rich people the ability to buy the government they want and given states the right to restrict the right to vote. Please keep the internet available to all of us.
—Stephen Dutschke, Louisville, KY

It helps us be all equal and express our rights of freedom of speech and press. I do not believe we should lose this right along with the many rights that the government is taking away. I especially do not want all of our men and women who is out in foreign countries protecting America die in vain because the government wants to brainwash and mind control every single one of us.
—Victoire LeTourneau, kent, WA

The internet should be free.
—Sarah Koehler, Seattle, WA

I stand behind net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lorraine Gaimari, LOS ANGELES, CA

This is just plain wrong. The internet is for everyone.
—Laura Murphy, Bristol,

I depend on the Internet for communications with friends, loved ones, and like-minded people. In my life, the internet is no different from electricity.
—S E Goodwin, Bradenton, FL

The large communication conglomerates and mega corporations have enough control and profits. It is about time the FCC does its job and quits catering to large corporations.
—Patrick Hendrick, Young, AZ

People who are fortunate enough to have access to the Internet in areas that are access-limited to other forms of free information (such as libraries) still have the ability to use the Internet to connect with the world and find the information and resources they deserve. Net neutrality is important to the continued education and information FREEDOM of all people.
—Allyn McClendon, San Antonio, TX

Why would you let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. Discrimination is discrimination... They already make huge profits, why make it even easier for them to make even more at the expense of the common person?
—Jennifer Thompson, Indianapolis, IN

It is an essential free system which has become necessary for day to day living.
—John Martin, glasgow,

The easiest and best way to protect Net Neutrality is to rule that the internet is a common carrier. You, the FCC have the power to do this. To do otherwise is patently false argument, because by any measure the internet is a common carrier. The choice is simple is the FCC a stooge of the cable companies or is it an independent regulatory agency.
—Peter Becker, Brooklyn, NY

What happened to anti-trust laws and fair trade? No one wants to pay a premium just to have usable internet. Why should we allow these companies who already make hand over fist charge us more for something that costs pennies on the dollars to produce? The cables are already run, the fiber is in the ground, so why are we still paying exorbitant amounts for the data transfer? Why is the government allowing these greedy CEOsto take what isn't theirs and sell half of it to us for full price, if not more? This is supposedly a country for the people, by the people, but at the moment, it seems the people are an afterthought. We the people are tired of being told that our bills are going up because someone else decided they don't already have enough in their pockets. Net neutrality is what is keeping mom-and-pop internet providers in business, and kicking them out so the big names can have more bandwidth to hog is criminal. Why do the people have to suffer for the idiocies committed by these big companies? How are strong-arm tactics like these not illegal? We already experience data throttling and artificial chokepoints in our internet. Why should we be forced to pay more to circumvent them when the money we already pay isn't being reinvested into the networks to begin with?
—Daylin Adams, Mayfield, KY

Mr. Wheeler, we know you are pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT IF THIS PLAN IS APPROVED, IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF NET NEUTRALITY. We do not want AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two tiered internet, where these companies in power have the power to pick the winners and losers and discriminate against online content and applications. COME ON MR WHEELER, THE SAME MR. WHEELER THAT WORKED AS A LOBBYIST FOR THE SAME POWERS. Do the right thing and restore just a little hope in myself that people in power actually CAN do the right thing.
—Michelle Abrams, Elkland, PA

Freedom of expression for everyone is of paramount importance. Government agenda is increasingly becoming corporate agenda, this is not healthy. The internet is our means of freedom from this problem. Our freedom to realise what we know to be a balanced society will save even marauding corporations from the folly that is ruining our environment and communities around the world.
—Alex Donnelly, Hobart,

The internet is for THE PEOPLE!
—Gail, talmage, CA

Yet another example of corporations and big money getting more than the 98%, increasing the divide between the rich and the rest of us. Look around the world; we deserve net neutrality.
—Beth Meyer, Eau Claire, WI

We need to keep a level playing field, lest our country become "of the corporations, for the corporations and by the corporations...". We are headed toward a feudalistic society and the death of democracy as we know it if we keep going the way we're going. If the FCC cannot tolerate dissent then our government is already close to the edge. Maintain net neutrality. Do your job of representing the people and not the corporations. They are not people and dollars are not votes. Keep all ISPs as common carriers, and don't favor them over the people.
—David Stover, Port St. Lucie, FL

The net must remain neutral because it connects everyone in the world. Don't ruin it because you want to screw people out of more of their money.
—Conor McDermott, Scottsdale, AZ

America is founded upon the Constitution, it is our duty to protect our rights as American Citizens. The American People demand Net Neutrality as it is a part of our Constitutional Right to Freedom of Speech. For once it would be great if the people meant to represent the American People actually REPRESENTED the American PEOPLE - not just the elite, the rich, the big corporations; but the common People of our Nation.
—Michelle Jones, Olathe, KS

Do not allow private business to corrupt the level playing field that now exists. Why is the new head appointed by the president, coming from a lobbyist position for the cable companies. This is all WRONG. Don't allow this to happen.
—Alex Gillinson, Evanston, IL

In the current age, unrestricted Internet access is as much a necessity as food, water, or gasoline. The proposed plan - and the resulting end of net neutrality - are devastating blows to the way society functions today. You propose to allow corporate interests to trump public interests. Worse, you propose to allow conglomerate and big business interests to solidify their hold on their markets by condemning startups to obscurity. As humorous as John Oliver's HBO segment was, he was right. This plan allows ISPs to behave like organized crime syndicates, shaking down businesses for protection payments in exchange for otherwise-uninterrupted function. Call the plan off. This kind of corporate buyout of one of modern life's most basic technological, social, and educational necessities cannot be allowed to happen.
—Alex Lindstrom, Middletown, DE

The web is in no need of change....especially when the only point is to line the pockets of corrupt, fascist corporations seeking unfair methods of manipulating the internet... The whole plan is for monopolist's illegal gains....
—Randall Dollins, Kansas City, MO

The internet is not only a tool, it's a place to interact socially, to research subjects for work / school / etc, it's a place to share thoughts and ideas. To allow cable companies to dictate how activity on the internet is directed is insanity. What about this issue seems like a good idea? Please, do not take us down this path to Oligarchy. Stand up for the peoples rights. Do the right thing.
—Stephen Griffith, Upper Darby, PA

Do the right thing! Protect net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Susan Markward, Albuquerque, NM

The internet was created with public funds by DARPA, therefore this makes it the property of the American people. Stop working for corporations and go back to working for the American people.
—Mark Powell, Tacoma, WA

i think it needs to be totally private unless you share as per the right of a letter or private conversation ...effects the world not just you
—Bob, mississauga,

STOP trying to hijack the Internet for greedy corporate monopolies! Any interference of speed or controls would cause chaos and a backlash! It would also hinder communications, businesses, and the economy even more! Tom Wheeler clearly has a conflict of Interest and should resign! Anything other than fast speed for EVERYONE and NET NEUTRALITY would be UNACCEPTABLE!
—Dr. Carla Davis, Oak Park, CA

I think we all deserve equal Internet privileges, the world is already divided enough by money. The Internet brings people together, so why try to separate them?
—Catherine, Kitchener,

We have enough corporate control.
—Madelaine, Missoula, MT

Only those who fear the truth will oppose net neutrality.
—Todd Jenkins, Fayetteville, TN

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that ISPs offer fair pricing for Internet access to is customers regardless how customers user that access.
—Eric Kwan, Arcadia, CA

Here, in America, what is actually free anymore? Maybe the whole world, everything in it, life itself, is only here for you and your pals to make money off. The public built the internet. It belongs to us. Not you. You didn't think of it. You didn't build it. I believe the FCC is corrupt from top to bottom. Prove me wrong.
—Thomas Moses, Sierra Madre, CA

Please stop being stupid. Please.
—Julie Schneider, Summerville, SC

Keep it open to the people.
—John R Roberson-Kitzman, Beulah, ND

Please don't allow cable companies and providers any more power in the marketplace than you've already allowed. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Barbara A. Brady, San Diego, CA

isps- common carriers. isps- common carriers. isps- common carriers. I'm not gonna sit around and put up with this fascist crap. You want my business, keep net neutrality. You don't, I'm gone. You see all you people understand is stealing money, well you end net neutrality and u ain't gettin anymore of mine. I swore off ATAndT, but I will be back there so fast it'll make your head spin. Don't wreck the internet because of greed.
—John Thies, san rafael, CA

our freedoms, our rights, our choices, are bleeding out of us, drop by drop. we need to have honest sources of information so that we can keep what's left of our democracy.
—Madeline Shaw, slate hill, NY

I don't normally voice concerns over what officials decide but in this case I am concerned. I am shocked this is being considered and I truly don't understand where everyone's moral courage and integrity has gone. Please reconsider these actions and think of the majority rather than "big business".
—Tessa D Stokes, Carthage, NY

Please preserve net neutrality! I believe it is vital in order to maintain free and open access to information for all.
—Wende Carter, Jacksonville, FL

Free flow of information is essential for the advancement of the human species as a whole.
—Haukur Benediktsson, Reykjavik,

Net neutrality keeps the internet fair. It keeps the Big Boys from taking over one more area of our lives.
—Priscilla Kinnick, Stillwater, OK

In this modern world we live in the freedoms of the individual man and woman have been continually chipped away at for many years.The last bastion of equality and free speech has been the internet.Any changes that compromise the neutrality of the net are morally and ethically wrong. The crowning glory of the internet is how it has shrunk the world and brought people from the entire globe together.Any law that threatens that is a crime against humanity
—Peterbowden, Langley Mill,

Eliminating Net Neutrality seems like a pretty bad idea. That is "kind of an understatement". (& so was that). Please leave it alone. I'm pretty sure the corporations that WANT control of the Internet... Are gonna be ok without it. I'm just saying... I don't think they're missing any meals the way things are... So maybe... Just leave it alone... You know... The way you would if this was a " free country"? Thanks.
—Scott Tice, Rising Sun, MD

Quit pandering to big corporations and leave the internet alone. Freedom of speech and an equal network for all is the way it should be. Crooked government officials are what's ruining this country!!!
—Patrick O'Connor, Sharpsville, PA

Keep frre speech and free information, FREE! or at least one price for ALL Americans.
—Michelle Brovitz, DURHAM, NC

The internet is a powerful educational tool and shouldn't be limited to people who can afford it.
—Leonard Tan, Biddeford, ME

The threat to Net Neutrality is yet another example of the relentless suffocation of freedoms and an erosion of civil liberties. Governments should be "for the people..." not corporations. Another nail in the coffin of the world our forefathers fought for 70-years ago today on D-Day. Those young men didn't sacrifice their lives on the beaches of Normandy for brands, shareholders, CEO bonuses, market share or lobbyists, they did so for freedom. Anyone who votes in favor of this ruling effectively spits on their graves.
—Craig Barnett, Miami, FL

Our Government is on a fast track to creating an extremely unequal society. Higher education is being priced out of the reach of all but the very wealthy, and now with a vote against net neutrality equal access to information will be destroyed. The goal of this "bought and paid for"government seems to be to create a small ruling wealthy class and a large uneducated class of poor. History has taught us this will end badly. But wait, do our elected official still believe in history or deny it, as they now deny the existence of science?
—Renee Marvin, Greer, SC

We already have a technological divide based on class in the US. Many of us in the field of education have been trying to bridge that problem for the past 30 years. Your actions can help keep information, education and communication open and available, or exacerbate the problem. Please build the bridge rather than dig the moat!
—Sarah Backus, Milwaukee, WI

Net Neutrality is one of the last outposts against corporate control. I feel adamently that it needs to be left alone in an overzealous overcontrolling world.
—Linda H. O'Malley, Troy, NY

The internet should be based off of user freedom.
—Kelsey, Wilmington, NC

In this world internet access is like water. Everyone should have access.
—Sandy Smith, Louisville, KY

Please show some restraint and don't try to fix what isn't broken. It works. Leave it alone.
—Lisa Paron, Hull, MA

The internet is an equal ground for every single person on this Earth. To give large corporations a "fast lane" and leave the rest by the wayside is discrimination against the common man and woman. You cannot censor the internet. It is not your place to do so. To allow one person to say one thing and disallow another is outright discrimination. You want to censor someone's right to free speech on a platform that allows them to speak their mind? Their constitutional right? Think again.
—Gregor Thomas, Cumbernauld,

Keep corporate control of the Internet.
—Peer Plaut, Kernersville, NC

Ending net neutrality would allow big companies to buy their way into the fast lane, leaving everyone else in the slow lane. I do not want the content of my internet to be unfair and biased to the whims of the megacorporations. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Monica Schatz, McKinney, TX

Im in favor of Net Neutrality
—Anthony, Cypress, CA

The nature of internet use in this country is appalling. And now, the federal government is trying to make its use out to the benefit of corporations and not its citizens. It is time to reverse part of this trend by allowing the internet to remain outside the power of corporations of interest.
—Timothy McCollum, new philadelphia, OH

We want net neutrality . Internet service providers should not be allowed to put a price tag on internet speed and on what we can and can't read and or post.
—Anita Bakker, Ortonville, MI

No to corporate elitist monopoly internet.
—Murray Howlett, Regents Park,

The internet, for all of its silliness and insanity, is one of the most important protections for true free speech and the open debate of ideas among a diverse population. It needs to be reinvented as a strict public utility and, as it is in every other developed nation, not given over to any private entity. The internet is akin to the free speech plazas located at Federal Courthouses around the country. Allowing corporations to have any control of speed and pricing is a de facto slap in the face to all free people.
—Jerrid Wolflick, Eugene, OR

The internet is our free speech keep it free.
—Jarod McIntosh, Tempe, AZ

I do not want to be limited in what I can see on the internet because a company wants to make me pay more to see all of it. I do not want the internet to be run like a network where only one sides point of view gets through to me. I do not want the internet to be run by the cable monopolies that have their hands in everyone's pockets.
—Leslie, Medford, NJ

The public internet should not be sold off to the corporations. The corporations should not be able to decide who's content is worth being put onto the internet regardless if it is by denying free speech or just allowing those who pay the most.
—Thomas J Biskobing, San Carlos, CA

I am one of an increasing number of citizens around the world that feel that the USA is trying to dominate us on the behalf of the richest 0,1 percent of the population in your country. Surely this must be wrong?
—Dag, Oslo,

Please do not allow this to happen. We need net neutrality to keep our leaders in check, our businesses running, and our human connections alive. I know I speak for MANY when I tell you that I'm barely getting by with the bills I already have, and if I have to pay more to have a quicker internet connection it's going to affect my business - - in that I won't have one much longer. All of my money gets dumped back into my business and to paying my personal bills. Why would anyone sit there waiting for my business website to load if it's taking forever? They'll just move on to someone else who can afford to pay for a quicker connection. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN.
—Don Weigand, Riverside, IL

Net neutrality is essential to maintaining the democratic/equal flow of information across the greatest line of communication humanity has ever known. Access speeds should be the same for everyone, whether or not they can afford the most expensive cable/phone/internet package every month. An internet "fast lane" will cripple innovation, hinder economic mobility, and further increase inequality.
—Stuart Weinstock, New York, NY

Don't sell the internet to big business
—L Andrews, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is key to the success of the small business work force. Allowing this new proposal is absolutely absurd. Discrimination at a technological level. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. What is happening to "the land of the free?"
—Christine Kerber, MIAMI, FL

Corporations and their interests have very specific agendas. Their agendas are not what should determine what gets seen on the Internet.
—Lisa Gnas, Birmingham, MI

The internet does NOT belong to big business- they didn't develop it, or design it- why should they control it? Why should they get more consideration about its use than the people? This is outrageous. If you sell your souls to Comcast and the other big providers, you'll suffer in the hell you create.
—Patricia Heywood, Oak Lawn, IL

Leave out internet alone, please.
—Patricia Ochman, Stratford, CT

I may be just one individual, but I am a teacher and the owner-operator of two small businesses. I depend on a fast, reliable internet connection.
—Nancy Coleman, Hollsopple, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because... well... let's face it if companies have control of the internet they have control of all of us...For example, let's say The New York Times, or another esteemed news paper posts a paper on corruption in the government, but the corruption has holds with a certain company, that certain company could slow the page down and basically make it unreadable. In other words, we could LOSE OUR RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH! America would become a place were the one most free place in the world... the internet, becomes something controlled by the companies rather than the people!
—Zach, Snellville, GA

The internet is the only public domain not controlled by giant corporations. It should be kept that way.
—Diane Campanaro, Rockville, MD

The dictates of Corporations for money, control and removal of our rights in a free market society where competition is lacking and the little pieces of mafia style of sectors in the United States if not what this country was founded on. The basic rights of our first amendment allowing ALL others to have equal access to ANY/ALL high speed lines and second amendment to allow for fair competition is Mandatory. The NET is not for Corporations, but is the last bastion for the people of the United States. Common carriers allows for no discrimination and scrutiny of corporate interests to make more money off of the common good of the people.
—Georgann Putintsev, San Jose, CA

The internet should be free and equal for all.
—Bill T, Winchester, CA

Net Neutrality means the flourishing of creativity, development of new businesses and business models, expansion of traditional business models and freedom of speech. Our nation's economic and social development and strengthening of its democracy is at stake. Please drop your recent proposal.
—Michael West, Brooklyn, NY

This is so obviously big business wanting a bigger piece of the pie.....like their millions and billions are not already enough. Free internet access will be a joke. Freedom of information? Hardly. Come on Government, we already know that corporations have your ear and your pocket as far as any kind of "public interest" legislation goes. This is SO not in the public interest and everyone with a brain knows it. We are not that stupid anymore as a society to believe the spin-crap that gets shoveled at us. Respect the citizenry and see this for what it is.....the haves grabbing all they can to have more and calling it a "good thing" for we, the having-less-and-less.
—Irene Nowakowski, Cranford, NJ

You're about to destroy the internet. You're about to kill the fun, the start-ups, the small businesses, and the political free speech. You're about to kill every reason I spend any time at all online. You're about to break something that's fine as is. You're about to launch an extraordinary level of corruption in internet service pricing. You're about to make price-gouging legal. (Currently Comcast plays games with download speeds under the counter but it's not legal.) You're about to prove that the FCC works for Verizon, Comcast, and these large corporations, and not the American people. What you're about to do is SO BAD every major tech company (except for the telecoms who plan to rake in the money) have joined forces to tell you how bad this is. DON'T DO THIS.
—Michelle Grissom, Germantown, MD

Don't these corporations have enough money and power in this country?
—Nicole Hebert, Bensalem, PA

Do not choke the american people off of the greatest device for free communication, education, entertainmen etc, so that you can satisfy the belly of a corporate beast who's mission it it to capitalize on the grievance of others. If you wish for a revolution on a grandiose scale, by all means, strip the people, the very ones that run the country, of their most beloved resource.
—Lord Moldyshorts, boogertown, VA

TRUE Net Neutrality is important to everyone. I am sick and tired - and I'm sure a lot of us are! - of these huge mergers, and the rising prices that ALWAYS RESULT.
—Megan Peters, HUNTSVILLE, AL

Most of my friends are online. If so much of the internet gets censored, I could lose them.
—Sailor Cybertron, Hollywood, CA

Net Neutrality is important to all Americans except big corporations like Comcast, time Warner and others. Don't allow big corporations to determine what we can watch. This is America and the internet is just fine the way it is.
—Angela Barton, Vandalia, OH

In a society that is already clearly dominated and governed by corporate interests and to have those interests further supported by the FCC is a gross misappropriation of power and the individuals who knowingly support those "ends" will one day be held accountable either by society or rogue individuals who take matters into their own hands, the people are becoming angry and they will be "heard"
—Richard Monette, Edmonton,

Common Sense!
—David Robertson, Drouin,

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Nancy Schenk, Nashville, TN

The internet, unlike many other forms of media, is powerful precisely because it is a level playing field where a one man enterprise can compete with big corporations - people need only their talent and time to become successful, and in so doing create diversity and choice. To allow the super rich to create a two tier system would totally undermine this concept, and would simply be a new way for a handful of large corporations to effectively crush any chance of competition before it even begins. The system is wide open to corruption - it would effectively be a cartel.
—Katherine Anderson, Bolton,

I'm not rich. Just as a change of pace, lets leave one damned thing equal to both rich and poor.
—Troy Toney, Spokane, WA

No freedom of speech in the most powerful country in the world? The people demand Net Neutrality!!
—Erika Knight, Altamonte Springs, FL

This is a terrible idea, and you surely know it...
—Nicholas Merson, Downingtown, PA

I live in a free country where Big Corporations should not own the internet. We already pay for phone, cable and internet. The rest of the world receives most of these at a low cost to individuals. Why should we now pay once again for something that is ours to begin with. No one should own the net. NET NEUTRALITY NOW
—Deborah Baker, Brighton, MA

Free communication is key to a free society.
—Gloria Love, Central, SC

Keep the internet free from corporate regulation.
—Felicia Ives, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Don't allow the internet to become something only the wealthy can use.
—Janeen K Graham, Prescott, AZ

Net Neutrality is of paramount importance to me because the internet is the last bastion of free speech in an America that is becoming a "corporate" state. We the people want to see complete NET neutrality!
—Marie Dooley, Micco, FL

There should be no two-tier system, the have's and the have-not's. The corporations should not have control over the internet, they control everything else already but this is one place they need to stay out.
—Allison Cardwell, West Allis, WI

This is one of the most pressing issues of our time.
—S Gould, Cincinnati, OH

I can't believe that I would need to tell you why Net Neutrality is just not right. It's pretty obvious to normal people. Corporations are NOT people, they actually rarely create jobs but often fill their pockets with dirty money. Then they ship most of the money to Bermuda or Switzerland so they don't actually help our country they damage our economy. Wake Up FCC!!!!
—Stephanie, Rowley, MA

As an United States Citizen, to prospect of letting internet providers create and manage a 2 tiered system sounds like the government giving control of internet content to cooperations. FCC, please don't end Net Neutrality. Protect free speech. It's your job as a government agency to protect the constitution.
—Robert Martin Whatley, Lafayette, LA

It is for ALL of the people, and not just the corporations. You most likely won't listen to me as I am just a lowly American citizen and not a mega wealthy person or corporation/person but if there is a chance please consider the rights of all not just a few.
—Helen Gardner, Tucson, AZ

Net Neutrality creates the freeway to economic growth.
—Rosalind Milliken, Indio, CA

Net neutrality is key to our free speech and democracy. Allowing further corporate takeover is unconstitutional! This is absolutely ludicrous and it CANNOT be allowed!
—Rachel Verde, Miami Springs, FL

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
—Sharon N McGuire, Winslow, AR

Corporations should not have more rights or influence than the people (humans) of this country.
—Allison McKnight, Great Falls, MT

It would be crazy to let companies like the cable giants have a louder voice than the majority of Americans. I am in favor of web neutrality.
—Christian Mueller, Oakhurst, CA

Net Neutrality is the only way to ensure that big corporations do not start to profitize the internet at the expense of upstart companies and servicing their customers. Respect and reviews of cable companies are deplorable and breaking net neutrality will just ensure that they will have a new method to gouge their customers in order to make a larger profit.
—Dave Baron, North Liberty, IA

We, the non-corporatist people have watched for 30 years as the big corporations have lobbied for deregulation, and destruction of the laws which created a middle class....and seen the monied powers take over our economy and government. We don't even expect our collective voices to be heard because it has been proven that it doesn't matter...but we attempt to speak anyway. The rest of the world is watching and knows that our government is a plutocracy/oligarchy and that we the people are paying premium dollars for lousy service. They see us as a pathetic joke, with ignorant people voting for the Republican Party and the Corporatist arm of the Democratic Party and keeping this kleptocracy in power. You do not want an educated populace. You want a weak, pathetic, obese, physically ill,addicted population to do your bidding. Congratulations. If our nation becomes weaker and weaker because of you and corporatism, we may become fair game for another form of fascism. History repeats itself for those who refuse to learn its lessons the first time. Losing net neutrality is just one more step in this process of de-democratization and the loss of our hard won national heritage. My father fought in WWII, and my grandfathers fought in WWI. What have you done for our people?
—Jaklyn Hutchins, Sleepy Eye, MN

You must be aware that millions of people around the world have become accustomed to the Internet, more so than television, radio or print. Limiting Internet access, or making it too expensive, will create severe problems for many of us. Please do not allow the multi-national corporations to continue buying up all the freedom which remains to us. Thank you.
—Ms. Pamela buckingham, Seattle, WA

Please don't restrict our access to the internet
—Robert Seckler, Huntington Beach, CA

I don't want to be squeezed with less bandwidth for the same price or poorer streaming video quality, etc. because the available ISP's artificially decide to cap bandwidth in favor of services that pay more.
—Michael Feeley, Goffstown, NH

Net neutrality promotes free enterprise rather than allowing telecommunications company provide preferential treatment to larger wealthier entities.
—Stephen Kim, Los Angeles, ca, CA

The internet drives all economy in the same way as our roads. It must be kept fair. No private highways for corporations.
—Phillip Murray, Ft. Myers, FL

The Internet should be for everyone!!!
—Michael Kenney, LOS ANGELES, CA

Net neutrality is essential because it allows for proper discourse on many relevant issues and is absolutely essential for freedom of expression. Suppressing internet access is a move that only a fascist regime should support and I was not raised to believe that this is a fascist nation. Overturning Net Neutrality would be another step in taking our freedom away from us and must not be done. Keep the Net neutral!!
—Morgann Blackwood, Pierpont, OH

In my household the internet is in the same category as the telephone--a system for receiving and sending information. I am sure that it is the same for most of the households connected to the information highway. I think that makes it a public utility, and it should be regulated as a public utility with fair and easy access for everyone who wants it. Please don't send the internet and access back to the days when we didn't have direct dial telephones. It's that simple; please don't complicate it.
—Susan Klenner, Woodland Hills, CA

I follow things closely on the internet and want to keep it exactly as it is free and open. Hands off.
—Gary Arvidson, st Paul, MN

Net Neutrality is essential for the safety of a democratic society. Don't destroy a 200 year old experiment that could work.
—Margaret Olness, Stony Brook, NY

But the violation on the ice cream is a far more costly mistake in so many ways, and I've paid royally for that. But it's justice. > Thank you willing to not undercut my business. And I never actually thanked you for not destroying me with an uppercut! Just that nice israeli or philly guy yoram(?) got scared from your amusing-classic-facetious-ineb riated-billy-military-barking- lectures and just couldn't figure out where we stand given our longevity and 10 times assuring him to no success, and that's when the pot began to tip over and the bread began to massively fume the golden sombrero and rainbow sunglasses were snatched off and it all went downhill from there.. It's all gravy. And for the record I was only mildly sick. Total misinterpretations and overreactions. > > But yeah look at what these ice cream sandwiches have turned me into! jajaja can't wait to leave and get back on the horse.
—Bill Wood, mount shasta, CA

Leave the internet alone! If it's not broke don't fix it!
—Kyle Stephens, Logan, UT

The internet is our free speech. The FCC should ensure that everyone has access to the fastest and best internet possible. I'm paying your salary. Have my back!
—Thomas Hathaway, Santee, CA

The net is now a community property, like telephone service and power companies. Hasbeen for a while now, why are you letting the big companies act like they own it and should control everything?
—Julie Korn, CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI

The internet is crucial to democracy - having a level playing field where all people have equal access is fundamental to a democratic society. Letting corporations decide who gets better treatment based on who is willing to pay is a deeply flawed plan that is not protective of all American people. Who are the corporations here to serve? The people? And who is the government here to serve? The corporations? or the people?
—Mandira Feldvebel, Albuquerque, NM

I like to have a free internet not encumbered by large corporations using their rules to decide what gets to be seen and what doesn't. That's not freedom--that's fascism.
—Jack Jones, St. Paul, MN

cooperations are always trying to milk us like cows, and again you have found another way to screw us over. The net is created by us, paid by us, and now we have feed more then half of the world with the internet, you guys come in to take it over. Stay off the internet, fuck off with your money greed.
—Harm Varwijk, Craiova,

Internet speed and visibility should not be based on the amount of money you can throw at regulators.
—Monica Campbell, Meridian, ID

Please do not allow the internet and it's speeds to be commanded by cable monopolies. The internet is an important place for young startups and grass roots companies, by allowing this to pass, you continue to use reverse-Robin Hood policies to take from the everyday citizen and give to the rich. I can only see this impacting the economy poorly. Please reconsider. Thank you.
—Dylan, N Adams, MA

America's purpose was and is to be the land of the free. It is being ruined for personal gain, both financial and political. We, the people, are not in favor of suppression or oppression.
—C McCallum, lake charles, LA

Net neutrality is important for future development of creative industries and important to retain some control of the egregious monopolies that control our lives.
—Robert Windom, Atlanta, GA

Most of my life I have been kept inside a bubble of regulated information. When the internet became available to me, I began to read and learn. I learned that my ancestors are fascinating and that the rest of the world is unique and diverse. If my education had remained limited, my life would have been incomplete. What would regulating the internet do except deconstruct all the accomplishments we've made toward gaining a deeper understanding of our world? Keep the internet free.
—Rebecca McPherson, Lincoln, NE

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Stephanie Snyder, Williams, AZ

I support net neutrality. It is in the best interest if the people to keep everything equal. Please do not sell us out yet again.
—Bethany Lara, menifee, CA

Net Neutrality is not a choice-- it's a demand if democracy is to have a future. Tom Wheeler should resign or be fired. No smokescreen to help Big Telecom. Common Carrier is the only answer!
—Ken Lauter, Nacogdoches, TX

It can not be degraded in any way. The internet should not be a place of privilege but a place of equality.
—George Bernt, Moose Jaw,

Because freedom and equality is important. Do we really live in a democracy where only the rich can be king? Seriously.
—Mike Spellenberg, Angels Camp, CA

Neutrality give the people freedom. Please don't give in to the rich, who want to get richer off the people.
—Rex Sanders, Phenix City, AL

Please remove corporate controll of the internet and maintain the freedom of press and speech by keeping the internet in its intened form. Keep the controll and greed of corporate companies from creating tried system where only people/groups whom have enough money can controll not only the information being presented to all but the price for which we all pay for that information. Net neutrality is the only way !!!
—Melissa Andersonfritch, Atascadero, CA

Everyone pays for services the same way so how are the people, AGAIN, being put on the back burner in the name of big corporations?! It's not what our country has fought for, and is still fighting for-equality of rights. Its ridiculous that our government can take and keep taking from the every day people to make the rich richer and keep the common folk down! Don't take away something that is a right, and expect people not to care!
—candice Hutchinson, camrose,

net neutrality is the fastest way to people to get self-educated. The most important part of that education is the awareness about the power of each of us. This apparently is a threat to hi-level powers.
—Luca Di Lotti, Torino,

The internet is the peoples voice. As seen by popularity of many articles that are made popular due to user sharing and posting, getting millions of hits on youtube or other similar websites, bringing these issues, or just great heart warming stories to the people. If companies like Comcast get ahold of the internet this will be slowly muted, cause these types of positive stories are not the norm for the commercial media, they instead tell the story of the people thru hate and scare tactics to try and direct the thoughts and future of the people for monetary gain. This is not a policy I feel should be adopted, and this should rather be a free market for the people.
—Curtis Brooks, San Diego, CA

neutrality is important !!!
—Myra levine, cleveland, OH

Large corporations such as Comcast and Verizon all ready have too much power. Please don't give them a "fast lane" on the Internet. Thanks, Jane Hite
—Jane Hite, Asheville, NC

do not end net neutrality
—Gene Moore, louisville, KY

Because without it, my only target is you.
—Jordan Thompson, Everett, WA

It is essential Net Neutrality remains in place. Regulation is essential. These companies are not honest enough to keep a level playing field without regulation. It is already changing.
—Tucker Johnston, Lenexa, KS

Do not let Comcast and Verizon provide a fast lane for the rich and a slow lane for the rest of us regular folks. There is already a wide enough gap causing anger and frustration for the middle class. Stop now! Do not sell out net neutrality!
—Jody Garland, Jackson, WY

The internet has become the most valid news source available to ordinary citizens, providing they cross check assertions to make certain that they're facts. If the FCC allows Comcast, Verizon and others to charge separate fees for service, it will lead to a suppression of any idea that they find unpalatable. For the sake of the 1st Amendment, you must maintain Net Neutrality.
—D Bertke, New York, NY

REAL Net Neutrality is important to me because a TRUE democracy is important to me. Why would a democratic nation deserve anything less than REAL NET NEUTRALITY?
—Shane A. Morrison, Gosport, IN

Why should the common man have to pay for an industry's greed? There's got to be a way to protect the Net's Neutrality, and level the playing field between the have's and have not's!!!!!
—Jean M Cacioppo, Middle Village, NY

Remember, remember all we fight for!
—Robert Shields, Bakersfield, CA

Net neutrality is important because I pay taxes and pay for computer equipment and Internet and Internet purchases. I have access to communication, emergency services, health care, government, entertainment, shopping, libraries, school and education, news, mail, art and culture, and all kinds of stuff.
—Jeffrey M Rivard, Framingham, MA

Net neutrality is necessary to promote and diversify all businesses in the US. Otherwise, the FCC will protect the telecommunication industry at the expense of entrepreneurs, which is where growth and innovation. The FCC will shackle this country and prevent the US from competing in an ever growing competitive global economy. Do what is right for the country, not for only just one industry.
—Kenneth Casey, Woodhaven, NY

I have a son who's life was saved by the internet. Without the ability to communicate with others through the internet he would still be medicated and depressed while hiding in his room. He is now a college graduate with a good job and a bright future. All because of a silly game called World of Warcraft and the friends he made online there. Without net neutrality our internet speed would not have supported the playing of this game and he may not have discovered the door to his future. While it's not an example for most, it is what has made a difference in our family. Please allow all people equal access to what is essentially free.
—Margaret Doyle, mays landing, NJ

The internet is a marvelous tool for communication across all kinds of boundaries. The world as it is today desperately needs this to be truly open to everyone with all information accessible for everyone.
—Patricia Layden, SeaTac, WA

Corporations have way too much power in the U.S and that mentality is bleeding across the border into Canada. Clamping down on net neutrality in the U.S will likely lead to the same happening here. This effectively drops North America to being in line with dictatorial and communistic nations such as China, that censor everything. This is scary. Smells of Nazi Germany. I thought we learned our lesson last time? Or are we doomed to march through repeating history time and time again?
—Jade Dye, Calgary,

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.
—Sam Hudak, Eastlake, OH

The internet should be a democratic highway, not another tool controlled by the elites, the moneyed and the corporatocracy..
—Michelle Ognjanovic, New York, NY

I believe in freedom and in rule by and for the people, the foundation upon which our nation was based. Free and open access to the internet, with no pay-to-play schemes and no fast lanes or slow lanes, is the best tool we the people have to assure continued freedom and rule by and for the people. You are supposed to be working for us. We demand that you reclassify the internet as a telecommunications common carrier service and appropriately regulate it to assure this freedom and openness. Nothing else will do.
—James J. Walsh M.D., Morganton, NC

Net neutrality is important to everyone, because it encourages free speech and education for all. The internet is an equaliser and should not be restricted so that only those who can afford it can use it.
—Elizabeth Gibson, Shepparton,

Freedom of speech and to allow creativity, innovation and competition
—Richard Harris, ST ANDREWS,

Whoever is getting the big bucks for once again working against the American people should be ashamed of themselves. The FCC should do the ethically right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Mel Rudow, South Dennis, MA

Throw out FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Otherwise the FCC is simply a Trojan horse for internet corporations. That's not what we pay our taxes to get from a federal agency. Do the job you're being paid -- by us -- to do!
—Ms. Stephanie Low, NY, NY

It's what makes the internet great
—Jesse Rusoff, Ardmore, PA

The internet should not be up for bid and control by corporations. It's the people that bring the vast amount of content and enrichment we all enjoy and use via the internet, not corporations. Do the right thing and keep this resource available to all the people, much like another national treasure we all have access to -- National Parks.
—Mark Olson, Westminster, CA

As a ground for new enterprise the Internet must remain neutral. To extend speed to anyone over another is to provide unfair power the possession of which is the power to control who fails and who succeeds. Creating an even less even playing field dampens innovation and results in hopelessness. Hopelessness is the seed of revolution - and not the intellectual kind.
—Katherine Shekeloff, Lafayette, CA

We already pay for access to the internet through phone or cable services. Please do not allow these companies to give premium services to only the few who can afford to pay the most! Keep the internet neutral territories for all to be able to use!
—Melissa Geib, Sun Prairie, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the last place where there truly is free speech.
—John, Woodstock,

The internet has become a huge force for entrepreneurship... from those finding a new way to make a living to those finding a new way to make a life... confining these to a limited aces, giving those already strong even more strength, weakens everyone, and destroys original thinking.in a time when original thought is most greatly needed. Throw out current rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep original thoughts and the spirit of entrepreneurship alive.
—Deirdre Moore, Vancouver,

What's to stop Carriers from shaking down universities for more money? I take my classes online and do not want the internet slowed down.
—Timothy HArber, Cary, NC

NO RULES FROM FCC TO LIMIT FREE SPEECH, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION!!! ENOUGH WITH THE DICTATORSHIP OF AMERICA!!!
—M Harris, Modesto, CA

Please prevent these gluttonous monster companies from ending the internet as we know it! This is not what the general public wants, and your job is to serve the general public (which, may I remind you, pay your salaries with our tax dollars)!
—Elizabeth Calovich, Kansas City, MO

FCC DO YOUR JOB!!! THE INTERNET IS A UTILITY FOR THE PEOPLE!! NO TO COMCASTS MONOPOLY AND A "TIERED" SYSTEM! DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO YOU CLAIM TO REPRESENT!!!!
—Kelly Grant, Vero beach, FL

Please do not allow the demise of net neutrality. I already have little to no choice in what my cable company does - please do not give them more power.
—Patrick Boggs, Lilburn, GA

Does it really need saying? Net neutrality: Good. Unrestrained Capitalism for the good of the few, at the cost of the general public, particularly start up companies, non profits, and individual wed developers... jesus. Do I really, actually need to say it? Literally tell you that this is bad. It's bad. Stop it. The US already is fucked up seven ways to Sunday, we don't need another anchor pulling us down. Knowledge is the great equalizer among mankind. The internet has long been a major component toward the equality of distribution of knowledge. Don't be the assholes that take that away. The future lies in the continued increase in public knowledge, and the ability for lower and middle class growth. One voice in 300 million, begging you to do right by this Nation I still call home.
—Maxwell James Painter, Logan, UT

The internet is not for Corporate profit. All over the world we have seen the internet used for democracy overthrowing tyrants. A free internet is critical to democracy. DO NOT turn the internet into the property of large corporation.
—Paul Rene, Middletown, RI

Broadband is a telecommunications service. Protect real Net Neutrality and keep the Internet open. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Hassel, Fairbanks, AK

I simply will not stand for the FCC regulating internet bandwidth on any level. Do you hear me? I WILL NOT STAND FOR IT. You have to ask yourself one question. What would Jon Brown do? Go ahead and make any laws you want...We cant stop you, can we?
—John Deckenbach, Granada Hills, CA

The free exchange of ideas is important to everyone. Don't let big corporations take over the internet.
—Matt Ikola, independence, MN

Internet service providers AND cable TV service providers should have NO control over what content providers I choose. Users already pay for access, data volume and speed - at prices that are exorbitant compared to those in other countries. There is no good reason to allow service providers to blackmail content providers for additional unearned profits. The US is 20 years behind the rest of the world in implementing high-speed, optical infrastructure for the internet, and the US service providers want rewarded for that!?! The FCC can't be that stupid!
—Ronald Swager, Glenarm, IL

The web provides us the ability to share ideas across borders and cultures. It is one of the most important tools used to promote world peace.
—Alan Asbaugh, Auburn, IN

You really want to hand control of the net to big business! Hand the house keys to the local thief and tell them when you'll be out! You are wanting to kill all competition, are you Communists? Please don't do it. Net Neutrality forever.
—Stephanie Hall, WINKLEIGH,

Members of the FCC should be ashamed. You are supposed to work on behalf of Americans, not corporations!
—Sten Samuelson, Redford, MI

The internet is not just a passing fad that companies hold exclusive rights to. This isn't 1974. The internet is here and it's here to stay. So...why isn't a common carrier thing?
—Greg Turner, Beaver Dam, WI

Because this is America and you don't take away things from the people for which they have already been using and have that right to continue using. And another thing. Shame on our President for hiring inside crony Tom Wheeler. I thought you had more class then that Mr. Obama.
—Thomas E Hagin, dryden, NY

I feel like there should not be a limit on what we the people can say and do if there isn't one for big corporations or the government.
—Gwendolyn Burris, Salem, VA

Ending net neutrality is a nail in the coffin for a vibrant growing democracy. Please don't do it.
—N Das, New York, NY

I get information from the Internet needed to make decisions concerning our democracy.
—Glenn H. Martin, San Francisco, CA

Affirming these rules is nothing more than another way to serve the wealthy and the corporations as opposed to the common people. The difference here is that it's blatant. Anyone who takes a moment to think about it will be able to understand this. We aren't as stupid as some people seem to think.
—Hannah Witt, Columbia, MO

Like the air we breathe the net should remain free and open to all.
—C E Crane, Wilmington, NC

Do not hand over my right of information to Greedy Corporations who only want to profit off of something they did not build. This proposal from big Corp. is a step backwards and will hurt young entrepreneurs.
—Amy Lipira, Waco, TX

The Internet has not hindered any advance of corporate profits and has allowed for a classless participation from all around the world. Why should corporate interests trump common good? The FCC is a government body that should represent the will of the majority.
—Alfredo La Mont, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is, in this day and age, a very necessary utility which needs to be protected for ALL - NOT for a few wealthy industries and individuals. It was invented with our tax dollars and, from the beginning, was intended to be free, neutral and equally open to ALL.
—Robert M Cohen Md, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is for everyone. We can't let te single greatest advancement in communication in the 20th and 21st centuries be destroyed in the name if corporate profits. In this country where freedom of speech was founded and where we lay claim to the most open society in the world, we CAN NOT allow corporations to decide who gets the "real" internet and who gets their connection choked to the point of uselessness. I beg you to make a decision based on conscience, rather than politics and greed.
—Chris Roffey, BRAINTREE, MA

The internet is important and universal enough to be classified as a public utility.
—Paul Donnelly, Decatur, GA

The access to fast affordable internet is needed, and should be considered to be almost a utility, rather than something like cable. Comcast objectively gives terrible consumer service as is, and charges way more than needed for service. Please protect our ability to stay informed and informed choices with appropriate access.
—Laura Jean, saint paul, MN

The internet is an Americans last and best avenue for true free speech. Please do not turn yet another one of our freedoms into an industry controled commodity.
—Mark Kelly, Valdez, AK

Once again corporations(money) are given more importance than people.
—Brenda Lyons, Milton, WI

I don't think re labeling as a common carrier is such a hard thing to do.you all are suppose to be working for us. Not the other way around. I don't really think we need FCC any more, what do you think?
—Michael Asbury, Las Vegas, NV

Everyone, on every income level, has a right to EQUAL ACCESS to information and to all that the internet has to offer! Reclassify ISP's as common carriers! It's our right!
—Jeanne Heyman, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important for myself and my children now and in the future. Hear us citizens of the world. We need neutrality. We need education and connection, not reduced access because of our lack of monetary status. Please make it neutral.
—Kerrie McKenzie, Salamander Bay,

We need real net neutrality, if we don't have that, Cable Companies can pretty much control the internet, shutting down who doesn't pay them enough for their "premium", and I don't much care for that.
—Brett Reynolds, Broken Arrow, OK

Avoid ONLINE DISCRIMINATION by refusing Mr. Wheeler's plan, PLEASE!!
—Bls Shinbara, Raleigh, NC

The last thing a poor college student needs is to be incapable of affording the internet that allows them to turn in online assignments. The last thing a poor college student needs is slower internet that eats away at homework/research time. The internet isn't just social media. It's information. Stop being selfish twats. You're not the only people on this planet.
—Alison McCauley, Normal, IL

Please keep the net neutrality rules in place, do not allow communication providers to throttle certain content nor allow them to provide faster access paths to certain content.
—Drew Lynch, Mechanicsburg, PA

Net neutrality is vital to maintaining a just, united, educated and economically viable nation. We the people are counting on this institution, the FCC, to protect us and step up to do the right thing. Big corporations such as Comcast and Verizon do not need your blind support. The people of the nation need your critical thinking and wisdom. We need your attachment to high moral standards and commitment to protect the people that make this diverse nation great. Please, I implore you, keep the internet neutral. ISPs are clearly common carriers. Thank you
—Marya Ouro-Gbeleou, Portland, OR

The American public deserves to have unbiased media and multiple options for essentials in today's society such as Internet and television.
—Jake Constans, Hillsboro, OR

Comcast and Verizon do NOT represent my interests, and I do NOT either of trust them to keep access to the Internet open to all at the same speed. The Internet was created y the US government, so the US government should decide how it can and cannot be used. Allowing for-profit companies to alter the basic idea of the Net is unAmerican.
—Peter Lobell, Columbia, MD

Our Democracy Depends on Free, Uncensored, Open Communications via the Internet!!
—Peter Hawxhurst, houston, TX

The internet needs to be neutral--otherwise our freedom of information will be lost to commercial interests.
—Grace Tillman, PHILADELPHIA, PA

There should be no "slow lane" for anyone! Shame on you. Its time for the assholes to back off!!! Leave us alone!!! I'm sick of shit like this!!!!
—Katie Lockmar, Pittsburgh, PA

There is no competition left in most areas of the media. Don't let the internet become another commodity bought by big business Protect the small guy and the average user. We want real net neutrality
—Brian Wright, Hoboken, NJ

Preserve net neutrality for all!
—Will Moredock, Charleston, SC

The internet is our source of free speech
—Cory C Reynolds, Broken Arrow, OK

The First Amendment is one of the most sacred parts of the U.S. constitution. By charging people extra money for a service that keeps people linked with world events, and those around them, it no longer becomes free speech. We shouldn't have to pay extra because we're being extorted by greedy corporations who want to consolidate even more power and influence. Quit sucking the corporate dick, and do what's right for the American people FOR ONCE.
—John Hammond, Greencastle, IN

I work from home as a result of a cancer diagnosis. Every day is a struggle to earn a living wage. If I can't use the Internet freely, I can't work and certainly can't afford to pay. All of these "cants" from a person who doesn't use that word in her day-to-day life...please don't do this to me.
—Karen DeMello, Greeley, CO

It is now the main way to bank, get information and often take care of personal business.
—Donna Bonetti, Boulder, CO

The internet is for the people of the world, not American cable companies. How can the FCC think it can allow U.S. cable providers primacy over an international asset on its own?
—John Schwally, Wantagh, NY

I oppose these rules for one major reason. The fact that income inequality will make sure that the internet is made solely for those who can afford it. By allowing companies to create two forms on internet you are not only hurting families. You are hurting education by not allowing students access to high speed internet. You are hurting the economy by limiting small businesses who like to offer internet to their customers but may not be able to afford the new prices. You are hurting American society as a whole by limiting who can and can not have access to the internet. As a tax paying, law abiding, American citizen I implore of you to reconsider these rules and leave the internet the way it is. Thank you for time.
—Mathew Douraghi, Berkeley, CA

Dear Federal Communications Commission Chair Wheeler, I believe that Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers, to insure that the public benefits from a system which does not discriminate against those who cannot pay for "premium" or "first class" options provided only to the select few. When telephonic communication was the new 'frontier" a century ago, national regulations allowed the telephone companies to provide access to the telephone lines with strict rules governing the rates charged to customers. The open telephonic communications networks which resulted greatly benefited our nation for a century, because every business and individual had affordable access to the new technology for getting messages through. Now, in the new "frontier" of digital communications exemplified by the Internet, the same standards to carriers should be applied. If an Internet Service Provider (e.g. AT&T, Verizon, Comcast) provides Internet service, it should provide it to all who "pick up the telephone and dial the number." Of course there would be a necessary differences between "long distance" and "local" rates, but these rates would apply to everyone equally (that is, real Net Neutrality). I ask you to revise your proposal and classify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers, subject to Net Neutrality regulations analogous to those which have governed telephone communications. Sincerely yours, William E. Miller 639 Glenmont Drive Solana Beach, California 92075-1314
—William E. Miller, Solana Beach, CA

No discrimination, no blocking. First amendment rights!
—Mandi cook, Morton, MS

I realize that it's so much better when the 1% control the government, can't the 99% have equal access to the internet?It would appear that the FCC is on the pad as they say, so it's a slim chance.
—John M.Sheehan, Port Townsend, WA

The gulf between the rich and the rest of us grows wider every day. The proposed rules will work to strengthen the rich. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the Net democratic.
—Sister Honora Kinney, Albany, NY

its all about the moneyassholes
—Jeffrey M Nangle, bridgton, ME

Smart people invented the Internet, and now some merchants want to monetize something that does not belong to them. That is outrageous larceny and the FCC shall not allow it to happen.
—Martin Zuniga., Brookings, OR

Because like freedom of speech the internet should remain accessible and free to all!
—Yvette Medina, Hebbronville, TX

There is no reason to get rid of net neutrality. Why is the government putting big corporations ahead of the rest of the people? Avoid this whole mess. Leave things as they are!
—Mariela Walters, Rathdrum, ID

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret White, ny, NY

No allowing only those with money to have better access to Internet use. You are the pits and are not working for the people. Your time will come... we have had ENOUGH!
—Jill Lapple, McKinleyville, CA

You should not infringe on our freedoms. Do not let corporations monopolize the internet and thus our freedom of speech.
—Jose L Gomez, McKinney, TX

Preserve net neutrality for the people. Do not give in to big money and greed.
—Donna Freeman, Palestine, TX

It is important to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. It needs to be regulated . Net Neutrality is important for everyone and it should not be who has the money to pay fees as getting better service or faster service. Everyone needs to be able to use the internet easily.
—Dorri Raskin, Northridge, CA

The Internet in its current form is not broken.
—Martina Capps, Lompoc, CA

Please keep the Internet free and open to all citizens. Please do not allow for discrimination of any kind. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Susan Leibowitz, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality for the people, not just for the big corporations. The Internet should be accessible to all.
—Stephen Whitlock, Indianapolis, IN

Keep the net Neutral!
—Alan Schmeelk, easley, SC

It seems to me that allowing corporations to vet what information gets to audiences is a clear violation of the First Amendment and a continuing effort to reduce access to information that is not to the liking of corporate interests. The FCC is not here to serve such interests, but to serve MY interest as a citizen of this nation to maintain access to information and the ability to communicate.
—Elizabeth Hamblin, Buxton, ME

The internet should stay equal for all, not just the top 1%, large corporations and the wealthy who can afford the proposed internet "fast lanes".
—Jennifer Gerber, Yelm, WA

Net Neutrality actually serves to protect the free market system which is so vitally important to America. It allows smaller companies to compete with the larger companies on a level playing field. This, in turn, allows the public equal access to all internet content. Net Neutrality allows the success of failure of a business or website to be determined by the public, not by the amount of money they can pay to internet providers (which already have too much of a monopoly in this field as it is, they most definitely do not need more power).
—William Powell, Glasgow, KY

It is an inherent right to all people to have free access to communication. If governments restrict access in any way they are setting the agenda for a police state to be in place complete with big brother.
—Kathleen Watkinson, Dungog,

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The specter of large corporations begin able to bend the proposed guidelines to pursue differential treatment of various customer is troubling to me in the extreme.
—Paul M. Crowley, Marblehead, MA

The net needs to be accessible to all, for the same access speed and rates. Don't let companies take advantage of consumers.
—Ellen Jessen, Madison, WI

The internet may be the last frontier for freedom of information and socioeconomic equality. The past few decades have seen an unbelievable increase in wealth disparity and mega-monopolies that dominate content and access to; news, information, entertainment, and social media. This is just one more way of allowing preferential treatment to those in a higher financial class and one more HUGELY impacting way of giving preferential treatment to huge corporations. One more way to undermine "mom and pop" enterprises and entrepenuers and educational institutions. Internet is already restrictive by limited companies to choose from, limitations on where you live, and what you can afford. Too much legalesse, there should be a plain speech attachment. Finally and most importantly, a branch of government should never be influenced or coerced in its decisions by money and power - that is the converse of its function.
—Brandy Odegard, Fort Collins, CO

Dear FCC, do you want to be seen as an organ if government, which serves the PEOPLE, or as just another corrupt tool of the rich and privileged few??!!
—Ernest J. Schwaegerl, Sacramento, CA

It is clear that Net Neutrality is desired by the vast majority. I know of no one, other than those that will profit directly from them, that believe the internet 'fast lanes' are reasonable, fair, nor will they be handled in a fair an partial manner. Internet service has become a critical utility - it should be classified as such. This will allow for protection and regulation.
—Mr. Jim Husband, Broken Arrow, OK

Please rule in favor of the people you serve and not the few who run our country. I don't recognize the US as the place of the people anymore. It's up to the FCC to change direction.
—Janet Merutka, San Diego, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.... Don't bow to big business
—Barb Boulette, St Cloud MN, MN

Don't let corporations control what we can see on the internet.
—Robyn Thornton, Frazeysburg, OH

Internet access really should be a public utility.
—Charlie Smith, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality needs to be protected or the customer will be paying more for slower and more limited service than they already have.
—Ms. Rosemary Craighill, Park City, UT

Dear FCC: Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Stop trying to screw over regular folks! We've had enough! Keep NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Wendy Futrick, Shillington, PA

The end of neutrality means the end of free speech. Please maintain Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Naomi Silva, Honolulu, HI

Net neutrality is necessary to continue to support innovation in cyberspace. If new start-ups cannot compete with the Amazons, Googles, and Netflixes of the world by being able to access the some internet speeds due to lack of deep pockets, we are allowing monopolies to form. The net should be treated as vital infrastructure to be used by all equally; not just for those who can afford premium fees for premium service. Thank you.
—Hugh Harris, Kanawha Falls, WV

I feel like the government is taking our freedom of speech away.
—Melanie Reller, Cincinnati, OH

I think it's time to take a break from "corperation"s from getting away from what I think would be a bad thing, using their "money" to influence the "internet" which is showing how "corperate greed" has us "constituent's" in their greedy claw's which is now how the "free internet" shouldn't be.
—Joseph Freeman Lll, danbury, CT

I want the internet classified asva common carrier
—Casey, alpheretta, GA

I use the internet everyday from my home and for my work. It is an essential part of both. I also use it to freely express my thoughts and opinions with my friends, family and acquaintances near and far, as my U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights will have me do. Now the big communications companies want the FCC to limit the rights of the common people, people like me, my family, colleagues, neighbors, and friends, to be able to access the internet quickly and efficiently and freely, as is our right. Big business is ruining our country with its stranglehold on the government at every level. I demand that these strong arm tactics not be allowed to continue. The government's purpose is to protect its citizens, not big corporations or businesses. Do your job. Protect US! And yes, it has become an US vs. THEM fight, and WE WILL WIN! Do what is right, FCC! Say NO to Comcast, Google, AOL, TimeWRner, and all of the other companies who would restrict our internet access.
—Jane Milligan Leemhuis, Columbus, OH

Internet consumers are entitled to fair, effective, efficient internet service for our money, as with any other paid service. ISPs are entitled to compete for our business BY TRYING TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE -- NOT by sabotaging the service provided by their competitors. This is a despicable violation of consumer rights and business ethics -- the FCC should be PROTECTING us from this B.S., not fomenting it. SHAME ON YOU. STRAIGHTEN UP AND DO YOUR JOB -- OR LOSE IT!!!!
—Claudia Rullman, Leverett, MA

The Internet should remain a place of free speech, not a place to promote the rich getting richer. Let common sense prevail and allow net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sara Senn, Severance, CO

Your new rules are not whats best for the country. It only serves the corporations and you know this. Throw out your new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way to protect real net neutrality.
—James Mark Parker, Pass Christian, MS

INEQUALITY IS RAMPANT.....INEQUALITY CREATES INJUSTICE. STOP THE INSANITY.
—Margaret Miller, Pine Grove Mills, PA

Keep the internet free of government meddling and neutral for all.
—Philip Maffeo, Pittsburgh, PA

Companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon should not be allowed to create 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. These companies should not have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Rohit Kajaria, Oakton, VA

"Hypercapitalism" has made the idea that the US is in any way, shape, or form a democracy, a joke. Nothing is for the people anymore, only for the richest of the rich. It's so very sad to me that our government, our own elected officials charged with representing the citizens of this great nation, have been purchased.
—Cynthia Reames, South Colby, WA

Creating a fast and slow internet is just like discrimination. Only the wealthiest people and companies that can afford it will gain the high speed and the rest will be stuck on the slow speed. Please explain to the public what the justification is to change the way the internet works today? Other than to increase profits of the already mega wealthy communications companies.
—Steven Rieger, Elk Grove Village, IL

The corporations don't need additional rules written in their favor, but the general populous does. Repeatedly citizens are seeing laws passed that benefit corporate interests at the expense of individuals. Please take a stand and don't let that happen to the Internet. You have the power to make a decision that will be for the good of the majority rather than the owners and stakeholders of these Internet service providers. The last I saw these companies were already charging exorbitant fees and making huge profits. They don't need your help, but the public does. Please classify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. It just common sense!!
—Sharon Dardenelle, Moss Beach, CA

I'll be brief: The FCC's proposed rules suck. Net neutrality--the real kind--is vital to the internet...and these rules would destroy it. Phones are going away and internet is taking their place, but consumers are losing those important phone protections in the process. We need to classify ISPs as common carriers ASAP so internet gets those same protections and regulations.
—Wesley Davis, Conyers, GA

I have the same right to have fast internet access to the sites I want to see or read as a wealthy person or a wealthy business. The internet must remain neutral.
—Jean Bolson, Emporia, KS

I'm sick of prices being munipulated and besides, in the 90's the internet was supposed to be the FREE information super highway but that went away quickly.....Everything nowadays is totally about money and not everyone has extra money to through at the internet companies are anything else. Thanks for your time, Jay
—Jay Tillquist, Peyton, CO

It provides equal oppertunity for all. It helps smaller companies and websites grow and helps the encomny in the long run. The madness from having this gone will be extreme and the FCC does not understand this.
—Shawn, Broken Arrow, OK

The internet is free and should continue to be so.
—Robert Lane, Monticello, IN

With the widespread use of the internet to the point of where people actually rely on it for everything from communication, paying bills, to education, and entertainment, it is clear that it has reached the levels of being a "PUBLIC UTILITY". Do the right thing and classify the internet as a PUBLIC UTILITY, because, that's what the INTERNET IS: A PUBLIC UTILITY. Thank you.
—Coby Lyons, Las Vegas, NV

The citizens of the United States currently pay more money for slower internet access than many smaller countries despite federal tax incentives aimed at expanding and improving internet availability nationwide. Now the federal government is on the brink of allowing cable monopolies to raise more revenue by increasing rates for a two tiered system. I may not pay more for my individual monthly internet access, but if companies like Netflix have to pay more to guarantee decent service to their customers, those companies will have to charge their customers more to cover those increased business costs. This will absolutely benefit the cable and telco companies at the expense of the citizenry. The digital divide will be wider, and the playing field for businesses will be tipped in favor of established corporations and away from job creating startup businesses. There is no way that this idea is good for our nation and it's citizens. Please kill the two-tiered internet plan and force market competition. This is the only way to improve internet quality and customer service for everyone.
—Donald Holden, Cartersville, GA

The FCC is once again over stepping their bounds. If big govenrment continues to repress the rights of the people as afforded under the United States Consitution, they will have a Revolution on their hands the likes of which they have never seen. May God help save you.
—Jean Dasnoit, Raleigh, NC

Cable companies should not be able to manipulate delivery speeds in order to maximize profits. There is not enough competition in this industry, and consumers will bear the burden of this policy. I strongly urge the US to maintain net neutrality so consumers don't get burdened with higher prices.
—Erin Connelly, Atlanta, GA

Stifling innovation ad putting us behind the international community in innumerable venues is the end result of your proposal to allow corporations to hog fast lanes for themselves and keep everybody else at an artificially-imposed crawl.
—Heather Gladney, Sacramento, CA

This will affect the free economy. How are small online businesses going to compete when the ISP's will make them pay to get equal bandwidth?
—Daniel Boland, Charlotte, NC

If its not broke, don't fix it!
—Thomas S. Beam, Springfield, IL

WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY THE CORPORATIONS GET THE BIG PIPE AND EVERYBODY ELSE WILL GO SLOW.
—Joel Strouss, Angwin, CA

LIMITING ACCESS TO FAST LANES MAKES THE INTERNET VULNERABLE TO PURCHASE AND CONTROL BY OLIGARCHS AROUND THE GLOBE. DO YOU REALLY WANT PUTIN ET AL. TO CONTROL ACCESS TO INFORMATION?
—Cynthia Bushnell, southington, OH

I can't afford to pay higher fees for inferior service!
—Richard Bartkowicz, Hoffman Estates, IL

The monopolistic protection offered to the providers of internet in this country has significantly hindered our progress in internet speed and pricing when compared to other industrialized countries. The FCC should be insuring these providers don't become too powerful, defending the interests of the consumer and the small business, not writing a blank check to guarantee profits for the providers.
—Christian Distefano, Suffern, NY

The internet needs to be available to everyone, large or small at the same speed, that is the only fair way!
—Peter Nelson, Eau Claire, WI

Reclassify IPSs as common carriers. Everyone deserves good service!
—Kathleen Kopp, Columbus, OH

Good evening, My name is Burke Fralic and I am from Pittsburgh, PA. I have been using computers since the early 80's and on the internet since the mid 90's. I am writing today to ask that you please consider the agenda that you are pushing here. The internet is not to be controlled by major corporations who make so much money that they honestly don't need any more. Make the right decision keep Net Neutrality and remove the lobbyist from the front of making this decision. This country was not created for the good of corporations but the good of the people and that should guide every important decision made. Thank you, Burke H. Fralic
—Burke Fralic, Pittsburgh, PA

Because it is like having freedom of speech!!!
—Corde Rea, St. Francis, WI

I want Net Neutrality to continue . I'm a tax payer and I vote. I don't want to pay extra for a fast lane and I certainly don't want other sites to be slowed down. Thank you for your time. Michael J Hundertmark
—Michael Hundertmark, Ilion, NY

The internet should remain Neutral and not be a place for corporations to control and profit!
—James Civiello, Dover, NH

I run an online news blog. I've found it wonderful, that I live in a country and time, where such an opportunity could be afforded to a normal citizen like me. I also understand, that as a small business, that i could very well indeed fail. But if i am to fail, i'd prefer to fail on the merits of the blog, and not because i had the misfortune to not be part of some giant corporation. The internet had always been a tremendous force in creating new jobs, and this has been allowed to happen precisely because of net neutrality. Is it wise to dumb down a vibrant and ever-growing source of economic stimulation, especially during these tough economic times? Mr. Wheeler, I urge you to please leave Net Neutrality alone. Thank you for reading Sincerely Edward Punales http://www.southfloridareport. com/
—Edward Punales, Miami, FL

net neutrality is a right..just like free speech..freedom of religion..freedom of assembly..if you give this right to the wealthy few. you will be treading down a very slippery slope towards disaster..we will be living in a third world country where only the very privileged will be severed by our government..so sad that be haps I will see in my life time the few destroy the my country with their greed.. shame on you all at the fcc..if you give this to the corporations..
—George Carmel, Sandwich, MA

I would like to have my voice heard in this matter. Please don't let my voice, the people's voice be diminished. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet neutral.
—Denise Schneiter, Bakersfield, CA

We need to stop the sale of the now free and accessible World Wide Web to the highest bidders. The vast and continually amazing results and potential of the Internet must be protected from the commercialization and fettering that the for-profits would impose on it. We must not allow our Internet to be sold to the highest bidders! It belongs to the millions and millions of people who are its users. They can now communicate with one another without too much inconvenience; whereas, if the for-profit companies and corporations have their way, it would become a wasteland of restriction to use and inconvenience due to fees, commercialization, discrimination, and shutting out the users who rely on it to communicate their ideas, videos, and photos with one another. Keep the Internet free and accessible. Who can know what damage will be done to it in terms of restricting and quelling potential exchanges and development of ideas if it is fettered by the corporations?
—Charles Pierce, Seattle, WA

Surely allowing a mile high club for premium-paying corporations while tethering down everyone else is indisputably wrong? The fact alone that there is no competition between cable-providers should invoke questions of foul play, but to throw on top of that the companies' ability to restrict common world wide web users and bully internet-based services such as Netflix, Youtube, Facebook, Google, or even World of Warcraft into purchasing this 'premium' service is a clear trespass. Not only would this practice be immoral, but it could potentially stifle growth as fewer improvements or innovations would be necessary in order to keep customers. The cable companies could potentially adopt a 'pay the premium service or enjoy your shoddy internet service' in order to force people and internet services into paying the premium. It's like free to play games! The free part is a thing, but it's boring and uninspired- Yet the membership parts are constantly being renovated and improved upon in order to give a more worthwhile experience. Support Net Neutrality.
—Austin Kent, Winter Springs, FL

It behooves the FCC to bring our internet up to par with Europe and Japan - not cater to Corporate monopolies.
—Michael Hogan, La Jolla, CA

The internet was created for everyone, without prejudice of source, purpose or standing. It is a network without borders. The very fact that the internet exists and naturally brings everyone together equally, should indicate an inherent sign of the world moving towards a single community. Lines of favor for companies and entities that have more money and influence drives that very beauty, freedom, and equality into the ground and back into the dredges of unwarranted judgement, prejudice, and greed that has crippled humanity throughout history. Please protect net neutrality, and defend it for the sake of your fellow citizens around the world.
—Joshua Payne, aurora, CO

Comcast,and other media giants,already control far too much of our communications networks. To allow wealth to determine access to the internet is unthinkable. This nation has suffered enough inequality brought about by greed and immoral policies.
—Donald Shue, North East, MD

You guys make sick for even contemplating this. Shame on you! So much for the principals of this nation- a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Now it's for the money, of the money, and by the money for the few who can buy their way into making the net exclusive. Walk away from this for the sake of this nation.
—Rachel Ruz, Milan, NM

Net Neutrality means that I as an author, and the small nonprofit associations I'm associated with, are entitled to the same Internet service as the big-bucks media companies.
—Paula Lozar, Santa Fe, NM

I've been an internet user since nearly the beginning of the net. I has enabled democracies for flourish all over the world by being neutral. The net is now as necessary as water, sewer and telephone. Please reclassify ISPs as a utility.
—Loreli Fister, Corvallis, OR

It's imminently clear to me that the internet/world wide web is an essential international communications service and needs to be viewed as a public-domain utility (just like the telephone, television, or water and power companies) that needs to be overseen by agents for citizens everywhere, i.e., neutral governmental agencies moderating and operating with transparency. Corporations, governments and sole citizens alike need access, but no institutions should be allowed to own it exclusively, or in any way monopolize it. And where there's abuse of the use of it, government agencies will just have to take action against the perpetrators, like police department personnel track down criminals within their respective communities.
—Ah, Kailua Kona, HI

Net neutrality is essential for freedom of speech.
—Andrew B. Davidson, Morgantown, WV

Save Net Neutrality! Its VERY important to all of us for our freedom in the USA. Thanks, Loyd Benetti, Portland , Oregon
—Loyd Benetti, portland, OR

LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE. PROVIDE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTROL BY SELF ENRICHING CORPORATIONS. PROVIDE FAST INTERNET SERVICE TO EVERYONE.
—Rebecca Mustoe, Seattle, WA

We pay high fees to Verizon for internet service in which the guaranteed speed of transmission rates have already been adjusted DOWN over the years rather than getting faster. I hate to imagine what it would be like if we end up at the bottom of the heap, with moneyed interests getting preferential services as allowed in the proposed rules.
—B Senft, York, PA

Protect net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julie Kelsey, Metairie, LA

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It is a constitutional right that we as Americans are entitled to. The FCC has no right to take that away from us. Why should those who are already privileged get more benefits while those who have less be punished. you are segregating the rich from the poor and leaving those who are poor to suffer.
—Kevin Medina, Temple Hills, MD

A two-tiered Internet would allow companies to discriminate against online content and applications. Dissent would be stifled. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lisa Gosnell, Georgetown, DE

STAY OUT OF OUR BUSINESS.....WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER STALIN...
—John McClain, Fort Worth, TX

Net neutrality is one of the most important issues in legislation today. The internet is no longer a luxury, but is a necessary public communications utility and must be regulated that way. Allowing corporations with near-monopolies to determine internet access, speed, and reliability is wrong. It is not only morally indefensible, but it endangers the health of our democracy and our society.
—Athena Huff-Sandstrom, Denver, CO

To the FCC: We need to keep the Internet Neutral, and NOT allow the Corporations to make it their personal playground and private source of income at our, " We the People"'s expense. Get your ACT Together! Bill
—William Buchanan, Snohomish, WA

Net neutrality is a personal freedom that should not and need not be taken away. Reverse rulings that do not enable net neutrality.
—Ranell Winchester, El Sobrante, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Donald Burgess, DERRY, NH

As a teacher, I am appalled that the FCC is even considering taking away the level playing field that the poorer students and schools of this country have with the more wealthy students and school districts, as well as students from other countries. Some of our students have just recently gotten access to the internet at home. Some only have it at school. If they are required to begin paying a premium to have internet speeds that enable them to use their computers to do research, use websites such as Kahn's Academy, and see the wonders of the universe through internet-based videos, they will fall even further behind in the use and creation of technology. Our kids are why Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Cheryl-Anne Openshaw, Rehoboth, MA

Net neutrality allows us to exercise our American right to free speech. We have a right to disagree with public policies, and the actions of telecommunications corporations. We should not have corporations telling us what we can watch, or what we can say in a public forum, and neither should we allow any government agency to do the same. Government policies exist to serve the public, and when those policies no longer work, or are opposed by a majority of the public, then those policies should be shut down. The founding fathers did as much when they realized that the rules of the English crown no longer served the best interests of the colonies. None of these policies serve the best interest of the public, only the interests of the people and corporations who stand to benefit from the silence and money of the American public. The American people will not be silenced. The American people will not sit idly and watch as our avenues of expression are blocked.
—Jeremiah, Las Vegas, NV

Internet should be available for everyone.
—Fujiko Yamashita, Marina del Rey, CA

Our broadband speed is the 38th fastest (= SLOW), your suggestions promote further snail's pace service for the 99%, I want equal speeds or better speeds for the public, our internet should be a public utility, not a private undertaking, we are tired of consolidation which makes total domination by huge giant corporation We the people pay your salary and have the nerve to expect you to consider OUR interest, please begin to do that Thank you
—Eva Millette Coombs, Camano Island, WA

BOOOOOOO! Your policy decisions are bad and you should feel bad! I'm aware that the above sentiment is ineloquent and juvenile, however seeing as the very good reasons previously given to you by thousands of americans were not enough to seriously disuade you from the actions at the center of this not so recent but ridiculously ongoing controversy, there is now little choice for me but to enter the rotten fruit throwing stage of dissent. So congratulations on that. Up next will come the tiny genitalia allusions, followed by an honest to God mob bearing torches and pitchforks. You should be very proud from your position inside Comcast's pocket.
—John P Lawler, Wilwood, MO

I don't want to be forced into subscribing to a monopoly for my internet service are having to pay higher cost.
—Joe Pizzini, Milpitas, CA

Do the right thing for "we the people."
—Susan Woodhull, St. Louis, MO

if you remove net neutrality, you well kill the internet.
—Robert Stewart, billings, MT

Without Net Neutrality, the promise of the internet can never be fulfilled. Allowing service providers to create a two-tiered internet would be a complete and historic failure of the public interest on the FCC's part.
—Edward Butler, New York, NY

What part of my life is not to be governed by companies such as Comcast? My life, my words, my rights under the Constitution of the United States of America - NOT the United States of Comcast or AT&T.
—Karen Gratch, Bloomfield Hills, MI

This is just plain stupid. Perfect example of oppression in America. To think the people actually have power is a joke. To think that my comment will change your mind, is a joke. However, I'll play the game. I'll tell you that I absolutely do not agree with the proposed change. I believe that Net Neutrality should be protected. Let's see if you are actually decent enough to listen.
—Jordyn Brown, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is the right thing to do. Stop handing everything over to companies!!
—Erin Story, Dubuque, IA

As a believer in free exchange of ideas, I wish that the Internet and any corporate entity, like Comcast, stay mutually exclusive.
—Christine Emma, Monrovia, MD

This country is already driven and corrupted by the rich controlling all policy and having all the advantages. It is time that this is stopped. Quit being bought out by the money and do what's right for ALL of Americans!
—Mary McCollum, Jacksonville, FL

What you propose is another inequality in a supposedly egalitarian society.
—Ry Moran, Salt Lake City, UT

Wheeler's plan is no good. A two-tiered Internet is fine for people who can afford extra fees. Keep things affordable for everyone.
—Dorothy Holtzman, Lakewood, NJ

I do't believe we will ever get back to real net neutrality once we make this horrible step. Please defend the net for the people not the corporations.
—Stephen Battis, Middleboro, MA

Net neutrality is the last vestige of free and fair enterprise left in America. Please do not donate it to the rapacious corporations which already own virtually everything. This will only make the poor poorer and the rich richer!
—Richard Harpstrite, Colorado Springs, CO

The FCC plan would create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for everyone else. The big ISPs would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. That's plain unfair. ISPs ARE common carriers whether they like it or not.
—Nancy E. Free, Malden, MA

Neutrality is a pillar of Feedom
—Eugenio Santiago, manila,

The new proposed FCC rules are obviously a push further towards the oligarchies plan of a fascist new world luciferic order, a return to the dark age. It is always intriguing to me how men chose evil and think that they will get away with their choices. I consider the luciferians, freemasons, Jesuits as all idiots, morons, degenerates worthy of the just punishment that will befall all of these sub animals. Puppets who even though they think that they are in control, think that they will achieve their luciferic fascist agenda, will all burn and receive their just rewards. "Do what thou wilt" and pay for it in hell.
—Andrew Jacobs, Ronkonkoma, NY

Net neutrality is freedom of speech. Do not allow the discrimination and ownership that corporate control would render. Enough of America is already corporate owned and controlled, Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and let freedom ring.
—Susan Wrobel, Dearborn, MI

Seriously? You really need us to tell you why? If that's the case, you're NOT DOING YOUR JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Liz Neff, Long Beach, CA

The internet is the modern medium of communication and speech. It is essential that every citizen in a our republic have equal unfettered access to it. Please, don't acquiesce to the demands of a handful of corporate citizens to the detriment of all the others. Be an American, do what's right for the country.
—Alex Zywiak, Sudbury, MA

Enough power grabbing by corporate America. I am old, poor and the Internet connects me to the world in a way that would not be possible any other way. I cannot imagine be deprived of the access I have now.
—Kate Eisenberg, Rochester, NY

A free and open internet is critical to the success of America! Stop selling out!
—Jay Korsmo, San Diego, CA

ISPs have enhanced and even replaced telephone communication for many Americans and like telephone companies should be classified as as common carriers.
—Britni Husband, Broken Arrow, OK

Just as John Oliver indicated: President Obama has assigned a dingo to babysit the child. The FCC's proposed Internet rules are an outrageous ploy to line the pockets of the Internet Providers. It's pure avariciousness!
—Louis C Bassetti, Colorado Springs, CO

Don't allow a two tiered system!
—Jean Glassman, Arlington, MA

Please tell me WHY Chairman Wheeler claims to endorse internet neutrality but actually endorses what everyone else calls discrimination and favoritism to big business. I want true internet neutrality that will provide fair access and free speech to all not only the wealthy and connected. How can a lobbyist be balanced? What kind of sick job is that and what kind of sick joke is claiming to support neutrality and actually doing the opposite?
—Richard Rinck, Selinsgrove, PA

Because I dont want to see a revolution in my country. Leave our internet be.. thank you
—Virginia Hahn, woodside, NY

Regulate the internet for the people, not corporations!
—Denise Moore, Neosho, MO

You stifle the creative, inventive, problem solving power of the unknown genius working alone. So much of American ingenuity has NOT come from the military complex. You retard our growth with your plan, you retard our diversity, you crush what's best about us to serve the bland but big. The rest of the world is ahead of us in speed and efficiency of Internet connectivity. You basically propose to destroy our leadership position in the world by keeping us using stone tools, while the rest of the world has rocket boosters.
—Helen Stutcbury, Wimberley, TX

Its a simple case of the fox guarding the hen house! Obama's new head of the FCC is a former cable industry lobbyist and because of who is benefiting the most by these new internet rules is why it is important to me and should be important to you if you use the internet. The ISP's callous disregard of the people by putting profit over free speech just boggles the mind. We have a chance to change the world for the better and with ISPs influence in this process goes against the mainstay of our U.S. Constitution! We have become a nation of GREED! If these rules pass it will give power to wealthiest of businesses and who they have access to on the web. That is not democracy! If these new FCC rules do go into effect it will be another great pillar of American exceptionalism that will topple. Remember, the internet is the great equalizer and using the internet for free speech and the pursuit of happiness is one of the truest symbolic honors to our Constitution that we have.
—Annette Barnett, Kenai, AK

It's is very important to me to keep the INTERNET free i think the little guy doesn't have a chance any more it seem like the big corporations have complete control with our Government and their money seem to control our politicians the big corporations have powerful Lobbyist and it time that you forget politics and do the right thing for the common ordinary hard working people of this Country and stand up against the powerful Corporations and do some thing for the people and keep their hands off our Internet keep the INTERNET free
—Francis Loring, Emmetsburg, IA

It's bad enough I have to take a cable "package" that gives me a multitude of channels, many of which, I have no interest in. Now this same huge corporation will have the power to decide what I can access on the internet. This is giving these corps. absolutely too much power over our lives. Next will come giving them control over what we can read or write. Sounds like Communist China to me.
—Carmen A Miller, Pittsburgh, PA

Keep the Net Neutral.
—Daniel Hilburn, Mesa, AZ

Do you really have to say why? This is the last straw. Corporations like Comcast have pushed their greed too far, and something awful is about to happen, I hope they are prepared for it...
—Bill Vorias, Bedford, NH

Keep the internet free to ensure that big corporate dollars don't dictate what the people are allowed to see and experience. No slow lanes!!!
—Ron, Tempe, AZ

It's bad enough that I don't have a strong Clearwire signal (when using my netbook) . I don't need slowed-down speeds when using the family PC.
—Tricia Flodquist, Shoreline, WA

I thought there were laws and regs against monopolies. When too few companies are cutting larger and larger pieces of the pie, competition goes down the tubes. And isn't competition what makes capitalism work?
—Tracey Kershner, miamisburg, OH

Keep the internet free from the oligraphy america has become
—jeffrey daley, hampton, VA

The internet as it is a powerful tool, as well as a mountain of knowledge and opportunity for everyone. If you want to see a change in the internet crack down on the thieves, terrorists, and illegal hacking. Just please don't take away our freedom. Put your bank statements down for a sec and listen to our pleas.
—Matthew Turner, Frankfort, IN

Because I am an independent eldercare consultant and people need access to my service.
—Susan Puckett, Knoxville, TN

KEEP YOUR HANDS THE INTERNET. IT IS FOR ALL PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET NOT TO BE REGULATED BY THE 1%.
—Sondra Baker, COLUMBUS, TX

Two of the "commissioners" are smiling like this is some sort of a joke. That could only be the case if their votes were bought and paid for. I would ask them: "Sir, who paid for your vote? You have pledged, and been paid, to work for the people of this country, NOT for the corporations.".
—David Meyer, Newton, MA

Net neutrality is the life blood of the 21st century.
—Martha Sweezy, Cambridge, MA

Dont not want to pay more for less.
—Cliff Wilkinson, Phoenix, AZ

Not only should the internet be free but also access to the internet should be free.
—Bruce Boyle, centerpoint, AL

Allowing enormous business entities to determine whose voices are heard online and whose wind up in the extra slow lane will have a chilling effect on the ability of the average Internet user to acquire knowledge. Silencing those voices based upon ability to pay for added speed or political favor from corporations is contrary the notion of freedom of speech.
—Joshua Sirt, Chicago, IL

This not only effects the US but also Canada. Thank you
—JB Orbeck, British Columbia,

Your agenda is transparent, and appalling. We finally have a society on the brink of genuine growth and development, due in great part to Net Neutrality and the access the people have to the internet, and you would have that growth stunted for the sake of catering to these mega corporations. You should be ashamed of yourself for even letting it get this far. No matter what you do, the people WILL be heard and have their will made manifest. This is more a matter of what YOU will be remembered for throughout history. Will you be remembered as champions, brave and wise enough to stand up for the rights of the people, or as the miserable greedy failures of human life who allowed this travesty to occur?
—Angelo Gonzalez, Chicago, IL

This is in my opinion the most important issue of our time. Freedom of expression and communication are our most precious rights. The Internet cannot and must not be restricted in anyway.
—Ruth Waytz, LOS ANGELES, CA

The internet is one of the fastest ways to communicate information to the masses - this is not only for the biggest bank roll! Seriously?!?! How is this even up for debate?!?!
—Carrie Lazzaro, Parker, CO

It is criminal to manipulate personal use of the internet. Net neutrality is for the people.
—Karen Fulton, Martinez, GA

FCC, throw out your present rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Eric W Morris, Murphysboro, IL

The internet must remain accessible to all equally. This is imperative for our world to be able to improve instead of implode. Monopolies are the worst thing for our economy. If you are not being bought off by these companies, what is your justification for doing this? It will hurt so many. If you are being bought off... may you never sleep again.
—Janice Kopf, Lisle, IL

Protect Net Neutrality, our infrastructure was created by We the People...not just corporations with money.
—Curt Mueller, Fayette, IA

As money becomes speech it is important for our democracy to keep communication open and fair to all. Please insure equal access to the internet.
—Tracie Bell, Edina, MN

Fairness and equal opportunity
—Tom Cuevas, Tucson, AZ

discrimination IS illegal in any form.
—James Pabst, fenton, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because we need to be able to express our opinions. This "plan" allows nothing less the censorship of what you can put on Youtube or other sites.
—Spencer Todd, Cambridge,

Net Neutrality allows the Internet to be the vehicle for competition and entrepreneurship that this country prides itself in cultivating. Please protect the level field that the Internet embodies by refusing to allow cable companies to put the interests of their own profits over the financial wellbeing of their customers, the American people, through the creation of 'fast lanes' of service.
—Laura Dickson, Davis, CA

Net Neutrality is the equivalent of our thus-called Constitutional Right of Free Speech, Freedom of the Press, and other freedoms germane to democracy. To destroy true Net Neutrality is fascism.
—Jon Schaefer, Santa Fe, NM

I currently pay comcast about $200.00 a month for internet and television service. I am a teacher and I use the internet to plan lessons, gather resources, record grades, complete report cards and, keep in touch with my friends and family. My current internet is accessible, effective, and enables to quickly complete these tasks. If I had to pay more, I would not be able to afford it on my teacher's salary. My work would suffer, my lessons would would suffer and my students would suffer. Please do NOT change the internet. Net Neutrality is is important for all citizens.
—Leesa Green, CATONSVILLE, MD

Keep the net free and EQUAL. No fast lanes for the wealthy corporations. You should not enable service providers to engorge themselves at the expense of the vast majority of us.
—Leslie Aisenman, Sylmar, CA

The internet needs to stay neutral in order for the Free speech amendment to remain in place for all citizens, rich and POOR
—Gwen Davis, canonsburg, PA

Because if your going to declare yourself an American institution, you should ensure each American voice can be heard equally.
—Rob Williams, Brooklyn, NY

It's important that information is accessible to everyone regardless of the ability to pay fees
—John Devenish, London,

Stop pandering to the corporate elite!!
—Billy Angus, Hamilton, MT

The internet has been, since its inception, the great equalizer. It was originally designed to allow government contractors and research institutions to more easily communicate with each other despite the disparity of the various computer systems they used. From that beginning, it has helped further the cause of freedom and democracy all over the globe. Now, giant corporations want to use it to increase their profits. It is shameful that such ideas are even under consideration.
—John Crockett, Flagstaff, AZ

I believe all internet traffic should be treated equally. That is why it has become so useful to ordinary people. I do not want special properties for those with money.
—Jack Beal, Colorado Springs, CO

"Pay to Play" is not fair and will only benefit a minority of uber-rich companies and individuals. The internet is for everybody, not just the wealthy.
—James French, Seattle, WA

I will never pay for faster speeds. It will cripple our ecommerce and destroy public opinion. How greedy is the FCC to want this anyways?
—Derek pinter, Oglesby, IL

Do not fix what isn't broken. The people will fight you on this one. Awareness and opposition is too great to ignore. Cable companies have enough power as it is.
—Luis, trenton, NJ

There are government agencies that require people to contact them only online, to apply, to monitor their situation, etc. A lot of businesses require people to apply for jobs only online. The Internet has become as necessary to everyday life as the telephone. The Internet has become a common carrier. It must be regulated as such. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must not be allowed to discriminate agains anyone who does not have the deep pockets of Netflix or Amazon or any other entity. All users should be treated the same. The telephone companies can do it. ISPs must do it, too. People in rural areas must also have the same access to broadband service as their urban counterparts. A government program was able to bring electricity to rural America. It is time for a similar program to bring broadband capacity to rural America.
—Ms. Dawn Grattino, Willowick, OH

Keep Net neutrality the way it is. Corporate monopolies like Comcast have too much power as it is.
—Cory Seesz, Tacoma, WA

There should be no two tiered system on the internet. Equal access for all is good for the people and for the economy.
—Mark T Dickinson, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

I believe in the free internet!
—Anna Eichner, EASTON, PA

Freedom of expression. No corporate control of any aspect of the internet. Keep the net free for all to use and none to control.
—Robert Cinnamon, Eubank, KY

The internet is the current path that information takes to get to the people of this democracy. It is UnAmerican to let those willing to pay a premium to get the fast lane. Ask the founders - democracy wasn't designed for the rich. Please preserve it for all of us by protecting a free and equal internet!
—Sarah Swisher, New York, NY

Keep the internet neutral. The U.S. does not need any more inequality of power.
—Elayn, Vail, AZ

Please consider reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The only high-speed option we have in Cottonwood Heights, Utah is Comcast. The "competition" is a low-speed DSL that can still claim it is broadband. This is broken! We need more options--the duopoly/monopoly isn't working.
—Duane Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT

We are quickly realizing the agencies who make up the Federal are all functioning to do their part in destroying human and organic life. The FCC has been hijacked to slow down the best tool the American people have to allow the very broad scope of all out anti-human activity the Fed has begun!
—Thomas L Carroll, Irvine, CA

We need net neutrality because without it we will become what China and all other communist countries are. We will lose our freedom of speech, freedom to choose and freedom to get the truth of everything.
—Rhonda Heumiller, Beloit, WI

Cable providers are the most mismanaged companies in the world, I don't want them controlling web traffic.
—Bill Langhoff, thiensville, WI

I think that true net neutrality is the free speech of the future. To deny it would be to reduce the power of the first amendment.
—Lindsay Ward, Lynnwood, WA

An equal playing field online is essential to free speech. You must treat ISPs like utilities and require them to treat all traffic equally!
—Dinko Venelinov Tontchev, Long Beach, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is quite possibly the only medium in which freedom of speech truly exists.
—Laken Pugsley, Lima, OH

Big money should not monopolize information! It's bad enough that this is happening in politics. The internet needs to stay neutral and fair!
—Carolin Radcliff, Sacramento, CA

I want net neutrality because knowledge shouldn't be contained unless you pay the highest fee.
—Katrina, Meridian, ID

There already is a digital divide. Please do not let it become a digital chasm.
—Karen Scotese, Evanston, IL

I believe net neutrality must be preserved for the sake of citizen/alternative journalism that can counter the brain-dead mainstream media that is aligned with forces advocating total fascist global hegemony. Thank you.
—Peter Hansen, SUNNYVALE, CA

I don't want a corporate internet monopoly, I want competition. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Do the right thing for the American public for a change!
—Mark Bordine, Gold Canyon, AZ

If only certain sites download fast because some company can pay more, it affects the integrity of information available. Do the right thing this time.
—Andrea Mosier, Austin, TX

There is enough concentration of power in Corporations. The most powerful don't need more help. Let's keep it a level playing field.
—Dimitris Lappas, Edina, MN

The internet up until now has shared equal treatment between corporations and ordinary citizens, all data moving at the same speed, and all opinions given the exact same weight. To me, that sounds like a pure democracy. The ability for ISPs to set price-tiers for the internet would introduce the same problems we're having now in the political spectrum: where money buys not only speed, but more of a voice. Case in point, how long did it take Verizon to send neutrality into a sinkhole? How many comments need to be weighed by normal citizens to change it? The FCC needs to cut the bullshit and listen to the people that put them there. Net Neutrality is at the core of internet infrastructure, and that needs to be absolute law.
—Mr. Caleb Niederer, Seattle, WA

Many citizens have been fighting for months to preserve net neutrality, not just for something to do but because it is critical for users to be treated equally. It will be a disaster if normal subscribers have to stand in line for service behind large wealthy corporations. Scrap these suggested rules and go for the title of public utilities.
—Fredrick Ames, Aurora, CO

The internet is maybe the only place an ordinary citizen has equal rights with large corporations. Let's keep it that way in the interests of equality.
—Mary Ann Fleming, Manhattan, KS

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet an even playing field for everyone!
—Steven L Jump, Amsterdam, NY

I was dismayed to hear that monopolistic corportions like Comcast may be allowed to grant faster Internet speeds to high-paying companies. Please keep the Internet a level playing field! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Jennifer Renzi, Fresno, CA

To whom t may concern- Please do not eliminate a single, level distribution system of internet access by creating a 2 tiered system that segregates one group of individuals from another; gives them advantages over another based on their ability to afford it. It is a backdoor method of quashing business competition, innovation and free speech. Please consider this when deciding on whether or not to end net neutrality. I am confident that with a bit of thought away from the voices of lobbyists and other outside influence, you would come to the same conclusion. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for taking the time to read this.
—Chris Fitz, attle, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is important to me. As a tool for socializing, relaxing with entertainment, and creating content both for work and pleasure the internet is a vital advent in both the lives of myself and countless others. Without true Net Neutrality, as we know it now and have always knows it, I cannot make the most of this important tool. I cannot have a level playing field with everyone else. A loss of Net Neutrality will also take away the equal voice everyone currently has on the internet, and to me, there is nothing more Un-American than undoing equality.
—Joseph M, Ogden, UT

Freedom Liberty Justice Truth Honor These words are nothing without ACTION America was founded on these basic virtues. It is what made us the nation we hold so dear. Many had sacrificed everything for these words. These words are more precious than gold, more precious than power, more precious than life. WE THE PEOPLE of the United States of America hold on reverence, the understanding of these word because these words were sanctifed with the blood of those willing to give their last full measure to insure these words meant something. We now stand at the precipis and stare into the void below, deciding whether to step into the darkness and trade those words for gold or step away and once again defend those words against the tyranny of greed. All of you know what is right and just. All of you know what will happen if the true meaning of these words die. Do what you know is right. Do not betray your legacy for those who will never know the meaning of these words because all they hear, see and know is gold. Keep internet neutrality an open equal beacon of freedom, liberty, justice, truth, honor and above all action to fight against the darkness in all it's incarnations. Sincerely, James Steven Beverly-American Citizen
—Steve Beverly, El Paso, TX

No discrimination online. Protect free speech and free speech venues. Give democracy back to the people and away from anti-American corporations.
—Gretchen Feeser, Barre, VT

We have enough big business running our lives. True freedom and education requires everyone to have access. Please keep the web free for all.
—JARROD kile, Allentown, PA

Don't let corporate interests control the internet.
—David Koch, Haddon Township, NJ

The future of prosperity in this country depends on us maintaining a level playing field for democracy and business to flourish. Cementing net neutrality rules is necessary to secure this future. Seriously reconsider altering your plans for an internet "fast lane."
—Darren Volle, Springfield, IL

We need a free equal Internet. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—William N. Keith Jr., Pontiac, MO

The Internet is not broken (yet), so don't try to "fix it". Just reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Citron, Martinsburg, PA

The importance for net neutrality cannot be underestimated. The term neutrality does not include any fast lanes or slow lanes or ways that people who have more money and resources get any faster benefit than those without money. The changes suggested are not neutral. I do not support the changes proposed that propose fast lanes. I think that such a proposal is a step in the wrong direction. Corporations already are not paying fair taxes and our roads and bridges are in need of repair. Politicians do not represent the people because they are bought off because of unfair political financing laws. The entire system we live under cannot be totally based on class and money. The idea of fast lanes will make the web a place where money is again the ruler and most of the people loose. It is not right that the interests and media that people are exposed be decided in by a few over the many. On the contrary the FCC should be helping the poorest people have access to internet and not helping big business.
—Joshua E Spett, boulder, CO

Don't take away our freedom to use the internet as we would use the library!
—Eugene Acker, Meadowlands, MN

Keep our internet neutral. Ultra rich corporations already own and run everything else. The internet is one of the last things the people have.
—Brad McIntyre, Des Moines, WA

FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We don't need service provider companies having the power to discriminate, creating an unfair advantage to people with money who are able to pay for fast access internet.
—Cheri Salvetti, Ocean Springs, MS

alternative network media exposes the lies and false narrative promoted by corporate Zionist entities that would love to have there message control back
—James Dare, Aptos, CA

The Internet SHOULD BE classified Class 2 Common Carrier. The fact that it's not shows how incompetent the FCC is. Fast Lanes and Slow lanes for the internet are not needed. The FCC's current plan does not encourage competition, it just allows these TeleComm giants to become bigger black holes than they already are.
—Nicholas Marinelli, East Stroudsburg, PA

Good luck getting that passed without a revolt. People will fight back and take what is ours.
—Jayson Maxfield, Orem, UT

It seems Mr. Wheeler and his cronies must own shares in the corporations who will rake in money by being able to further these entities hold on communications/media in the U.S. Why else would there be a proposal to make big corporations winners and everyone else losers? There is absolutely no benefit to anyone but the corporations from this proposal. It is another step toward making the rich richer and the rest of us poorer as well as taking away freedom of choice and equal opportunity from ordinary people. If fairness and equal opportunity still matter in this country, the FCC should throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janice Absher, Spokane Valley, WA

An open internet is important for everyone! We don't need rules and gatekeepers, just access for all!
—Laura Logan, Taneytown, MD

The Internet has always been a level playing field. IT NEEDS TO STAY THAT WAY.
—Dawn Grib, Dillsburg, PA

Just say no to corporate rule. Power to the PEOPLE!
—john Coiro, margate, FL

We live in a Democracy, NOT a Monarchy. That being said, if a person makes less money or can't compete with a richer individual financially, why should he she have poorer internet service? The internet was born neutral and should stay neutral. The idea of a Monarchy, at least in the past, was if you were born into a poor family, you weren't allowed to have things the rich had. This is NOT the case in America, (what "used" to be the land of opportunity). Now, I'm not making threats, but I think the rich folks, CEOs, political leaders, and representatives are "dancing" on a slippery slope when it comes to their rules for the rich/poor divide. In other words, the common folks will only take so much of societal abuse before they eventually snap. Then I believe this country will as unstable as say Syria, or other countries where the people are fed up with their leader's abuse. This is NOT an America I wish to see.
—David Szeflinski, Greendale, WI

The internet is for everyone to use not just the wealthy and powerful. My family came here in 1642 and fought for our independence. They built this country and I believe that the xitizens of this country are entitled to fair and equal treatment as did my ancestors.
—Deborah Freeman, Bloomfield, NJ

In a FREE country we deserve level playing field for all businesses not just those *who can line a politicians pocket >> (*comcast).
—Rick Brady, East Berlin, PA

STOP CABLE COMPANY POWER GRABS. I need my federal commissions to work in interest of the people. Keep the internet rules free and open. The internet is not a phone, not a radio. It needs protections built for a new world, not just a these huge cable company monopolies.
—Ryan Weller, Orwigsburg, PA

Please, do not allow corporations to usurp the internet like they have usurped the Constitution. Corporations are not people. Not matter what the Supreme Court has ruled. Keep the free flow of information from the internet coming for all our citizens at the same speed.
—Dixie Binford, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because the government is already infringing on our rights enough as it is. Big corporations already control the government instead of the people. The Internet is the last medium of free speech the people have. I'm sure our comments wont make any difference since it would mean that corporations cant line their greedy pockets with more money. This would be the last thing to completely destroy any faith I have in this supposedly free country.
—David Stocks, ringwood, IL

Up until now, the Internet has had a great democratizing influence on mass communication, and has also opened up affordable opportunities for many startup businesses. Net Neutrality, meaning equal transmission priority/speed/treatment for all content regardless of source, has been a key factor in this. The loss of true Net Neutrality would effectively strangle a democracy under a plutocratic oligarchy. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. We must have tough and impartial enforcement of Net Neutrality. All ISP's must be officially re-classified as common carriers, and thus regulated in a way that the courts cannot overrule. The proposed "Open Internet" under the new rules is a FARCE, and is NOT in any way, shape or form an acceptable replacement for the former just and balanced policy of true Net Neutrality.
—Cary B. Cornett, Lincoln Park, MI

A free web allows for the unimpeded sharing of knowledge, the world's only unlimited resource. Why should we change that?
—Rhodes Hambrick, Georgetown, KY

A basic service like this should not be restricted based on how much you can afford to pay. The internet today is like a phone landline was to the previous generation.
—Tony Faynor, Vermontville, MI

Save The People's Internet! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please don't allow service providers to change the internet. Tens of thousands of businesses depend upon the free internet. Save these businesses and Become a Hero to The People! Thank you.
—Mari D'India, Portland, OR

The internet was created by the government, and users are already paying tremendous subscription and usage fees that would allow service providers all the money they need to maintain traffic as it is. The internet was not created for them to take it over and milk small businesses who have "set up shop" to compete on a level playing field. You would be ruining consumer choice, and subjugating us to the highest bidder. Please don't let government sell out to big corporate interests once again. Their request is baseless. It's pure greed, and it will only hurt the rest of us. PLEASE don't let them take the internet over by allowing them to charge more for a "fast lane".
—Dana Friedman, New York, NY

No one should be able to buy faster service. Period.
—Linda Nedderman-Eaton, Cranston, RI

I value free access to information - of any kind.
—Martha and Roger Cuneo, Warren, MI

Corporations should not own and control the internet.
—Mary True, Pepe'ekeo, HI

Big corporations should have NO control over public internet!
—Pam Naylor, Canton, OH

Make everyone equal in speed. Declare the internet a Utility!!!
—Barb Travis, Ewa Beach, HI

The FCC needs to reclassify the Cable industry. This is the only fair option for consumers and the future of the internet. Do the right thing!
—Matthew Bjelland, St. Paul, MN

The corporatization of America will be complete with the end of Internet neutrality--and the end of free speech--oh, and eventually, the idea of democracy, an ideal that truly seems farther and farther away. Stop this insanity now, please.
—Carla Gardner, Bloomington, IN

1 internet, 1 speed. NO Fast lane.
—Terry Travis, Ewa Beach, HI

I request that you protect net neutrality.
—Corey E. Olsen, Delafield, WI

It is the only place where the rich can't buy influence or control.
—Thomas Hessley, Warren, PA

I consider net neutrality critical to the survival of democracy. Really.
—Mark Swanson, ann arbor, MI

Enough is enough! Another sad day when corporations have MORE rights than humans. I am appalled that the President I voted for and have supported in so many of his decisions is making a super bad one here. Please President Obama; let us all continue to enjoy the internet without having to be rich to do so. This proposal is disgustingly oppressive. If you really are the president I believe you are, you will NOT let this become law!
—Gary W. Parks, Albuquerque, NM

Those with money i.e. corporations, already have a huge voice - it is the right of the people to have free speech.
—David Coles, Houston, TX

The Land of the "Free"? How do you sleep at night ?
—Richard Rider, Gaylord, MI

Please reclassify ISPs as commom carriers.
—Lynn Barbieri, Great Barrington, MA

I am requesting that the FCC reclassified Internet service providers as title 2 common carriers. The ISP should only be delivering content and not controlling that content. The "fast lane" idea is one that will kill the internet as well as future innovators.
—Dennis Cooper, selah, WA

Net Neutrality, in it's purist form, is, has been, and will continue to be the engine of humanity's evolution. It is the equal opportunity that Americans have stamped on almost every job application they have ever filled out. The internet, when affordable and and functioning at equal capacity and efficiency for everyone, allows the college student to to create the social media website that rises to the top. The one that passes all other social media of it's kind. It allows a pair of college students to decide that a different kind of social media can be maintained simultaneously with the first. Make it quicker. Make it more streamline. Make it's individual messages shorter. A third success story of Net Neutralty is Netflix. The company that doused the flickering embers of movie rental stores and made movie entertainment available to us en masse and at the touch of a button. This allowed for Hollywood to make more money, allowed new ways of entertainment to spring up. It revived classics. It breathed life into older movies that never had it at their time. None of this will be possible in the future if Net Neutrality as it is now is changed in the way that is proposed. It would be impossible for a college student to design and launch a streaming service. It would be impossible for an inspired individual in their home office, sitting at their computer to build a website that could give Amazon.com a run for their money. The proposed changes allowing for the monopolizing internet service providers to allow a "fast lane" is complete and total garbage. I am an AT&T customer. I have been for quite some time. When I purchased my first smartphone, I subscribed to the Unlimited Data Plan. Sometimes I really relied on not having to worry about going over my limit, but most months I didn't. And then AT&T cancelled their unlimited plan, and began to punish their customers who still carried, and were grandfathered in to that plan, by throttling their data speeds. After I passed 1 gigabyte of data used (HALF of their smallest data plan) my internet functionality began moving incredibly slow. So slow that sometimes I couldn't even send a text message. Checking my email was out of the question. Thankfully I never got lost during this time, because I had been throttled so severely that my map app wouldn't even populate a map of the area I was in. I called AT&T and complained. They insisted that functionality of the device and the service was not guaranteed, and that was built in to my contract with them. I held firm, and soon the news was reporting of many many lawsuits piling up against AT&T for throttling. Basically all one had to do was show that they had an Unlimited Data Plan and that they had been throttled, and they were awarded restitution in a civil suit. I have seen the chart of Netflix download speeds and how it relates to the timing of their "cooperation" with Comcast. Having lived through it, I can tell you personally and honestly that Netflix wasn't "taken out of the fast lane". They were throttled to an incredibly slower speed. And done so intentionally. In short; Netflix was bullied by Comcast. Allowing for the opening and the usage of a "fast lane" is allowing the monopoly of Comcast to bully large internet based companies. And completely and totally destroys the possibility of new, or smaller services to thrive. Not only does this "fast lane" perpetuate Comcasts monopoly, but it also sustains makes the internet giants already in place untouchable. It is counterintuitive to a free market- to a capitalistic society. Comcast will lose potential new internet giants as customers, and all hope of a small company launching a new service into contention with these giants impossible. Do not allow Comcast to create this fast lane. Do not allow them to bully companies into submission and extra fees. As a citizen of The United States of America, I vote no to the fast lane. Make it fast for all.
—Robert A Saunders Jr, Charlottesville, VA

For many seniors, the internet is their lifeline.
—Enid Cox, Vancouver, WA

Freedom
—John Oliver Dörksen, Hamburg,

You're the FCC. THe entire point of your existence was to ensure everyone has equal access to information. Why are you turning your back on your own cause? Don't let the corporate fascists win.
—Amy Simmons, Cookeville, TN

Keep Net Neutrality to avoid subjecting those least able to afford increased cost for net access. Current system is a fairer process than is being proposed. We have enough greed and special treatment for the 'haves' to the detriment of society as a whole.
—Wilbert Morris, Raleigh, NC

Internet provider are throwing us under the bus.
—John Kichner, Fort Wayne, IN

The internet is a crucial part of my connection with clients and suppliers. An internet controlled by big corporations would hurt me economically!
—Terri Weinstein, Coral gables, FL

do it!
—Walter P. Kogut, Clay, NY

You know who else controls information available to the public? Communists. Greedy, power hungry, communists. Shame on you.
—Brittany, Donovan, IL

Without net neutrality we'll see a drastic drop in the competitiveness and survival rates of smaller websites.
—Damon Copeland, Ocoee, FL

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE!!! STOP KOWTOWING TO CORPORATIONS
—Micah Thompson, Tyler, TX

The FCC's proposed rules are one more step in the direction towards a country totally dominated by those with the most money. Our democracy is fast becoming a plutocracy, and net neutrality is vital to warding off total domination by the wealthy corporate one%.
—Betty Trentlyon, New York, NY

All users should be treated equal, I demand Net Neutrality
—Eric Eric Ernstsen, grand junction, CO

We don't need a Putenesque government committee taking away our freedoms here. The internet is free for a reason, and needs to stay that way. Mega bucks corporations already have more rights in this country than individuals do. Don't do this. It could be the straw that breaks the back of the people and we'd finally revolt.
—Ms. Christine Smith, San Antonio, TX

Our greatest asset in this age of connectivity and information access, is the internet. If it gets monopolized and or restricted in any way, we will that great asset and will go into an age of corporate rule through proxy and wealth. The day that the poorest of kids can learn and grow up to be a great scientist through the unrestricted access of information on a neutral internet, will be gone. Think on that, and how this can be a stepping stone for corporations in the wrong direction for us the people to be bullied and leeched on by them.
—Christopher Matthew Mosley, Port Allen, LA

Please don't change the internet. I like it just the way it is.
—Katie Miller, Lakeside, CA

It's critical for free speech to maintain an open internet.
—Marko Cekic, Austin, TX

I pay for my internet the same as I pay for my water. Don't limit my water OR my internet!
—Allison Bailey Beard, brighton, CO

The Cable companies are becoming monopolies and you are standing by and letting them get away with it. Do you not think the public will have a negative back lash towards everything you are doing? If they go through with this and we are charged for everything on the internet they will look to you as if you made it possible and speculations of paid under the table will surface and your credibility will be shot. These are the least of MY concerns our internet should be free from monopolies and only be regulated by you.
—Michael Boyd, Germantown, TN

The internet is a right, not something to be controlled by the FCC! Little by little FCC among others, government included, are attempting to take away all the rights of the people. The American have a right and expectation of privacy and freedom on the web. Your time and money would be better served controlling the media and insure truth is reported not lies and corruption. All meetings like shown in the video we just watched are the a forum for debate, when you don't like what is being said, you have NO RIGHT to remove the speaker. The FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality!!!
—SJ Osterlund, Sacramento, CA

I can't believe this is even up for debate. Stop allowing money to drive your decision process and leave the Internet alone.
—Morgan Pierce, Clackamas, OR

Net neutrality is crucial to our democratic society. Do something right (for a change).
—Reese Nank, Chicago, IL

Watch John Oliver's video about Net Neutrality. Even though it is supposed to be a comedy show, he pretty much nails the argument against letting the cable companies control who gets the "fast lane" on the internet. The internet should be regulated as a common carrier. That would insure true "net neutrality".
—Jason Smith, Carmichael, CA

I don't want a two tiered Internet created as it is discriminatory..
—Carol McMahon, Placerville, CA

Keep the internet free for all users. Big corporations have no business in determining who has access to the internet. It needs to be an open access source for everyone.
—Collette Tegen, Two Rivers, WI

The internet is for EVERYBOY!!! NOT just the super rich!!! Keep it free for ALL!!
—Mary, Ny, NY

It is obvious that this entire show is simply another means for transferring wealth to certain private-sector interests--In the same way that all public media has been suborned.
—Terrence I Richards, INDIO, CA

If I have to explain then you need a new job.
—Robert O'Connor, Pleasant Gap, PA

What in the hell is wrong with you, Wheeler? You're giving away the internet to big business interests that will automatically take the internet out of the hands of the People. Were you bought and paid for? The Internet is the true voice of the People. Are you afraid of that voice?
—Vivian Capritto, decautr, GA

The fact that the FCC did not laugh out loud when a slow and a fast lane were suggested is disappointing, frightening, and ultimately evil. Anyone over there ever go to college??? Maybe if you did you took a class on ethics? Or democracy? Or American history?
—Amy Pancake, Austin, TX

What is happening to America?
—Zoe Carman, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Net Neutrality must be preserved and uncompromised to maintain freedom of information, competition, and creativity. Net Neutrality must only be in service of the common people and not for mega corporations whose aim is only profit and not service!
—Dan Lara, Chicago, IL

PLEASE MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY NOW!
—Richard Kramer, Akron, OH

Please keep the Internet open and accessible to all, not just those who can afford it and profit from it by reselling it to consumers.
—Dan Osmundson, Greenfield, IN

A neutral internet is crucial both for maintain democracy and for spurring innovation. Eliminating it only helps large corporations who need no help and who would only make things worse for most Americans if given more power. I love the internet and I frequent some pretty obscure sites. Please uphold net neutrality.
—Sarah Magidson, New Haven, CT

Don't let money buy America. Don't make citizens second class to Corporations.
—Gary Lawson, Fort Lauderdale, FL

If corporations are allowed to run the country, then the country is no longer a democracy. There is no equality if only the rich have a say in what happens.
—John Zarick, Mason, OH

Lets keep the Internet a level playing field for everyone.
—Geoff Giovan, Charlestown, RI

I live in an area that can only get television and radio through cable (a canyon). It is rural. Therefore, I don't have TV and get ALL my news, emergency alerts etc. either through the internet or on my phone (internet, basically). What about people like us? Don't we matter to ANYONE?
—Sherry L. Meddick, Silverado, CA

Keep the Internet a level playing field for all users not just those who have $$$
—Karen ciavarini, mapleville, RI

It will help foster new ideas and services and help keep monopolies in check. So many of our public utilities and services have the last mile to our homes and we have little or no choice in who we get our Internet from. Keeping the net neutral will benefit the consumer and everyone else including businesses by keeping a level playing field.
—Chris fatzer, Englewood, NJ

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that all voices have a chance to be heard.
—Tery Gohsman, Millington, MI

Keep real net neutrality. The internet should be made a necessity, like telephone communications, under FCC rules. If the FCC chairman continues this push President Obama should remove him from his position. Ending true net neutrality would be disastrous for this nation. Sincerely, Nancy Bennett
—Nancy Bennett, Winslow, IL

GREED GREED GREED GREED. WHY? Comcast and all the other internet providers make enough damn money. Why do the rest of us have to suffer for other peoples greed? Maybe the US government wants to limit how much the people of the world communicate with each other. so it can try to contain how much people know of its dirty deeds. This is ridiculous. and tragic.
—michelle Davidson, tempe, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Robert Conant, boynton beach, FL

Net neutrality means equal access for rich and poor. So my speech is just as accessible to all as a corporation with billions of dollars. It competition vs monopoly. It is capitalism vs oligarchy. You choose.
—Christina McGinnis, San diego, CA

I have my own website because I freelance part time. I rely on an open internet that subscribes to the tenets of net neutrality so prospective clients can access samples of my work as quickly and unencumbered as possible. I'm just an individual, here, trying to do honest business. FCC, please do not punish me for this by ending net neutrality. If prospective clients can't access my website with the ease they currently do, it will hurt my prospects. Please, FCC, do the right thing and preserve net neutrality.
—Paul Hanna, Somerville, MA

The United States is for the people and by the people, not for the corporations and by the corporations.
—Kay Brown, Grand Rapids, MI

Right is Right!
—Mr. Greg Gentry, Ruckersville, VA

Net neutrality gives me the freedom to choose content providers and access inforation regardless of the company who ran the last mile of wire to my home. We need to ensure no conflict of interest gets in the way of non-discriminatory access to information.
—Joseph Mink, Florham Park, NJ

The internet is the greatest source of free speech our planet has ever known. It has allowed for a great opportunity to share our common heritage, share thoughts, and ideas that help all life on this planet. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you for listening
—Pete Andress, Omaha, NE

A free and open internet is vital to our democracy and should not be controlled by a few large corporations. Internet companies should be common carriers like any other utility company. Thank you.
—Jason White, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is important due to the abysmal state of internet provider choice throughout much of the country. Allowing companies to prioritize their own content will only provide more problems.
—Jonathan T. L. Riggin, Malvern, AR

I want to see the that the wolf guarding the henhouse is not just a shill for the telecoms although I am certain he is.
—James Hand, Columbus, IN

what are you guys doing ? it has been free for a long time and it works so why try to change it do you think the co op's need to make money off some thing that is free i do not want to pay for a faster seep or any more money that i am right now to use it
—Glenn D Condra, gulfport, MS

What you propose is not "Net neutrality"Im mad as hell !! This is BS
—John Lisifka, Portland, OR

I am an elderly disabled woman who believes that taking away one more right by taking away net neutrality is just another case of politicians selling out to corporations. It is our internet - not Verizon's or Comcast's.
—Eileen Casey, Rock Hill, SC

Money is power. Not everyone has enough money to be able to view everything. In this way, net neutrality protects equality. Without net neutrality, the government is indirectly controlling who can see what. That is a form of propaganda.
—Marie Techman, Charlottesville, VA

Real net neutrality is important to me and my family because we want full service internet access, not limited streaming access to only those providers who have paid more for faster feed. The end result will be that public will pay more to ISPs who are already making huge profits, who will control what can be watched without a lot of pixelation, broken audio and video. Nothing like making this a country whose information is controlled by a few large corporations. Talk about supporting inequality.
—Kent Wilson, Glenview, IL

If it ain't broke, don't fixit. Time for the law to catch up with technology..this emerging industry should be REGULATED as a utility...electric or telephone are older technology, but similar. I want all users to have equal access and speed on the net..this encourages innovation.
—Dav Jon Cooper, Quarryville, PA

It is our first amendment right to have this freedom.
—Amy, Stanhope, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because I BARELY USE MOST OF THE STUPID SITES YOU WANNA STREAMLINE. I work for an evil cable company, I see your shady practices everyday. Its so pathetic. DO YOU EVEN LIFT FAGGOT I'LL FUCKIN WRECK YOU IRL
—Nope, Donttouchmyinternetville,

Everything that has revolutionized our way of life in this country comes from entrepreneurs. The internet is the ultimate platform, by which these technologies and lifestyle revolutions have been launched in the past 20 years. Creating a 2 teir system necessarily stifles entrepreneurship and grants power to large corporations. If these rules were in place 20 years ago, we probably wouldn't have seen Amazon, Facebook, Google, or 10s of thousands of other successful startups that have since used the Internet as a launching pad. They The Internet is and should alway remain neutral. It is the ultimate tool in freedom of expression, and by extension, the 1st amendment. Millions of jobs have been created by Internet start ups in the past decade and will continue to be a source of economic growth, if left neutral. I implore you, PLEASE SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY. Sincerely, Jason A. Pedwell
—Jason Pedwell, Sammamish, WA

I support net neutrality and oppose a two-tier system.
—Jacqueline Birnbaum, Bronxville, NY

Net Neutrality is important because the Internet was created neither by nor for the companies/corporations that want to run it. It is not theirs. It is everyone's.
—Bisnca Delfosse, Coatepec,

The public should have control of the internet not corporations who only believe in the bottom line. It is outright discrimination if you go through with this. Net neutrality that everyone will be treated equally which is what this world has been striving for for ages. Going against that idea is a mockery to human history and its improvements.
—Ybb Villegas, North York,

Do not allow corporations to control the internet! The internet is us, the citizens, corporations should not be allowed to control it for their benefit! Its wrong and should be illegal.
—Jesse Drenner, Portland, OR

Keep this a level playing field for all. This is America, for Heaven's sake! Land of the free!
—Judith Prager, Redondo Beach, CA

There is a enormous need for citizens to rise up and defend net neutrality—also known as the First Amendment of the Internet, because it provides the guarantee of free speech online for all.
—Dayve C. Torres, San Antonio, TX

Community is more important than profit. Let the internet remain equally available to all users regardless of financial circumstance.
—Jenalee Joslyn, Portland, OR

Please abandon the proposed net neutrality rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Marc Cogburn, Texarkana, AR

This is a direct attack on one of the founding principles of the United States. The idea that anyone with a good idea can work to make a better life for themselves goes out the window when only rich corporations can afford a fast website. There will be no "next Google" or "next Facebook" because the little guy well never be able to compete on equal footing.
—Jeremy Harris, Charlotte, NC

Please help protect a truly free internet!
—Rick Mynatt, Overland Park, KS

I'm a caregiver for my niece & nephew due to family tragedy. We barely afford our bills with the cheapest of utilities & no luxuries like going out. If internet prices raise and/or speeds slow even more how will I be able to educate my kids? The library closes at 7pm & has 2 computers with internet. I've enrolled them in the best educational programs I can. Homework is frequently assigned to use technology, especially for my 7th grade journalism student. I can't give them much in life, but at least I bought I could get them a good education. Not without Net Neutrality. Please, consider the young kids of today & their obstacles in a failing education system. Thank you.
—Julie, St. Petersburg, FL

I write to 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.
—P Bryer, Eugene, OR

because it's what the internet is based off of.
—Logan Mailandt, Franklin, WI

Because giant corporations should not be allowed to control every single aspect of my life.
—Julie Ashurst, Springfield, MO

The internet must remain an even playing field if we are to continue to innovate. We cannot bow to the greed and power of the largest corporations simply because they can afford to lobby and ultimately sue for what they want. They're only allegiance is to their shareholders - yours needs to be for the good of the American citizen.
—Mark Vargas, Woodland Hills, CA

The government and corporations have entirely too much power in this country. The internet is the ONLY force equalizer for the freedom of speech for the common citizen in this country. Net Neutrality should be protected with every bit as much zeal as the Bill of Rights, not the least of which is the First Amendment. The FCC was commissioned to work for the public good and protect the public trust, NOT to be a puppet for big corporations who already control too much in this country.
—Robert Meservey, Seguin, TX

Please re-draft the internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should not be a fast lane for the rich.
—Donna Rowland, Seattle, WA

We need to maintain net neutrality for all of us. Throw out the new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Randi Smith, Salt Lake City, UT

Letting capitalists condone inequality for the sake of increasing already outrageous profits is truly criminal. Comcast, Time Warner, and Verizon have created the mythical "bandwith hog" to convince internet users to turn on each other instead of attacking the telecommunications monopolies and their strategically inadequate infrastructure. Since socioeconomic inequality is logically and historically inseparable from inequality based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and nationality, the telecommunications companies' "fast track" policy will naturally reinforce all forms of inequality on a global scale.
—Lauren Kay, West Bloomfield, MI

It's too bad the FCC has chummed up with their corporate pals, yet again. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they sided with the average American once in a while instead of the big money team they are so slavishly devoted.
—Mr. Jim Whitworth, Ucluelet, BC

Please keep the internet neutral. We need access to all information and it should not depend on whether or not you can pay for it. Our choices are already limited to a handful of players now. If you allow money into the mix we will surely lose all neutrality. The internet must remain FREE.
—Roberta Renshaw, Winsted, CT

Is this actually still happening? The internet is public space. We don't have a special Central Park for rich people. Stop embarrassing everybody. Net neutrality is common sense.
—Gregory Andrew Nasif, Brookline, MA

Selling the goods of the commons will ruin the economy. If you want to sell the future of your children for a few dollars then go ahead let the bribery system prevail. If you want to kill the last thing the American economy has going for it. Allow for privatization of the internet super highway. It is my strong belief that the only accomplishment you will make is an ass out of yourself. When prices get ridiculous competition will come in. There comes a point when people get tired of the bullshit. How long did it take for the workers during the American industrial revolution to come together and start the most powerful unions in the world? My points are simple. 1 You'd be an ass to be a sell out and allow "Net Neutrality" aka non neutral fuck the poor. 2 You would ruin future businesses before they take off.
—William, plano, TX

Net neutrality is important to me. Enough is enough. This medium, this internet constitutes the closest and only thing we the people have to give voice to our positions. Don't sell it away as so much in our country has already been. I am not wealthy. I work for a living and cannot afford TV. Considering most of the crap on commercial or cable TV these days. I'm probably not missing much. Destroy net neutrality though and you will take away what I do have... the internet as we know it. The internet is my only source of communication, entertainment, information and educational resources. Destroy net neutrality and that will be gone when corporations own it. They will not use it in a fashion that benefits the greatest number of Americans. They will do what has been done with everything else they touch... turn a profit for the fewest people.
—Patricia Watson, Garland, TX

Public Utilities are essential elements in a Democracy which protect citizens from having necessities such as clean water, energy and mail subject to the subject to the manipulations of wealth, profit and artificial scarcity. The free and open flow and exchange of information is equally essential in a democracy. We cannot allow this essential means of communication to be dominated by private concerns and commercial priorities. One of the foundations of our nation is a rejection of arbitrary and hereditary authority.
—Lawrence Jasud, Memphis, TN

Make decisions for the American people,.. not the international corporate power lobby. Or. Make a decision for corporate power and be an object of net ridicule from now on. Your choice. Somehow, I assume you are so dumb and greedy that you will grab the money flowing into your secret bank account from the corporate elite and eventually die, just like everyone else. Duh uh uh uh..uh uh uh uhhhh.
—Ron McComb, PORTLAND, OR

Freedom and democracy in our country rely on unbiased access to information. To continue having our voices heard, to continue to share injustices being done, to continue to have unrestricted access to information America needs net neutrality.
—Dawn A Pearce, Portland, OR

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—Ron McComb, Portland, OR

We all know striking down net neutrality is wrong and that it should be up held for all the little guys and start ups to give them at least a chance.
—Neil Laljie, winter garden, FL

The internet has spoken, make broadband internet ISPs common carriers.
—Howard Hicks, Virginia Beach, VA

This proposal is outrageous. Enough is enough. Leave the internet alone and let us all continue to use the internet equally without tiers or levels equated to financial cost. Things are expensive enough. Net neutrality is absolutely essential for the ability of all Americans to continue use this amazing resource without placing limitations on anyone for any reason. I am sick of being controlled by big business. It can't ONLY BE ABOUT WHATS GOOD FOR THEM. WHAT ABOUT WHATS GOOD FOR US ??
—Joan Seiden, Westbury, NY

There is no single person in any home, any town, any city, any state, no region of the United States and no region of the world, where people will not be outraged to discover how deeply this proposal will bring us even further into the depths of failure as a nation and a society as a whole.
—Emily Nguyen, Platteville, CO

Creating monopolies is the worst. With competition, everything can flourish and more money can be made in the long term.
—Chris Texidor, Guayama, PR

It just is. How is it not?
—Rocknrobert06@hotmailcom, Anchorage, AK

WE DEMAND REAL NET NEUTRALITY!!! No fast or slow lanes. Everyone at the same speed, just like phone calls.
—Lawrence Tetenbaum, Plainview, NY

everyone needs to be able to access info they need without outside limits
—Fran, lindenhurst, NY

Everyone should have equal rights to express themselves the way they need to and do the things they need to do! I have a slow Internet as it is due to my financial challenges and slowing down my Internet *more*---that makes it even worse! I need to be able to do things and to express myself (the Internet has enabled me to do things I never have done before!) so please hear this and do the right thing. NET NEUTRALITY!
—Carolyn J Cox, San Diego, CA

Be honest FCC internet service providers are common carriers. For right by the American public.
—L Parker, Everett, WA

Keep the net neutral, don't let Chinese mentality ruin a part of the "free" Western culture!
—Douglas Rice, Cincinnati, OH

dear fcc please preserve net neutraility
—Dave Delson, boca raton fl,, FL

Back in the 1980's or early 1990's, a case could have been made that the internet was not an essential public utitity. The case was weak even then, as the net was quickly becoming ubiquitous. To make such a case today is absolutely absurd. As an essential feature of the world we live and operate in today, it is crucial that the internet be open to all on equal basis. To allow a two-teired structure is totally incompatible with any pretense of fair and equal treatment of all traffic, which is absolutely necessary for the net to function properly for all users. Make no mistake -- no matter what semantic dressing is put on it, a two tiered net is not neutral. To say that you will allow priority service arrangements but not allow carriers to disadvantage non-prioritized traffic is an inherent oxymoron -- the carriers will simply define an unusably slow lane as "standard" service, thereby forcing anyone who wants acceptable service to pay more. This will totaly destroy the net's usefulness for most users, both providers and consumers of services, with unknowable but undoubtedly serious consequences. It will also likely do serious damage to the US economy as the rest of the developed world is unlikely to fall for such nonsense, and will therefore gain a tremendous competitve advantage by having a more usable system.
—Robert A Console, Stow, MA

America's citizens need the FCC to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers in the interest of fairness and protecting net neutrality for everyone.
—Lana Andrea, Pearland, TX

The internet is a resource that collectively belongs to the citizens and no business entity (or entities) has the right to tilt the entire pinball machine, so to speak, towards their own interests. The citizens of the United States paid, through their tax dollars, for their development of the internet, and their use of it, whether in content/service consumption or in content/service creation and dissemination, must never be diminished to a second class degree of access, reach, or speed.
—Jamie Bryan, New York, NY

Pure and simple corporate greed....The whole idea of it simply disgusts me
—John DeVoe, Monmouth, OR

To the FCC.... Please throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. NE....
—Nicole English, Kansas City, MO

It is important for me to have the freedom to choose to listen, watch or read religious programs and material at the same bandwidth regardless of who has the ability to pay more money to push their own agenda. The same can be said for other types of programs, movies, books or any other material. All people should have the right to the same privileges regardless of wealth, race, religion, sexual orientation or any other difference. Keep the Internet in the domain of all people at the same speed which the people themselves are paying the ISPs to have. Corporations rely on the people not the other way around!
—David Viles, Alma, AR

The internet is an important venue to obtain information without interference and biasies designed to favor large corporations. This must remain so.
—Kelli Winslow, San Diego, CA

I use the internet daily. If it were slower for me because big users paid for faster service, it would impact my life (and surely millions of other users) every day.
—David Stickell, Tampa, FL

The internet is one of mankind's greatest achievements. It allows people from all over the world to share information. To allow it to be corporatized would jeopardize access to inividuals who have good information to share but lack funds to publish it.
—Joel Weisberger, Fallbrook, CA

Don't destroy the internet! We want the internet to be available to everyone at reasonable rates. The control of the internet should not be in the hands of a few large corporations. The internet should not become a toll highway.
—Eugene Shepherd, Silver Springs, FL

Keep the internet open and free for the people! Stop this rediculous and obviouse abuse of corporate power. This is a sham and is not democracy.
—Britt Holdren, Holiday, FL

Commissioners: The internet belongs to the public and should not be for sale. Say no to the special interest and do what is right for the public that has placed its trust in you.
—Linda Thompson, Houston, TX

The internet must not become yet another exclusive property of the rich; don't unjustifiably take more from those who have the least (but are the vast majority of Americans). Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, rather than creating an apartheid internet!
—Donna L Allen, Glendale, AZ

To favor the wealthy (read corporations) over the single user (read limited funds) is cynical, unfair and un-American. Please keep the internet as it is. Thank you.
—Elizabeth Cotton, Encinitas, CA

Please do not allow net neutrality to die!! The democracy of the internet is unbelievably beautiful and should not be ruined by cable companies greed. We are paying attention. Do not fuck this up.
—Margaret Hannah, Athens, GA

The internet belongs to the people, not to large hypocrite companies who would take advantage of us.
—Murphy Thibodeau, Barboursville, VA

Let's keep the Internet democratic.
—Angela Palmisono, Hialeah, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it levels the playing field of American innovation without ripping people off financially. It is a UTILITY and should be governed as such.
—K Christensen, Baldwin Park, CA

Net neutrality allowed innovative start-ups to challenge and eventually overtake dominant brands (as Facebook supplanted MySpace). That won't happen any more under Chairman Wheeler's plan. Is it any wonder that the economy remains in the tank when Democrats and Republicans collude to do the bidding of lobbyists, thereby expanding Washington's anti-small business, anti-middle class policies? ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.
—Thomas Denman, New York, NY

Tom Wheeler, I do not approve of the proposed changes to the current Internet rules. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. The proposed changes are against the wishes of the majority of the users of the Internet and are not in their Interests. You clearly represent other Interests. Mr Wheeler, you appear to be a delivery boy for the large service providers, and should not be in the job if you push the proposed unwanted changes. Shame!
—Rod Spencer, Bayswater,

Without Net Neutrality we have no democracy. We cannot allow the corporations to end Net Neutrality.
—Miriam Mellman, Oakland, CA

I am a librarian, and know that an informed people and viable civilization need free, open-access to a variety of information unhindered by prohibitive corporate pricing and corralling into information-poor consumer-ghettos.
—Jonathan D. Boyne, Honolulu, HI

I am a 94 yr. old female and being able to use my computer is very important. I am able to keep up with ffamily and what is going on in this world, Don't take away my one important pleasure in my old age. And, so it is with my friendss.
—Jayne Beck, Verdugo City, CA

Do not end net neutrality. DO NOT ALLOW these companies to have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kervyn Dimney, PEYTON, CO

Free speech should be "free"
—Sarah Wilson, Republic, WA

Thank you for accepting comments. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please don't listen to special interests, but to the common people. We are America!
—Stephanie Unick, Kearney, NE

We already have a police state...a free internet preserves a bit of democracy.
—Jim Bowne, Ashland, OR

Keep the internet fair for everyone!
—Rosanna Lam, Sydney,

Keep net neutrality. I work at home and need access to internet for work. Dividing the net into a slow lane and a fast lane would mean higher work related expenses.
—Marie Garside, Simi Valley, CA

The corporations have done enough to hurt, cheat, and steal for the general population. Allowing this is just another tool in their toolbox to defeat us and keep us down farther.
—Leslye Thomas, Homosassa, FL

This is the United States of America, not the Corporate States of America. We the people are the voice and strength of this nation, and the rules being proposed for the internet are designed solely to support the desires of the corporate state. The net is the ultimate expression of freedom of speech and commerce, and should remain neutral to all, with no group ever receiving favoritism of any kind. The net should remain open and free!
—Michael Heinsohn, Minneapolis, MN

Having a tiered internet wouldn't be a fair system for everyone.
—Derek Srisaranard, Elmhurst, NY

Dear FCC: Net neutrality is necessary for democracy. Please deny discrimination on internet. Henry Hulter MD
—Henry N N, san rafael, CA

Dear FCC, Are you trying to slow down the improvement of our education and advancement of knowledge? Passing these rules is absolutely absurd and will do just that. Why is it that when our economy is down, the middle class is non existent and the only upper class are the 1 percenters, you are trying to pass these ridiculous rules for the internet and kick us while we are down. This process is completely backwards as well. I can sort of understand why cable companies are charging more for HD channels, its a newer technology and therefore more expensive, but this is ass backwards. You will be making the good internet worse. You are trying to change the internet for the benefit of larger companies.... do you not see the issue with this? What about the smaller ones which the entire country relies on to have a strong economy? Or the children that in order to finish their homework in a timely manner, they need to research information on the internet... now it will take them longer because huge companies "need more money"? Why would anyone even think of changing something like this for this reason? It would be a catastrophe. Please hear our words and DO NOT PASS THESE RULES.. Thank You, Stephen Way
—Stephen Way, Boston, MA

Don't let these companies rule the internet and it's access and speed. We should all be entitled to the same quality internet for the same cost, internet is freedom, internet is education and it is our future.
—Cassandra-Lee March-Brown, Gold Coast,

The USA should show the rest of the world the meaning of freedom instead of selling out the future of the Internet to the highest bidder.
—Dr. Matthias Doblies, Glienicke,

We need neutral Internet to allow us to see and do anything we please without large companies moving in and controlling what we can do or how fast we can do it.
—C Warren Pope, Asheville, NC

I depend on the Internet for my daily entertainment, and implementing these new rules would be very disastrous.
—CB Horton Jr., Old Hickory, TN

If your proposal goes through, not only will there be a two-tiered Internet, ISP's will charge customers more as well as companies like Netflix. As a senior on a fixed income, I would no longer be able to afford Internet access. The United States is already behind in access to the Internet. We also pay a higher price for what access we get. And, our speeds are slower. Your proposal only makes things worse, not better.
—D Bell, Veradale, WA

Net Neutrality means that everyone has the freedom to use the internet and not be discriminated against. With the internet being such an important tool in the 21st centruy, net neutrality is extremely important to everyone, not just me!
—Livne Ore, Auckland,

Without Net Neutraliy, when trying to watch a show on Netflix, my provider could show it down or stop it, because I am not using there service. Or a Large Company could pay the provider 'a extra fee' to be sure they get the data faster then my company and I look out on a bid for a contract.
—Michael Pennington, West Palm Beach, FL

The Internet is a stronghold of the First Amendment. We, the people of the U.S.A., need a free and open Internet more than any corporation needs excess money.
—Caitlin Savino, Ithaca, NY

Small business cannot survive a change that abandons NET NEUTRALITY - the dominant players got there and some of them want to freeze the playing field to maintain and improve their present advantage that size and existing position gives them.
—Richard C Dacosta, FONTHILL,

It is time our government agencies started looking out for the general population instead of the Corporations. It is VITAL that those of us with fixed incomes and most of the population to be able to have access to the same internet quality. Corporations do not have a social conscience and eventually the fees would be way too high. Thanks for listening.
—Yvette Schultenover, Grand Rapids, MN

Your website crashed monday due to volume. I guess you need to pay more for your internet access.
—Todd Kerekes, Manchester, NH

I am an entrepreneur. My business depend on affordable assess to the internet to grow my business. Ending Net Neutrality will be a big setback to thousands of small businesses across our country. Therefore I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We can compete under this standard.
—Ume Opara, Piscataway, NJ

Mega-Corp Emperors are systematically removing all competition, consolidating their monopolies and pumping cash and personnel into the regulatory system. These actions are un-American, anti-free market and are corruption based power grabs. Lack of action by the FCC to crumple these proposed rules and toss them directly into the trash demonstrates that it is now nothing more then a department within the mega-corp infrastructure. The fact that these rules were even propsed is disgraceful, despicable and unworthy of respect. Resign now before you further dishonor your offices.
—Jeff Gourdouze, BOYNTON BEACH, FL

An open and free internet is vital to our democracy.
—Trisha Steel, Laytonville, CA

It's outrageous to allow tiered access to a communications system that has become essential to the way every person in the developed world conducts their daily lives. ISPs should be common carriers and mega communication networks must not be allowed to interfere even more than they already do with the distribution of information. This kind of servitude to monolithic corporate interests is how capitalism has become a dirty word and democracy a fading notion.
—Mary Read, London,

The internet clearly functions as a public utility and must be reclassified as such. Net Neutrality is essential to truly preserve, because we cannot sustain a society in which access to this method of communication depends on one's wealth.
—Tora Huntington, Pittsfield, MA

Net neutrality is vital. I would like to start be saying whatever comments from the public actually reach you at the FCC is without doubt a mere fraction of the opinions against these mergers. Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of Americans are too busy working their butts off to scrape together a semblance daily life to stop and listen to the extremely boring, tedious, ramblings of those trying to force feed us assurances while plotting massive profits and screw-overs. Not to say you're bad people or intend for this move to go where we all know it is going, but let's be honest and admit money over everything (including freedoms and people) is the rule not the exception. Call me crazy, but when I look around at the results of limited or no market competition, self-regulation of powerful entities/industries, and a culture withering on principles of greed and corruption, it's not difficult to see THIS DOESN'T WORK! The most beautiful, impressive, and critical aspect of the internet center directly on the ability of information to flow equally and freely. Don't spit on people on tell us it's raining. Fast vs superhighway fast...right. Like dead or kind of dead. Right now we're talking about 2 speeds, but that won't last. Just look at TimeWarrener speeds and prices and tell me that won't explode. I hear the argument that companies have a right to make profits; but last time I checked that was not an actual right. If it is I would like to institute rights for non-cushing student loans in higher education, quality affodable health care, breathing clean air, drinking clean water, but I digress. No where in the Constitution does it say make money or restrict the flow of communication for profit (I know because I read it). Say this out loud just once so the denial is open: THE INTERNET IS NOT BROKEN AND THESE NEW RULES WILL DESTROY IT! I'm not a techy, but as an everyday consumer having just graduated from law school I can tell when liberties are in danger of eroding. Mark my words, we have already ventured down this dark, twisted path (e.g. agriculture, fossil fuels, housing market, financial lending, need I go on) and it FAILS every dang time! I for one am tired of watching Americans repeatedly burn their hands, because we continue to trust those in power (or those with money) when they tell us "touch the stove. It's not hot." Breaking news this stove is hot as hell! Wake up and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and throw out these new FCC rules.
—Jennifer Wells, Dallas, TX

Because I paid for it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Eileen Arena, Old Bridge, NJ

Dear Mr. Chairman, It seems extraordinary that the FCC is about to give away the Internet, originally envisioned by J.C.R. Licklider of MIT in August 1962 as a "Galactic Network". A concept, which he saw as a globally interconnected set of computers through which "everyone" could quickly access data and programs from any site. Now the FCC is about to give it to private corporations AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create 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. What you are about to do will affect not just our generation but all generations to come. It will help the current trend of the oligarchs to gain more and more power over the common man. Now I know you see yourself as one of the "ruling class" I'm sure you have many rich and powerful friends, But understand and remember this, throughout history no amount of money, no amount of power has ever sustained those who hold it forever, eventually the common man regains what he has lost. Losing the freedom of the Internet will be a step in the wrong direction. The FCC will be on the wrong side of history if this decision goes in favor of the AT&T, Comcast and Verizon.
—Brent Cisco, Calgary,

Do not let the big Internet service providers hijack the Internet.
—N Lupo, Grapevine, TX

The internet is tomorrows free speech media. Ending Net Neutrality is effectively placing a muzzle on the voices of the common people. Show the country that the people have the power and not the lobbyists and corporations.
—Cary Foy, Fairfield, CA

Ending net neutrality would be contrary to the public good. Simple. The government is here to serve the people, not the corporations. No individual within the government who works to end net nuetrality deserves their office because you are not here to serve the public. You are bought and paid for. It is downright sad. Bottom line: information is power in the 21st century. By ending net neutrality, the peoples access to information and therefore power would be restricted. That would be undemocratic. Do not allow this madness.
—James Cunningham, Oakland, CA

We need net neutrality to ensure acess for all. The US is not just for the rich.
—Maureen Thompson, Soledad, CA

All Internet users should have equal access without preferential high-speed services going to corporate users.
—Doug Musick, Walnut Creek, CA

Net neutrality created our tech boom--don't kill the goose that lays golden eggs.
—Martha Koester, Seattle, WA

Using the words, "Net Neutrality," to sell a plan that is the opposite of the meaning of the phrase -- a plan in which there is more than one speed available depending how much is paid for the service, is lying! The only true net neutrality comes from all users' data travelling at the same speed. The corruption and manipulation involved in these lies is, unfortunately, typical of our society today. Today's internet may be the only example of a level playing field extant. It must be kept "pure" in this regard.
—Stanley Naftaly, Santa Barbara, CA

The internet is a public domain; where every person in the world is able to connect to many other people and businesses. The possibilities are endless when connected to the internet. People use blogs to express themselves. Troubled teens can reach out for help and ask questions that their parents would never answer. Small business owners can advertise to a wider demographic than before. Artists and writers can publish their works online. In today's world, people can reach out through the internet to share their stories and experiences that would otherwise go unheard. Currently, hate crimes are being committed every few minutes around the world. The people in these countries are able to share their stories through the internet, because Western media would never think to advertise the rape and hate crimes being committed in other countries. Through the internet, these vicious crimes are being brought to light. And the criminals and political leaders are having a harder time sweeping these events under-the-rug because of the public outrage that follows. Again, this is all thanks to the internet. In the last two decades, the internet has become the voice of the people. And not just the American or Western people-but the people of the world! By fighting for Net Neutrality here in America, you in the FCC are helping to preserve the rights to everyone on the planet. You may think that bowing down to the big companies won't mean much. But without Net Neutrality, internet providers can, and will, turn biased against certain websites that have either partnerships, or are even owned, by their rivals. Without the right internet provider, a consumer might not be able to access the very website that they depend on. The internet should be listed as a public domain to prevent this atrocious act of greed. And that's all this is; the greed of the corporate conglomerates that wish to own everything-which, by the way, is completely illegal under the Sherman Act and shouldn't even be discussed in the first place! So, please, come to your senses and keep the internet neutral. For all our sakes.
—Hannah Brown, Olympia, WA

Net neutrality is the way people can connect, without discrimination or bias, and speak there mind and truly be free. If you take this away then you are what is wrong with our society. Bowing down to these corporations. Keep the internet free.
—Mark, Gray, TN

Without Net Neutrality a few giant corporations will control the speed and bandwidth of the Internet, thereby causing a de facto censorship on content they don’t like silencing voices that deserve to be heard. Only those with enough money and power will have the speed to have their voices and opinions heard in a reasonable timeframe if at all.
—Kenneth Carolus, Cincinnati, OH

Access to information is a right.
—Carolyn Waker, Louisa, VA

The internet has become almost impossible to use as it is. anyone with enough money is able to stick their nose into anything a person is trying to do. Pop Ups here, giggling to distract, Unwanted , unasked for butting in to show commercials. there is no end to it. MONEY talks, anything else, is cast aside, in a mad race to get attention. Throw them all out, Make one Public internet for everyone Public radio and TV has shown the way.
—Elmer Stenger, Bethel Park,,PA, PA

everyone should have free access to the internet and the services it provides without having to pay a corporation for the privilege to use it.
—Karralena Castaway, Limestone, ME

The Internet should be a public utility! Stop trying to hijack it it for the rich. I am not rich and I use the Internet to earn money. I need Net Neutrality protected!
—Laura Frame, Huntington, NY

ISP's are common carriers. We demand no preferential treatment. Enough of this country has been sold out already. It is time to put a stop to this corporate madness.
—Timothy Hayes, Trenton, NJ

Please protect net neutrality, and please reclassify broadband as telecommunications so that ISPs are common carriers subject to increased FCC regulation!
—Peter Gorsuch, Seattle, WA

the internet is a basic utility now. for me the internet is more important than heat. let's acknowledge that and not waste the next five years arguing about it.
—Charles Witkowski, San Francisco, CA

The internet is our second life. Just as in real life everyone should have equal rights to all public services, so should it be on the internet. Whether you are rich or poor or what ever your socio economic status may be, it should not make a difference to the content and the availability of content (including speed) available.
—Filip chlipalski, Rotterdam,

Making small businesses around the country pay more to stay competitive on the internet is crazy! It restricts competition. And given the importance of the internet in everyone's lives today, it is painfully obvious broadband providers serve as utility providers. Please do what is right and protect equal access to the internet.
—Marc Clark, Eureka Springs, AR

The Internet belongs to all the people, not a small number of corporations. That requires that all people, groups, and businesses have EQUAL access to the Internet. This requires FULL net neutrality.
—Roland Buck, Arlington Heights, IL

Internet should remain as it is, FCC do not change it....
—Angie Weiland, Cedar Rapids, IA

A uncensored and unbiased medium to exchange our thoughts and ideas is crucial to our right to free speech and a pillar of our democracy. Money is not free speech, the unhindered exchange of thoughts and ideas is free speech. Please protect our internet -- and respect our rights.
—Scott Whittington, Eureka, CA

Free speech is the foundation of true democracy. Net Neutrality is the modern version of the public square podium. Political division threatens to shut down the public square to certain people and not to others. That is discrimination.
—Rash WmFreePress, Denver, CO

Please give all online content a fair chance - don't give a fastlane to those who can pay extra!
—Richard Truong, Irvine, CA

The "fast lane" is for those who buy up and tie up politics.
—Dan Roderick Myers, Los Angeles, CA

The net belongs to the people, not the robber barons!
—Phil w, woodland hills, CA

The people are getting angrier as more and more of the freedom we have enjoyed in the past are being taken away. Now here is another proposal to show the middle class American people that they are about to lose again. The rich will afford it and the poor will get it for free. So who is really going to lose. The working middle class. (if there really is such a thing anymore)
—Lorri Vera, South Elgin, IL

Please classify the ISP as common carriers instead of letting them control the whole world. That is the kind of power controlling the internet gives them.
—Jonathan P Leone, San Antonio, TX

The proposed rules will devastate net neutrality and destroy equality of access. Vote for a democratic internet. Tom Wheeler is beholden to industry.
—Linda, Mechanicsville, MD

Compared to other countries, we have slower internet service at higher prices. Oh, and customer service is atrocious. And I have lived in two other countries, so, yeah, I have comparable data points.
—J, Pittsburgh, PA

The Internet is a Public Utility much like electricity and water. I demand neutral and equal access !
—Lisa Artino, Cleveland, OH

The world does not end at the providers' fingertips.
—Michael House, Redwood City, CA

Capitalism is broken, it's already proven how mega corporations have only benefited the upper management and politicians they buy out. It should be a CRIME for lobbyists to exist, to persuade people who are meant to represent and preserve equality for its citizens, by turning against them and turning our government into a large financial mafia. It is morally wrong, it is irrational, unreasonable, and disgusting.
—Violet Whitworth, Elk Grove, CA

Dear FCC, please reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. The future of the freedom depends on this!
—Federico Pantuliano, Buenos Aires,

The Internet is the finest tool of a true Democracy please don't sellout the American people for the sake of corporate profits!
—David Cencula, Sparks, NV

Net Neutrality mean ease of access. It also means standing against the textbook definition of a monopoly that has cropped up in the mainstream ISP providers.
—Michael D Loughner, Marietta, GA

THERE ARE FEW AREAS IN OUR LIVES WHERE THERE IS TRUE "EQUALITY" FOR ALL PEOPLE ANYMORE, IF IT EVER EXISTED AT ALL?!! THE INTERNET, FOR THE MOST PART, HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE AREAS AND IT "MUST" REMAIN SO FOR ALL PEOPLE!! THERE SHOULD NOT BE FAVORITISM, DISCRIMINATION, SOLD FOR A PRICE, EVER!!!
—Kevin D. Ogborn, MESA, AZ

The Internet belongs to the people, not the government, not corporations. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Brenda Hibdon, Evansville, IN

The Internet was built with all of our tax monies, and all the other ways we tax ourselves. It belongs in the Commons, free to all at the exact same speed. Any other use of this technology is privatization. We must start re-building our Commons. This would be a very good start. I urge that this proposal be removed permanently. We are not going away.
—Zk Kastl, sf, CA

The Internet is the de facto utility of the 21st century and must be treated as such. Please don't "fix" something that's not broken. Thank you!
—Mark Durante, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is needed to assure freedom of speech.
—John Paul Bucki, Buffalo, NY

It violates my first amendment rights and 18 usc 242 if two or more conspyer to .....
—Michael N Sexton, Bolivar, NY

If there is no net neutrality then smaller business on the net will not have the visibility needed to be successful. In addition, I would like to have control over what I can access on the web.
—Tammy Miller, nottingham, MD

The internet is the undisputed source of the mass bulk of worldly information in this digital age. It is the modern-era outlet of free speech and the expression of opinion, the dissemination of knowledge and ideas, and the collection of data. Allowing corporate interests to hold sway over which information deserves accessibility by individuals is a very direct infringement upon free speech, because the internet has, to this point, evolved openly as a forum for all information to be accessed equally.
—Paul Richard Dulaney, Fort Worth, TX

This proposed plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for everyone else. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online, and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is wrong.
—Suzanne Saunders, St. Petersburg, FL

Accessibility to information exchange should not be prioritized by socioeconomic status.
—Misty Auton, lenoir, NC

Do not cave in to corporate greed. The degradation of society is disgustingly evident. Keep net neutrality!
—Kelli, Palm Bay, FL

The internet should be PROTECTED as interstate commerce, as free speech... it should NOT be sold to the highest bidder as a vehicle for profit (another fine TEAPUBLICAN ideal!) It seems to me that FCC stands for Federal Communications commission, not FOOLS and CREEPS who screw COMMONERS! Rule for the PEOPLE, not for DISCRIMINATION on behalf of BIG MONEY! Live up to your duty! Quit even thinking of selling us all out to the highest BRIBERS!
—Richard Abel, DUBLIN, OH

This legislature will destroy an important freedom in this country. The internet needs to remain open.
—Rachel Birkentall, jersey city, NJ

Keep free speech free
—Don Webb, St Peters, MO

Equality for all makes internet work. Corporations do not need to run the system, people do.
—Inger Acking, Berkeley, CA

The FCC needs to do what is right for EVERYone, not just those who stand to make the most money in order to bribe their way into making MORE money.
—Rachelle Stults, Wichita, KS

considering that the most all main stream media is owned by 6 corporations the internet is the last stand for free speech, freedom to choose news sources and our ability to read "both" sides plus left and right of what is going on in the world. had you been doing your job in the first place and preventing monopolies within the media this problem would not have begun in the first place. when lies, half truths and smoke screens are the norm from the news medias is there any wonder that the people of the world no longer look up to and trusts the USA?
—Diana A Seymour, Johnson City, TN

It's bad enough that America is trailing so many other companies in internet access due to a lack of competition, don't let those few companies with a monopoly make things worse. For once it would be nice to see the government do something for the people besides shafting us in favor of corporations.
—Scott Peach, Energy, IL

Net neutrality protects the small players, the consumers and freedom of speech. Don't let the corporations control it.
—Helen Johnson, Ventura, CA

Net Neutrality, real net neutrality is important to me because there shouldn't be a monopoly on the internet, no one should be allowed to decide for you what kind of sites get faster internet or get so little speed that they become useless to the normal users of it. This line of thinking is not the same as when an employer decides if a woman can have insurance to birth control but it is in the same mental path. Someone else deciding what you can and cant do even though it wouldn't effect them if you had proper, neutral internet. We need that. For our businesses and capitalism in general.
—ariel Moore, Lake In The Hills, IL

Letting companies control who gets access to higher internet speeds, by paying a lot more, is unfair to those who pay for internet for housing use, but don't have the income to buy faster internet,
—Jeremiah Israel, Apple Valley, MN

Let the internet be what it was meant to be, a medium to freely inter-communicate. The lack of competition and common interests between Time Warner and Comcast, At&t and Verizon, and large conglomerates as well as Tom Wheeler, who worked with positions including President of the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) and CEO of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) seems to be quite frightening. Wikipedia in Tom Wheeler's page Net_neutrality shows: " In May 2014 over 100 internet companies including Google, Microsoft, eBay, and Facebook signed a letter to Wheeler voicing their disagreement with his plans, saying they represented a "grave threat to the Internet".[12] As of May 15, 2014, the fast lane bill passed voting with a 3/2 vote. It will now be open to public discussion that ends July 2014.[13]" Even the prior Julius Genachowski was a strong advocate of a net neutrality principle. Important, also was Michael Coops, the previous Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission displayed a prediction of what is happening in his statement : I searched in vain for the benefits (...) Pardon me, but a deal of this size should be expected to yield more than the limited benefits cited. (...) In sum, this is simply too much, too big, too powerful, too lacking in benefits for American consumers and citizens.... I would be true to neither the statute nor to everything I have fought for here at the Commission over the past decade if I did not dissent from what I consider to be a damaging and potentially dangerous deal (..) At the end of the day, the public interest requires more-much more-than it is receiving. The Comcast-NBCU joint venture opens the door to the cable-ization of the open Internet. The potential for walled gardens, toll booths, content prioritization, access fees to reach end users, and a stake in the heart of independent content production is now very real. P.S. video at: Tonight with Jon Oliver FCC.GOV/COMMENTS
—Jon Boren, Temple City, CA

Net Neutrality is vital to the continued efficient use of the internet by all! Internet users do not need to be forced into the proposed two-tiered program by large internet providers, so that only those who can afford the added fees will have access to high speed internet, while the rest of us are relegated to slower, inferior service. These large companies do not need more power...they simply need to provide reliable internet service at reasonable cost. We all need Net Neutrality, with internet service providers that are providers of a reasonably priced service---- available to all, not only those who can afford extra fees, and internet service providers that are not watchdogs for online content and application. Please review and revise the FCC's proposed Internet rules. The rules need to work for the consumer--not the large internet companies!
—Catherine Riewer, Paradise, CA

It will help keep information and differing opinions for users to make up their own mind
—Mrs. Barbara G, Naples, FL

Please do not pass rules which allow internet providers to offer higher data speeds for those who can pay more. These providers must be nothing more than common carriers. Linda Keir
—Linda Keir, Sandy, OR

The global Internet is as revolutionary as the invention of the printing press. It must always remain free for all people and all communications. Never, ever should there exist any 'authority' over, nor restriction of, the Internet. There must be absolutely no imposed fast/slow speeds or restricted sites. Neither governments nor corporations should EVER be allowed ANY control over the global Internet. NOT EVER.
—Billie Wolf, Skyland, NC

Net Neutrality is important because it is fair to everyone. The proposed internet rules of the FCC are obviously discriminatory.
—Lisa Nelson, Ada, OK

Sharing information and information accessibility is the only thing that will make our survival as a species possible. Education will be key and the internet is the best opportunity we have to create partnerships that will make the biggest difference in our world's future.
—Alison, Chicago, IL

We need to be able to access all sources at the same speed and price. If people can pay to have their sites given priority, then it will make it easy for people with money to spread rumors on the internet without anyone refuting them.
—Frederick Paper, Ann Arbor, MI

I believe Net Neutrality is directly linked to the success of small businesses. With Net Neutrality compromised, it is only a matter of time for the internet to become a bias source and skew users to well established company websites. This will consequently eliminating fair and much needed competition in all business sectors.
—Anna Abolian, Burbank, CA

The internet needs to be freely open to all. If you let it be controlled by corporations, only people with money will be able to push their agenda and their products.
—Angela Barkman, Saucier, MS

There must be an equal playing field on the internet. Don't let corporate fascism be the way of the web.
—Sharon Robinson, Tesuque, NM

Please don't allow cable, phone companies to control internet speeds. The provide a service to access the net, they don't own it.
—Julie Johnson, Union, OH

It is a paid for service that should not be regulated or controlled by third parties that have a severe conflict of interest.
—Hector ariceaga, albany, OR

A free and open internet is the last best hope against a 'Big Brother' type future. If you are having a bandwidth problem you need to create more bandwidth not unnaturally restrict ours.
—David Gignac, Norfolk, VA

Leave the Net alone! Let all of it be freely excesseble to all of us without subscription.
—Jo b. Mitchell, Seattle, WA

Please do the right thing here. Don't find another way to put the rich ahead of everyone else. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You.
—Larry Wright, Hammond, IN

How can the FCC not understand that the essence of free speech is the free and unfettered expression of opinion - popular or not - ruled "obscene" or not - FREE speech! Good heavens - without the FCC 's awareness of that - all First Amendment Rights are in jeopardy. WAKE UP FCC!
—Steve Marvin, pensacola, FL

I oppose telecom plutocracy.
—Mitchell Diamond, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet must remain neutral. The cable companies already have monopoly status, charging exorbitant prices for sub-par service and connection speeds. The government does not need to fix something that is not broken. The proposed rules should be discarded - immediately.
—Kevin Keyes, Denver, CO

Access to the wealth of information which is available on the internet should be openly available to everyone, without discrimination.
—Laura Strugnell, Madison, WI

When special interests gain control of the Internet, prices will go up and many of us will no longer be able to afford access. Please do not sell us out to the highest bidders.
—Nancy West, Rio Rancho, NM

The internet allows me to keep up with studying, educating my children, and sharing family memories. The internet should be used for that, and sharing the truth.
—Denbigh Perry, Bellingham, WA

Net neutrality is essential to what was once considered the American Way. Small businesses need equal exposure to compete with multinational corporations. Citizens need access to information that hasn't been filtered or altered by corporate media. ISP's need to be classified as common carriers so they are unable to discriminate against companies with less money or information they would prefer not be released to the public.
—Jane Oberlander, Edmonds, WA

It ain't broke - so don't fix it.
—Terry Auping, Fitchburg, WI

We are more important than the corporations. Leave the internet to us!
—Robert Wellemeyer, EAST LYME, CT

The FCC Won't Stand Up for Internet Freedom The Federal Communications Commission won't stand up for internet freedom. In February, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler announced that he will not appeal the recent court ruling that struck down net neutrality. Instead, the commission will attempt to regulate internet providers on a "case-by-case basis." In addition, the Obama Administration announced Tuesday that the president cannot order the FCC to reclassify internet providers as so-called "common carriers." Overall, it appears that the President and the FCC are siding with giant corporations, rather than the millions of Americans who demand a free and open internet. Since net neutrality was struck down last month, there have already been numerous reports of internet traffic being slowed down by carriers, in a blatant attempt to extort more money from content providers like Netflix. To make matters worse, Comcast also announced a merger with Time Warner, which would give that carrier even more extreme power to create a pay-for-play internet. Instead of protecting our right to freely exchange ideas and information on the web, our government appears ready to allow corporate control of the internet, and the creation of an another monopoly. Apparently, more than a million people speaking out against the recent net neutrality ruling wasn't enough to wake up government officials. We must keep this movement growing, and keep demanding that our internet freedom is protected.
—Paul Servizio, Albuquerque, NM

Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Chris Worcester, Truckee, CA

The FCC's top priority should be to serve the people of the United States. The interests of ISPs should come second. The internet should not be for sale to the highest bidder, as the ISPs desire. Please safeguard net neutrality.
—Micah D Hintz, Walnut Creek, CA

I don't want to be put at a disadvantage simply because a few corporations are willing pay to access a faster internet, which would by definition, put the rest of us at a disadvantage because we cannot afford to "pay to play" for service that only the wealthiest corporations can attain.
—Anthony Glover, Bronx, NY

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers !!!
—Michael Davis, Albuquerque, NM

The net has evolved as everything does in life; in this case for the betterment of all. Let's keep it indiscriminately free, and as open as possible for the enjoyment of the populace, the enrichment of our minds and the pleasure of our souls. I, for one, look upon countries that harness the net, and only allow partial access, as countries that are systematically and intentionally withholding knowledge and information from their people; please don't let us here in the USA fall into that category simply because (once again) there is something that can be controlled by the amount of money available to purchase it as a discretionary item. Remember the premise that founded America, the Land of the Free ,and shout it to the rooftops! Keep the Net Neutral for the benefit of many and the good of all. Thank you.
—Melody Starr, Redlands, CA

My privileges as an American citizen are being infringed upon indefinitely! How can we spend the same amount for internet as other countries but settle for subpar service! And how can we arrest people for speaking there hearts and defending rights given to them over 2 centuries ago? Our government is a joke, people have lost faith in it and change is coming, in one form or another. It was created by the people, for the people, not big business and greed! Neutrality is important and so are our rights, in OUR Country!! And it is OURS!
—Tyler Greene, Aurora, CO

This country was founded to escape among many things tryanny. No one person, no one company should control free speech, pursuit of happiness or limit communication in any form between Americans. This must stop! The FCC must stop this from happening and they must work for the total good of all the American people. . . those are the people you are supposed to be representing.
—Jack Hadel, Olathe, KS

Please do not allow this discrimination against those who have less money.
—Michele Reese, Reading, PA

Please save the internet for people who are handicapped and can not get out.
—Michael E. Heffron, Durham, NC

I am a very low income senior citizen who lives on a fixed income. I cannot afford to pay more for anything.
—Sissy Wallach, Palm Springs, CA

What the US cable/internet system has compared to the rest of the world is an embarrassment. And the fact that ISPs repeatedly hinder municipalities from competing with them as providers clearly signals their monopolistic intent. Reclassify them as utilities. NOW.
—John Tunison, Sacramento, CA

It is best to give the people a slice of the bread or we may take the whole damn loaf. Corporations have almost everything now this is one of the few things we still have
—Scott Wells, La Vergne, TN

The Internet should not be ruled and manipulated by corporations with deep pockets, millionaires or those who could get rich just by limiting what the middle class gets to see by what they can afford to pay. Net Neutrality is important for a well-informed public. Granted, much of the content on a given day may be biased or trash, but it should be up to the individual user to search for the facts and educate themselves!
—Christy Blackburn, San Antonio, TX

We are moving through a very ugly phase in America...the attempted coup d'etat of corporations to make our country a corporate controlled fascist country. But in every corner and every population sector, people and organizations are rising up to speak for a future beyond corporatism, beyond filthy fossil fuels, old mechanistic technologies. We are finally in the information age. Already the smart money is on a cleaner, more open, more just and more peaceful society. We are highlighting the individuals on the FCC who are instrumental in making the decision to LEAVE the INTERNET alone...or try to gag it. Be extremely careful that you are going to go to jail if you collude in the overthrow of free speech and democracy. You will not slip through the cracks of justice as we take our voting power our spending power and our united voices back. Our fathers, sons, brothers did not serve this country and put their lives at risk so you could line your pockets with payola from lobbyists and fat cats.
—Mary Marinkovich, Port Townsend, WA

The United States is becoming a corporate oligarchy. What the heck is going on here? If the FCC allows big money to buy internet speed, or money to change it, then along with our voting rights, our political representation, and our freedom to speak freely, goes to the highest bidder. If the FCC allows this, then it's true that money can buy anyone.
—Robin Beckwith, Littleton, CO

For acting on the Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet proposal, the FCC should do its stated competency of "Promoting competition, innovation and investment" and fix the broken requirements by stubbornly requiring complete Net Neutrality for any and all content providers. Favoritism is the role of the end user, not the plumber!
—Justin Brown, Monterey, CA

The internet needs to remain uncontolled and unregulated. The American people DO NOT want this type of control. It is NOT okay. Leave the internet the way it is - neutral. It is not okay to regulate such an amazing tool. It's not yours to give and it's not yours to take away. Period.
—Cindy Collins, Blue Springs, MO

Net Neutrality is very,very important to me. Because it keeps me in touch with my friends and family all over. Net Neutrality is exextremely important to people like me and everyone else who uses it.
—Robert Hernandez, Brooklyn, NY

Keep Freedom of speech equal to all esp on the internet
—Ms. Denys Cope, Santa Fe, NM

The internet has always been free and should remain so.I am consernd this is just the first step for our government too take control of this media.Large corporations all ready make huge sums of money,after this first step , what's too stop them from charging for faster service text messages or anything else.I am against this !
—Lawrence Rubidoux, Garden Grove, CA

The proposed rules by the FCC are terrible. As a small business owner, any chance for big companies to discriminate against the little guy is a horrible thing. Please do not ruin what is a great future for small business.
—WJ Vincent II, Eau Claire, WI

Please do not rule in favor of corporate interests regarding net-neutrality. The internet as it stands is commercialized enough already, by giving in to the interests of those who stand to make the most money you disregard the vast majority of us who benefit the most from an open and free internet. Be ashamed if you support corporate America to the detriment of the American people...shame on ya.
—John, elkton, VA

Freedom and equality. This could quickly turn into a North Korea kind of discrimination where anything not in alignment with the top dog or its constituents is kept from the public.
—Matthew Hunsinger, Winter Park, FL

I use the net to keep in touch with the world, both to learn and to communicate. There is already enough pollution from advertisements that refuse to go away; we do not need slower speeds as well. The net is a common untility, shared by all, and should be kept as such, not as a prerogative of the wealthy.
—Diane Drummond, oak hill, VA

Have the large carriers not been given enough concessions at the people's expense? Virtual monopolies, endless rate hikes. Let's do something that benefits the American public for a change. Please treat transmitters of data as common carriers, which they are, as surely as power transmission.
—Robert Goldberg, Casselberry, FL

I believe the internet should be free and open to everyone. Throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret Ortiz, Hayward, CA

The internet is a utility- a tool like gas or electricity that allows people to Then do other things. Everyone should have equal access to it.
—Cassandra Firemark, Santa Clarita, CA

Designate ISPs as common carriers. Stand up and protect the public interest as you've been charged to do.
—Ed Arenz, Isanti, MN

Keep the internet FOR THE PEOPLE - as it was designed! Corporations already have to much of whatever they want.
—Mrs. Tamra Johnson, Columbia, MD

I don't want my internet service provider to have control over what sites i can or can't visit. You need to classify the ISP as common carriers. Big corporate monopolies and it's lobbyists in Washington shouldn't have more power that the people people of the US.
—Agustin Zubillaga, San Antonio, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Niall Carroll, Astoria, OR

Because not everything should be turned into a money machine. Let us peons enjoy one of the very few things in life that hasn't been monopolized by the rich and/or corporations.
—Jackie Anderson, Iowa city, IA

Please, continue deregulating the internet. I run a popular blog on pests. Previously, my blog was primary in readership in my region, and many companies paid me to speak for their products. Now, there are about a hundred blogs of equal or greater quality on this very same subject. What I would like is to be able to pay, as the already established blog, a fee to access internet speed the other blogs will be unable to match. My advertisements will run at the speed of thought compared to theirs. In this competitive environment, I do not feel the need to innovate my voice or vary my content or the quality of the content, so I need another way to stay ahead. Please, approve the striking down of net neutrality so that my voice may pay to be greater than that of other voices. Otherwise, god knows, I may need to come up with another business model and cut costs somewhere. Thank you.
—Daniel Saunders, Edmond, OK

everyone deserves access to the internet no matter who they are.
—Linda Sperber, minnetonka, MN

The internet shall be kept free! Technically it isn't free; it still managed by big corporations that controls all the data, so what the FCC is trying to do would be a disaster!
—Ronnedith Padron, North Palm Beach, FL

Maintain Net Neutrality!
—Paul Cameron, Carrollton, TX

It is an essential tool for people in a democracy to be in communication about what is happening in their surroundings. It must be available for everyone at costs that are manageable and fair.
—Patricia Orlinski, Sun City, AZ

The internet allows ordinary people to express their views. This is true because it is free once the connection is paid. The proposed changes would make it easier for wealthy people and corporations to spread their views than for ordinary people. With the Citizen's United Case and the McCutchen case, the other commonly used avenues of political expression are limited if not closed. For the sake of democracy, please define the internet as a common carrier.
—Charles C. Langford, Corvallis, OR

HEY YOU BIG CORRUPT ASSHOLES, DON'T TRY TO PULL ANY BULLSHIT ON US, WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, AND WE ARE FUCKING TIRED OF YOUR SHIT. YOU WANT US TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ISSUE, WELL HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY... WE DON'T WANT YOUR PLAN, WE KNOW WHO'LL BENEFIT, AND IT WON'T BE US, YOU JUST WANT MONEY. THAT'S WHAT IT ALWAYS COMES TO, MONEY. FUCK PEOPLE AND THEIR BASIC RIGHTS, IT DOESN'T EARN YOU ENOUGH. GO AHEAD AND STAMP ALL OVER THE FREEDOM OF PEOPLE, I'M SURE IN THE END, WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED IN YOUR WEALTH IT WILL MEAN SOMETHING WHEN YOU'RE BURIED IN THE GROUND. ALL YOUR RICHES AND WEALTH AND POWER MEANS JACK WHEN YOU ULTIMATELY GROW OLD AND DIE. YOU WILL BE A MERE AFTERTHOUGHT TO THE GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW OURS. INSTEAD OF MOVING THE WORLD TO A BETTER FUTURE YOU JUST HOLD IT BACK. YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM, AND EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE THAT MONEY IS EVERYTHING AND THAT THE BASIC RIGHT OF A HUMAN BEING CAN BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. YOU DISGUST ME, BUT I CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT THE REALTIONSHIPS I'VE FORMED WITH PEOPLE HOLD MORE MEANING THAN YOUR RICHES AND POWER. YOU'LL DIE BITTER AND ALONE AND I'LL BE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT ME. I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, YOU SAD TWISTED EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN BEING. ALSO YOUR MOTHER WAS A HAMSTER AND YOUR FATHER SMELLS OF ELDERBERRIES! I FART IN YOUR GENERAL DIRECTION!
—Sean Michael Pepin, Gilbert, AZ

I get most of my news via the Internet and Wheeler's plan has the potential to effect de facto censorship.
—Eugene Bersing, St. Paul, MN

WE need to keep our only, not controlled media of information. If corporations take controll of it, we would loose our last place where we are truly free.
—Jose Caro, Tampa, FL

I'd like to actually be free from something in this, the "Land of the Free". When I was growing up I never imagined I'd be living in a country that could consider police-state measures.
—Dirk Hoekstra, San Francisco, CA

The internet is not broken and there is no need for you to "fix" it. Please please please please (I'd fill this box with "please" if it would make a difference) provide equal access internet to all. Keep Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Cheryl Aufderheide, College Station, TX

Not another word from you FCC. Don't mess with the internet and make me pay a cent more for content I want!
—Brock Auerbach-Lynn, Chicago, IL

This is our country. Not yours. If you take our rights away, we will take them back. We. will. take. them. back. This is a shameful bastardization of democracy. Nobody wants this. We deserve an honest government and YOU ARE NOT AN HONEST GOVERNMENT. SHAME ON YOU.
—Nathan Smith, kalamazoo, MI

No this is not fair. This is again middle class American people being thrown under the bus. There are two classes now, The very rich with all the power and everyone else as peons.
—rosa Batista, Orlando, FL

It is unjust and a misuse of American taxpayer dollars (which were entirely responsible for creating the Internet), to permit private corporations to enrich themselves by creating an undemocratic, two-tiered Internet system. The Internet belongs to ALL Americans, not merely the wealthiest and largest IT corporations. Thus, it needs to remain neutral, free from extra fees/taxes/discrimination, and user-friendly for individual and small organizational users.
—Janiece D. Staton, Beaverton, OR

The Internet is invented for the great future of our world, NOT corporate greed!
—Tony McCarson, Durham, NC

This latest attempt to punish the less financially well-off and to reward both the rich and big business (but I repeat myself) is another way to divide the country, to promote economic inequality and to arbitrarily prevent a whole segment of society from information access. The barefoot, pregnant, ignorant, low-income (and therefore clearly shiftless and lazy) need not apply.
—Judith LaValley, Gibsonia, PA

It is a freedom of speech issue.
—Douglas Hadley, Madison, WI

I have never responded to a call to action, but this violation of common sense and the monopolistic actions of cable companies in the USA have to come to a halt. THIS IS A TOTAL CROCK! DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY!
—THOMAS littleton, HIGH POINT, NC

We are losing our freedoms enough - leave the net community alone.
—Lee Miller, High Camp,

Net neutrality is very important because it provides a voice for those who would otherwise be voiceless; those whose concerns are simply ignored by the powerful.
—Adrian Rogers, Gawler South,

Adopting FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan will significantly harm free speech on the internet & likely end the internet as a medium conducive for start-ups. The first of these runs against the First Amendment to US Constitution & the second shackles all except the most powerful of businesses. Do not take this shameful action! ISPs must be common carriers!
—Michael Burkholder, Tucson, AZ

I have been using the Internet for over 20 years. Starting as a simple communication via email and the exchange of ideas via newsgroups, to the addition of graphics, then sound and video. This growth was possible because the Internet grew because people saw the unimpeded potential of the network and took advantage of it to promote newer and more advanced ideas and products. But over the last decade I've seen our leadership position slip away, where now a average American pays more for a slower connection to the Internet than average users in dozens of other countries. Adding so-called "Fast Lanes" to prioritize Internet traffic from some providers would do nothing more than monetize for Internet providers the kind of service they should be providing to all Internet traffic if they had actually invested their growing profits over the years back into their networks and infrastructure, rather than leaving it to stagnate or slow to a crawl until they could figure out how to milk more money out of both customers and content providers. The FCC needs to step up and finally regulate proper Neutrality as at least a first step in providing the public with protections from what should be finally considered a utility.
—Cary Gordon, Plainfield, IL

Because I don't believe in bowing to corporate greed.
—Nickolas C, Elizabethtown, PA

The more that corporate-influenced or bought government is, or gets, involved in anything, the more screwed-up it seems that, "things" get. K.I.S.S., do not attempt anything other than leaving-alone, the Net. See how Yahoo! has been able to screw things up by attempting to fix something that wasn't broken - one has difficulty not thinking that that company was deeply involved in the set-up of the Affordable Care Act website - do not follow that example, do not mess with net neutrality. Do the right thing, not the political thing -- do not foul-up something working mostly right.
—J Cermak, Bradenton, FL

Keep the internet equal for all.
—Seth Snapp, Bellingham, WA

Please keep corporate greed from ruining the internet.
—Marco Gonzalez, Lebanon, OR

Please don't do this. We need the internet to be neutral for everyone. It will hurt those trying to use small business to move up in the world.
—Tony Cohen, Brooklyn, NY

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers! It is obscene to hand control of the internet over to money hungry corporations! Where is the decency in this country anymore?
—Kristina MarliaJohnson, Eagle Point, OR

Your plan spells the end of the internet.
—Guy Clark, Columbia, MO

Net Neutrality is so very important ... to keep access "fair" without HAVING to pay a premium price for what certainly has become a necessity in the American way of life. For heaven's sake, even network news requires one to "go to the website" to learn about the news!
—LD D. Kager, seattle, WA

I DEMAND real Net Neutrality, not the bogus "pay for play" scheme that allows greedy Big Telecom to play favorites. The Internet is a PUBLIC UTILITY that must be free, open, and neutral. The current FCC proposal is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
—Stephanie Stout, Houston, TX

You have the head is the fcc be from the companies that want to enact this ridiculous bill? ! This country will not take this suppression much longer.
—Angie Herrera, sparks, NV

Corporations should NOT control the internet. It is a place of the people!
—Arnold Hummasti, Bellingham, WA

FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nicholas Tanguma, Chester, VA

If we are all created equal, the net should be neutral for all.
—Joe Faris, Santa Monica, CA

We need net neutrality to be maintained, we cannot allow online discrimination to exist. You know what's right, pony up and do it.
—MA Cashman, Vancouver,

This is exactly the same as Racial Discrimination. The poor people to be kept in their place. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Hugh Tait, Dunfermline,

We need net neutrality. The cable company oligopoly needs to be broken up.
—Mr. David Dalton, Greensboro, NC

I pay enough for internet as it is. I don't want to have to pay more for the same shit speeds i'm getting now.
—Jasmine Hebel, Kentland, IN

It would seem to be self-evident that the Internet is to the 21st Century as the telephone was to the 20th. The Internet MUST be regulated as a "common carrier." ANY ruling which allows a two-tiered, or multi-tiered Internet is NOT in the public good. As the FCC is mandated to manage these communications for the PUBLIC good, you must set rules that do not allow corporations to "buy" faster service. Thank you.
—Richard Morrison, Bothell, WA

ISP's should be common carriers!
—Maureen O'Hanlon, Bergenfield, NJ

The internet should be public domain with the same service for us all.
—CK Ellis, Hillsboro,, OR

We already pay more for internet service than citizens in other countries, while receiving service that is slower than that provided in other countries. Why are you proposing making the situation worse? What about the public good? Enough of inordinate profit and control for big corporations. The internet belongs to everyone and is a critical part of our infrastructure.
—Susanna Winters, raleigh, NC

we already have two teared system for everything else. Lets keep the net even .
—Ken Rhines, dighton, MA

PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY NOW - DO NOT SELL US OUT TO BIG TELE CORP'S! THANK YOU.
—C s, san diego, CA

The internet is to be used by all citizens in an equal and open manner. Not to be owned by a relatively few small corporations. This is self evident.
—James Canary, Fort Collins, CO

Society is already divisive enough between the haves and the have not's. Let's keep it a level playing field.
—H Wahlen, Maple Valley, WA

The corporations are already slowing us all down. If I don't pay extra they provide a trickle internet that I have to watch buffer. This is not the best for America. It slows innovation & our ability to share ideas that solve existing problems. We need true NET NEUTRALITY.
—Irasema Cavazos, San Antonio, TX

The FCC's proposals are nothing short of criminal - a crime against the people , the majority. Please make sure it does not happen , nobody but nobody will regret it.
—Pete Whimster, Aberdeen,

Not okay. Internet should not be controlled
—Allie Lawrence, Redondo beach, CA

I use the Internet daily to perform the functions of my job (medical lab science). Do not further increase the cost of health care by increasing the cost of access to the internet. The Internet has become a vital tool for access to information; do not limit our access.
—Lori Meyer, Lincoln city, OR

net neutrality is a protects knowledge as we know it!
—Rachel Martin, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

A non-free internet that is controlled and determined by the Telecom Companies will only hurt and dwindle the web for all. It will lead to many problems, issues, and worse...a lack of growth and creavity on the web. More so that sites will begin to slow down if non can afford to pay the bills back to the ISPs, restriction and bias toward many sites by ISPs requiring you to upgrade to "special" packages to use such sites at fast speeds, and more. Without Net Neutrality and with the Telecom Giants going ahead at controlling the internet and other companies that work online...things will only fall further down if Net Neutrality remains dead and the new, proposed bill that you guys at the FCC are trying to pass...passes. Don't pass the proposed Internet Rules that give more control over the ISPs on the internet. Please...restore Net Neutrality, it is important that the internet remains not separate, slowed, or controlled but entirely equal, open, and fast for all.
—Shai-Dre Dillard, LYNN, MA

The internet allows contact between people and educative material like nothing else has ever. To educate people is one of the greatest economic and social stimuli available. The companies who want to control the internet have no interest in education. They just want profits. We have already seen their priorities throughtheir behaviour. Thanks
—Peter Scanlan, Aspley,

Dear FCC: Protect Net neutrality and designate broadband as a telecom (my DSL is carried over phone lines). Provide regulation that promotes build out of infrastructure and protects equal access to broadband. Kindest regards, Al De Vos
—Al DeVos, Salinas, CA

Don't you dare follow the wishes of anyone who is donating to the Obama Presidential Library. I don't want money having anything to do with the internet.
—Nan Wolf, Turlock, CA

Leave it the way it is. Because we the people say so.
—Carl Nunez, los angeles, CA

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Because it would benefit american people.To keep what we are fighting for free and use to advance the needs of our future. If you turn a blind eye to the people the consequences could turn deadly. Our rights are being violated and because of it it will destroy the freedom we bleed and died for. I believe their only doing this to try and oppress the rights we the people have had since the country was established but to try to push this non-sense agenda for money is the root to this evil. they suppress our minds so much to control us but were're waking up and we will fight back and revolt against these crazy terrorist called the corporation of AMERICA ...
—Teia Marie Carlton, akron, OH

I don't live in the US, but this is screwed up and it still effects me even though I don't live in the US! I know its been said to death but I want to still make the point that nobody wants companies to have a monopoly over you. Preventing Net Neutrality prevent new businesses from being made because they'll be crushed under the weight of the costs that internet providers will be demanding. I want new sites to come up and compete with youtube, twitch, Netflix, Hulu, etc. because when they have to compete with other websites, they will try to keep us happy, where as if they have no competition, they'll just walk over us with anti-consumer practices. The internet doesn't belong to any one country, government, or company. It should not be controlled by any specific entity
—Daniel Cooper, Saskatoon,

In a world where so many horrible things are out of our hands we have the power to do the right thing here. dont fall on the wrong side of history. the internet at this point in human history is a right not a privilege. in your heart of hearts you know Wheelers plan is wrong on EVERY LEVEL. The people are not begging you to do the right thing we are TELLING YOU to do the right thing.
—Antonio gonzalez, iniglewood, CA

Net Neutrality is quintessentially democratic. It is the heart of modern American culture. In addition, we must create a corporate culture that rewards excellence, not incompetence. The chronic incompetence that infects companies like Comcast are a key reason that America has started to fall behind the rest of the developed world in science and technology. If we have any pride at all, we will protect Net Neutrality as we would protect our lives.
—Mark Rogers, Fort Collins, CO

The impact and importance of the Internet is bound profound, and is perhaps human kind's greatest invention. This innovation has worked because of it's openness and accessibility. By allowing ISPs to prioritize speed related to amount of money paid by people or companies I believe, as well as many other people and companies do, that you will be breaking this innovation. Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers? Thank You for Your Time and Consideration, Best Regards, David Ruch
—David Ruch, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is part of what makes the free world so great.
—Tyler Couch, Rock Hill, SC

Don't mess with our Net!! Don't repress the freedom of speech, ideas, and the heritage of our national founders. The internet belongs to everybody. We don't want ISPs to monitor control the content of communications.
—Ms. Carol Ortiz, Montgomery, TX

We are all equal. Big money is earning more than enough already. If corporal greed has it´s way over and over again, this planet will not last very long any more as a living sphere. Stop this mind attitude of ever more and more and more in the hands of but a few. This is psychologically utterly sick.
—Markus Ludwig, München,

Please do not allow more monopolization of the internet. Support net neutrality.
—Larry Johnson, Freeland, WA

Europe has faster internet access and free. Why do we have to pay at all? Only because of the greed of the corporations that are pressuring you to take away the neutrality that we do have right now. The federal government should be siding with the people, not with the corporations, in what will limit access for millions.
—Vallerie Vancleave, Ridgefield, WA

If you change the internet to be like TV data wise. It will cause more cyber crime. Anonymous and other anarchist groups will be pissed, and will more than likely retaliate. For the sake of yours and everyone else's private information. DON'T DO IT!!!!
—Corey Zynda, Rogers, TX

Why are you in the pockets of big industry? Who exactly are you working for? Who exactly are you protecting? It's not the public.
—Lyle Najita, Davis, CA

To keep the playing field level.
—Fredrick Whalum, Richton pk., IL

The FCC should be take a heavier hand in freeing access to the internet. The USA is an embarrasment compared to the internet access in the rest of the free world.
—Mark Despain, Seattle, WA

The internet needs to serve all people equally and not become a down grade of what we currently have.
—Stephen Allan, Kintbury,

I want the Internet to stay free with content that is free flowing-flowing without interference by greedy Corporations. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shannon Hanaway, Rohnert Park, CA

Please don't let ISPs slow down and censor our internet! Reclassify it as a common carrier now!
—Aeraby Allen, Portland, OR

Big corporations should not have more privilege over smaller companies. Ending Net Neutrality would give the biggest corporations an even bigger advantage, and would contribute to the expanding divide between the wealthiest and everyone else. Furthering this divide will cause more unrest among us commoners and will contribute to a breakdown of society. In order to save society, service providers must not be allowed to create a two tiered internet. Our society relies on a relative degree of equal opportunity, and these equal opportunities lead to a better society for ALL. Please help keep our society strong by saving net neutrality! Thank you.
—Cecilia Rockwell, Aurora, IL

I am writing to you because the FCC should not allow At&T, Comcast, Verizon and other corporations have control of what data gets priority. I am not in favor of paid priority arrangement and the reasons the corporations give to justify this change only serves to obfuscate, confuse and is downright disingenuous. The internet is not broken and does not need to be fixed. It is of the people, by the people, for the people, and shall remain the springboard of innovation. As we have seen, in its relative infancy, it has the power to influence and alter lives and countries. That is much more important than adding to the coffers of said large corporations. Please leave the internet alone. However, if you are hellbent on making a change, then try this: Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, which would give the FCC more power in preventing ISPs from blocking, prioritizing, or otherwise discriminating for or against certain kinds of network traffic. Doing this the internet will remain of the people, by the people and for the people- as it should be. Thank you for your time.
—Michael Chanin, Santa Cruz, CA

As a Computer Scientist, I recognize the importance of Net Neutrality. Allowing internet content and delivery speeds to be controlled by the providers that supply the transmission paths, is criminal. All content providers and web site should have equal rules.
—Gary Carson, Westminster, CA

The Internet should not be controlled by one or even a few companies. It should be a vehicle for free speech. Thank you.
—Joy Curtis, Minden, NV

This is not right. People have a hard time just paying for things now. The only people this helps is big business, they will be the ones getting rich.
—Cheri Van Houten, Pampa, TX

The only way creativity and innovation thrive is with net neutrality,once you put the internet in the sole hands of big corporations it's just a matter of time when we will see ridiculous fees and censorship,even indirect. You must stand with the American people, that's why you are there in the first place.
—Waldo Ortiz, Bayamon, PR

Net neutrality is important to me because as a nurse I use the Internet as a learn I no device to stay updated on the medications I administer to my patients.
—Brittany, cdc, UT

As an American citizen, I can not express how disappointed I am in the governmental bureaucracies of the U.S. and the FCC is no exception. Enough with the guise and simply just admit that you like many other government agencies do not truly care for the American people and their interest. The interest of big business is obviously a greater importance to you then the hard working Americans who work every day to keep this country a float but all of you who are to represent the people only care about the businesses who apparently keep you a float. If you want to make money so bad, get out of government and join the business/finance sector and stop corrupting our government.
—Anna, Atlanta, GA

Please do your job! Protect the Commons! Classify and regulate the internet as a common carrier (public utility)! If you give the Fascist corporations their way with the internet you will irreparably damage our society, economy, culture, nation, and world! Please do the right thing and keep the Net Neutral!
—Deven Matlick, MOATSVILLE, WV

PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY. IT'S THE ONLY WAY IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY!
—Miguel Gomez, Mission Hills, CA

Corporate greed is already a problem destroying our economy and our sense of community.
—Jaime Bosworth, Davenport, IA

We need real net neutrality where all data is treated the same, not where there are two lanes of different speeds. Small business needs a level playing field to compete with large corporations online!
—Richard Johnson, Arlington, VA

Don't let big corporate profits destroy net neutrality. Keep the internet DEMOCRATIC!!!
—Linda Krief, Baltimre, MD

The internet needs to be for the people
—Don Shearsmith, Clinton,

Without net neutrality, and the ability to freely access websites I want/need as instantly as possible, I would be stymied. There are so many things I do and so many ways that I use it that to put me in the slow lane and charge for what was freely given is death to freedom of information which is what this country is built upon. The FCC's proposed rules are Unamerican.
—Susan J Balthasar, los osos, CA

Given all the factors against the average citizen today-recession, lack of well paying jobs, etc,, and all the factors in favor of large corporations-tax-free off-shore money, decline of unions, etc., please do not increase the power of corporations over the average citizen. I think the internet should not be two tiered.
—Frank J. Bryant, E Islip, NY

We shouldn't have to pay for better access. This appears to benefit big business and hurt the everyday consumer. Why "fix" something that isn't broken?
—Brooke Novales, Walnut Creek, CA

We all nourished and developed the Internet. It belongs to everyone. Don't help a few billionaires steal it.
—Clyde Summerell, Jacksonville, FL

Giving corporations fast-track access to as much bandwidth as they can pay for hacks the rights of the consumers to pieces. It especially infringes on the rights of small-business owners, like my fiance and many of my friends, who use the internet for their income. Access to a free and open internet is something that American consumers and small-business owners deserve, and you are infringing on that right by destroying Net Neutrality.
—Faith Schell, Lincoln, NE

keep the internet for people, not big corporations.
—Evelyn Verrill, Prescott, AZ

WE WANT REAL NET NEUTRALITY! NOT THE FAKE BILL YOU PROPOSE! RECLASSIFY ISP AS COMMON CARRIERS
—John, manhatten, NY

America has traditionally been Land of the Free and home of the Brave. We nned to keep as many aspects of our nation in the same condition, that includes the internet.
—Lynn Baker, Fresno, CA

I'm on the web everyday and I would not like to be on one side or another, so make it neutral!
—Ricakrd Sirén, Kirkkonummi,

The United States is one of the highest in rates for ISP. And at the same time has the lowest in customer satisfaction. Why give free literally free reign to the giant telecoms to decide how the internet should be shown and at what speed they decide for what price. Has the government forgot that Comcast has been caught twice for charging customers for the higher speed and delivering a slower speed than what is being paid for. Happened to me personally. I caught that my ISP bill was high and found out that I was paying for a higher speed than I was paying for. I had the slowest speed possible but was paying for almost a year for the next to the highest speed available. But I caught it. Comcast response...."Opps" How many ..more than likely 100's of thousand of people is Comcast doing that to and the customer does not catch it? Plus Comcast is already blocking YouTube videos now that anyone posts negative about Comcast. Just once could the FCC do what is best for the customer/taxpayer/voter. Concerned and Saddened by the government's thought process. Sincerely, Robert Widgery
—Robert Widgery, denver, CO

We need net neutrality to maintain democracy of the internet and not let the corporations and wealthy to have unfair advantages of greater access. Income. Inequality would now extend to access to the web. Don't add to the slipping to an oligarchy. Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Salz, CORAM, NY

JUST FOR THE SAKE OF 'FREEDOM OF THE PRESS', EXTEND THIS MEANING INTO 'FREEDOM OF THE AIRWAVES'! STOP THE POCKETBOOK DECISIONS! AMERICA IS NOT MOVING FORWARD IN THIS SITUATION. DO NOT DEMOLISH WHAT IS WORKING NOW!
—Bernie Kriegel, Pacifica, CA

Please PLEASE do not allow a tiered internet. Regulate the internet like all other media outlets to protect people and businesses from discrimination. The internet is so vital to our democracy. Most media available to people is owned by very few and do not serve the people. It's hard enough for independent journalism to inform those that want to know about real events. Making a tiered system will take us even further into Orwellian times. Have compassion. Thank you.
—Greg Voelker, Olympia, WA

Dear FCC, you're recent attempts to bury net neutrality are both unprovoked and unappreciated. the two-tiered system you have proposed would give ISPs unprecedented power in shaping the internet to serve their own ends, but NOT those of the people they are supposed to serve. it is your duty to regulate the communications in this country in a way that best serves the people. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. i strongly urge you to restore net neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and not let companies that already have monopoly in their own back yards have monopolistic control over the growth and direction of the internet. in closing, i would like to ask you one thing. will you let the internet be the place that new ideas are born, grow, and come to fruition without corporate interference? or will you present rules that will allow corporations to strangle it the way they do every other source of information out there? Thank you for your time, and seriously, what the hell were you thinking? Sincerely. Bradley Reedy
—Bradley Reedy, Jefferson, TX

I pay my ISP $80 a month for the fastest service they provide, to deliver me anything on the internet that I request at somewhere around the speed I pay for. And they already charge the providers a lot of money for their connection. And now you want to allow the ISPs to double dip on what they charge the content providers and screw me? If the provider who's content I am asking for did not pay the extra charge then my ISP is just not going to provide me the service that I'm paying for? This is a very bad so not fair idea, these ISPs are already making a boat load of money, why don't we look at ways to get a faster more robust network, why are we ranked something like 15th in the world in terms of internet speed? Just say no.
—Rich Catlett, St. Louis, MO

Net Neutrality is fundamental to the maintenance of an open, equitable internet. ISPs must be common carriers, allowing internet users equal access to all content.
—Penelope McMillan, Para Hills,

net neutrality is important to me because its the great equalizer,it allows small people to share big ideas,it helps to foster imagination,and it keeps people connected.please keep net neutrality a thing of the present instead of a thing of the past.
—Brian Zuver, Sandpoint, ID

Please do not allow cable companies to have this much power over content providers. The internet is a place for grassroots social change, innovation, and creativity. I don't want Comcast deciding whose voice is most worth hearing.
—Bethany Brengan, Port Hadlock, WA

You should be ashamed of what you are doing.
—Dennis Martin, Pittsburgh, PA

Innovation on the internet will significantly be impacted by "fast lanes". ISPs have a license to print money as it is, but shaking down content originators as well as customers goes beyond acceptable. Americans have little if any choice in high speed providers, and have to suffer any time Netflix (or Hulu, or Google, or Microsoft) has to deal with these ridiculous shake downs. And that we allow lobbyists to convince legislators to outlaw competition in municipal fiber deployments competing with established providers is flat out un-american. It's way past time we re-classify ISPs as common carrier, and we need to promote competition to give customers choice.
—Jeb Calen, Mesa, AZ

Net Neutrality is important, because corporations are not more equal than me, or anybody else. Corporate greed and avarice should not be allowed to cause the destruction of an equal Internet. The internet must be considered a common utility, like electricity or water. Knowledge, and a fair start, is more important than your profits. Do not treat those of us poorer with contempt.
—Matt Morley, Basildon,

Protect freedom of speech. By implementing a two-tiered system, you are favoring the moneyed interests over the common people. Doing this will curtail the free speech rights and powers of everybody else to the benefit of the rich.
—David Chen, Lewistown, MT

Hi, The free flow of information needs to continue. Free and equal access to information is a human right in my books. You dictating who and how people have access to it is like Nazis burning books during their regime. Be conscious of one thing, a free world will always win for you are only a few whom try to put shackles in ones mind. Make the right decision.
—Ciro A. Pirata, Gothenburg,

Neutrality evens the playing field for everyone. We must not take this opportunity away from citizens of our country.
—Denise Mullins, Tualatin, OR

This is yet another terrible example of big business trampling upon the great freedoms of this country. Freedoms that were paid for in blood. Freedoms that are being taken away for the sole purpose of greedy companies trying to make more and more profits at the expense of the average American. It's sad. Really sad.
—Ryan Bobbett, Las Vegas, NV

It's critical to the fairness to all people. Without net neutrality, the division between the haves and have nots is perpetuated. The campaign against net neutrality is, as anyone who cares to look will see, promoted by ONLY the haves.
—Steve Reilich, Asheville, NC

This is an outrage! people should have to need to pay more for their internet when they already pay so much for it! The internet shouldn't be monopolized and censored by companies who hold the power. It's world wide web not give us all your money and maybe you could see this content if we feel like it.
—Samantha Burge, fort collins, CO

The internet is one of the last places (albeit virtual) on earth where one can fully express themselves without hindrance. If you allow corporations to monopolize net speeds, who's to say in a few years (or even months, judging by how more and more privatized the interests of men in power in this country are becoming) they won't be able to control what we can and can't see as well? I, for one, won't stand for it. "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible, will make violent revolution inevitable." - JFK.
—Corey Romero, Pekin, IL

The internet is the great equalizer of our current culture. To end net neutrality would deprive the poor of yet one more tool that can lift them up to a better life!
—Eric Torgerson, Eureka Springs, AR

Without Net Neutrality, the Internet will no longer be for the People and like everything else in our so called Democracy, the one with the bucks has more of say how things will proceed. Stop the madness already. Why do you want to mess with something that isn't broken? You are supposed to be a watchdog to keep corporate interests at bay. DO YOUR JOB!
—Robert Fingerman, Monteagle, TN

I want to be able to choose the sites I visit. Without Net Neutrality my fear is that I would have to use some sites to get the information or buy the stuff I want because the sites I prefer are not the preffered ones from the ISP. The Internet is for the people, not the companys!
—Patrick Barth, Berlin,

As a small business owner, web usage is vital to my business and my bottom ling can't stand another monopoly.
—Perry Williams, Ramsey, IN

The world is watching you
—ShadowS, Irving, TX

If Net Neutrality ends, so does unobstructed access to the thing that really makes life bearable for so many people when family and friends are only making things worse.
—Laura Jensen, Modesto, CA

Our democracy depends on open communication, free press, and is far more important than the corporate demand for control of the internet. The internet is the "press" of today. Corporate greed must not trump our right to exchange of information.
—Judy Gray, Wasilla, AK

We need net neutrality, otherwise capitalism will have really completely and utterly failed us. Capitalism only succeeds if we protect ways to fair and equal distribution of the ability to speak out and to reach other people. We cannot lose this right.
—Natalie A Spautz, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality upholds the highest ideals of the agora, the public sphere, in which all citizens can speak and be heard, regardless of status or purchasing power. Removing free access to all the data streams of the internet will not work. The age of the corporation must end.
—Duncan Lucas, Auckland,

Net neutrality is important because I say it is important!
—Kathleen, Ventura, CA

Don't let the Internet become just another mass media outlet controlled by those with megabucks! The Internet, as presently constituted, is the only path left through which some semblance of democracy can be preserved. You owe it to the American people, and to the future of the world, to keep the Internet open and neutrally accessible. I
—Susan French, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important to me as a young minimum wage worker .
—Akemi, Oizumi machi,

Protecting Net Neutrality is paramount in assuring free access to impartial information.
—Peter Louis Amaduzzi, Menlo Park, CA

Everyone deserves equal access to information.
—Christina Lee, Mobile, AL

To FCC Commissioners: Keep the Internet for the public. Retain real neutrality and open access on the Internet = "Net Neutrality." Assume the FCC's rightful role to declare the Internet as a "publuc utility" that it is. Then regulate the Internet and: Prohibit two tiers or multiple tiers for vertain telecommumication corporations and content providers to charge and /or pay a premium to have faster preferential transmission than others. Our economy requires equal access for business startups, vital nonprofit service providers, educational entities and others, and maintaining Net Neutrality to accomplish this,
—L Belle, New York, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is needed to prevent the creation of 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.
—V Kreutz, Norwich, NY

Net neutrality for all!
—Jeff McCaleb, San Antonio, TX

As an older American - who votes in every election - I use the internet to keep in touch with my children and to do most of my communication. It is my news source. It is the vehicle for the exercise of my free speech and to effectively deny that is inappropriate. Comcast and Verizon did not invent it; they have no patent on it. They should not get better access than I get.
—Margaret Webster, Baltimore, MD

Because unfettered access to information - to learn, remain enfranchised, grow, share and improve humanity is more important than any corporation's short-term profits.
—Ben Metcalfe, Highbridge,

this is just wrong for the American people.
—Sheila Loe, port townsend, WA

We must preserve internet neutrality for young creativity that will benefit all of us as we walk together into our shared future.
—Joy Cash, San Diego, CA

Many of us already have to choose between buying food and paying the cable bill. All this is, is more of the same old crap. Corporations finding yet another way to stick it to the people they're supposed to be serving. Now we will have the opportunity to keep paying more and more money for less and less service. Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse... we get a former cable company lobbyist put in charge of this decision. Gee... I wonder how this will turn out.
—Cher L. Johnson, Eden Prairie, MN

Because the internet is for honest people, NOT for the Government.
—Bradleigh H Horton, Glendale, CA

The effort to end Net Neutrality is just another example of how corrupt our political system has become. It is nothing but another gift to the wealthy special interests, and another assault on our democracy. And if you think you will not be held accountable, you are very wrong.
—Sara Kathleen Ogden, Hohenwald, TN

The brilliance of the internet is that it allows the world to be connected in a way previously incomprehensible, we would literally be devolving if net neutrality was to go through.
—Haydn Denny, Adelaide,

Preserving an open Internet is vital not just to the free flow of information, but also to promoting innovation and economic productivity. Because of its openness, the Internet has allowed entrepreneurs -- with just a small amount of seed money or a modest grant -- to take their innovative ideas from the garage or the dorm room to every corner of the Earth, building companies, creating jobs, improving vital services, and fostering even more innovation along the way. Absent net neutrality, the Internet could turn into a high-priced private toll road that would be inaccessible to the next generation of visionaries. The resulting decline in the development of advanced online apps and services would dampen demand for broadband and ultimately discourage investment in broadband infrastructure. An open Internet removes barriers to investment worldwide.
—Kenya Greene, Ridge, NY

Just like the big guys to come along & screw things up for us little guys. When will enough be enough? You aren't going to stop until all the toys are yours, are you?
—Sylvia VanHoy, Lewisville, NC

Why are you trying to fix something that isn't broken. Profits for the companies lobbying you are at an all time high. Stop being a corporate puppet and do what is right for America.
—Randall G Cumberworth, Tucson, AZ

The internet is the commons and it no different than a telephone line. ISPs are not content providers. Not everything that is transmitted is HTML over HTTP.
—Robert Marriott, Langley,

As an independent businesswoman, I and my clients need fair access to information. A neutral internet is a communication tool much like a telephone or the mail. We need net neutrality to foster a strong economy open to all players, even the ones who know how to innovate. :)
—Jane Simpson, Colorado Springs, CO

I support net neutrality, NOT the FCC proposal!
—Eric Stordahl, Marquette, MI

Net Neutrality is necessary because my right to free access to the internet has priority over the control of the main corporate carriers. In effect, this concerns my freedom of speech and right to access information and communication necessary to live in a free and modern society.
—Larry Hovekamp, Louisville, KY

Cable companies already have a monopoly. They need to be broken up, not aided by control over a fast lane. And large corporations do not need another advantage to decimate competing startups. The internet is the last equal ground. Please keep it that way.
—Kit Rees, Hilliard, OH

When the internet becomes available only to the "haves", the "have-nots" will be unable to use the internet for job searching, for their children's learning, and for a multitude of uses that can help to keep them productive citizens. Otherwise they will become a "lower class" that has to be supported by society (the "haves"). Net Neutrality is THAT important!
—Sherman Wright, Boulder Creek, CA

"Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common " It shall be your duty to keep communication and the internet free flowing instead of "owned" by whoever has the most gold. We the People need you to do your job and keep Net Neutrality. Stand up for the average american not big companies that do not even give us good service.
—Dru sorenson, Hope, AK

Internet has become like public airwaves and is vital to the health of out democracy. Haven't the corporations already bought enough of the democratic process?
—David Lidz, Smithsburg, MD

Net neutrality is necessary for commerce, innovation, science, research, and creativity. Net neutrality is necessary for small businesses and for startup businesses. Net neutrality is necessary for education and for classes on the Internet. Net neutrality is necessary to keep the United States competitive with other countries. Net neutrality is necessary for communication and the free exchange of ideas. Net neutrality is essential for consumers, and it is essential to keep the cost of Internet access affordable. The only way to achieve this is for the Internet to be reclassified as a common carrier. That is what must be done.
—David Garrett, Dolan Springs, AZ

Net neutrality ensures access to a fair open internet for everyone. It keeps the playing field even. It means that we as individuals get to choose what we see, not our service providers. It guarantees that the innovation and democratization of information that have been hallmarks of the internet can continue.
—Kathryn Lindstrom, Gresham, OR

good day, i think that net neutrality needs to be maintained because of the freedom of information act. If this sadly is broken, it undermines all that our fine u,s of a stood for. IF memory serves a monopoly on any thing that can be sold and purchased is an infringement on the freedoms we fight for . As that restricts thought and development. So in closing, i can tell you that while the short term of restricting the net seems like a good idea . It , cant be a worse one.
—Robert Decker, saint marys, WV

AS OUR DEMOCRACY BECOMES A TOTALITARIAN STATE RULED BY CORPORATE CZARS, i CANNOT EXPECT MEGA - CORPORATIONS TO HAVE ANY OTHER INTENTIONS THAN TO MAKE THE INTERNET A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR TOOL FOR THEIR OWN GAIN. COMCAST HAS ALREADY MADE THEIR INTENTIONS CLEAR LAST FEBRUARY, WHEN THEY MANIPULATED NETFLIX TO TO BEND TO THEIR DEMANDS. THE INTERNET, AMIDST ALL OF THIS, IS THE LAST ARENA THAT IS AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL.
—LEA lIPSCOMB, portland, OR

There is no reason other than corporate greed to continue this path and the American People will not stand for it if it passes!
—Yvonne, Stevensville, MI

Net Neutrality is part of the commons.
—LaVern J. Marshall, Livingston, WI

Your proposed Internet rules would mean economical censorship. Support true Net Neutrality for the people. Do not support corporate profits.
—David L. Vied, San Antonio, TX

I value Net Neutrality because I value the free exchange of ideas between self-identified human beings without being hassled or throttled by sales companies to buy their products through various annoying interruptions. Learn a better way to sell your product, Comcast and Friends.
—Georganne Ross, Santa Cruz, CA

Net Neutrality is essential in the modern world, for business, liberty, and democracy worldwide. In a world without Net Neutrality, press freedom and liberty will be threatened, some who have online businesses will lose their livelihood, entire websites that people enjoy will be forced to shut down due to not being able to pay for fast lanes, which I feel is almost a form of extortion. Telecom conglomerates can NOT be trusted with the internet, they wish to drastically change the internet, at the cost of others, to make a quick buck. Tom Wheeler, I've read the responses I've been sent regarding comments I've sent to you in the past to protect Net Neutrality, saying that you care about an open and free internet, but from what I've seen recently, you look like a liar. Mr. Wheeler, if you are honest in your support of an open and free internet, it's time to show it by throwing out these horrendous new rules you adopted recently, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sir, I shouldn't have to remind you that this is probably the most important moment of your career, I beg you to reclassify ISPs and drop the new rules, thank you for your time Mr. Wheeler.
—Ryan Lee, Cumming, GA

Allowing a telecom companies to offer a "fast lane" for those who pay for it will destroy the net neutrality that is vital for the internet to provide a level playing ground for all content providers and users. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to maintain the ability for all internet providers and users. If you fail to do this, the big telecoms will control what and how we can access net content...another big business encroachment on our freedoms.
—Emily McDonald, APO, NY

The internet belongs to everyone. Do not compromise citizens free speech. Major corporations are not people. Do not allow the proposed rules to be enacted. Enact rules regarding the delivery of current service by these major corporations.
—Antoinette ford, Washington, DC, DC

Net Neutrality is important to further the dissemination of ideas and public discourse, both of which are absolutely necessary to maintain Democracy. Paying additional fee at the discretion (indeed arbitrariness) of the Internet Service Provider would negate this Cause.
—Alon Harpaz, Netanya,

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows for development of commerce, creates jobs in an economy stagnating from the same mismanagement and unregulated net would encourage, allows for freedom of discussion and debate, and allows us to look at our work in pride. Under the proposed rules, Mr. Wheeler, you would sacrifice all of that for some money. And then you would be forgotten, and tarnished, and chewed up by the machinery that promised you wealth in the first place. Here in Alaska, we gave the oil companies all sorts of favors in the hope that their unregulated nature would allow development. As soon as they had taken every inch of money they could wring - many left, often overseas, with little done to improve Alaska's infrastructure, or to return the favors of those politicians who enabled them. They have been flabbergasted - shocked - at this obvious fact. Are you a group as foolish as they are..? I hope not. Do the right thing. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ian A. Laster, Juneau, AK

What gives so few the right to dominate and impose rule. This idea is simply a classic demonstration that money corrupts and that the USA's supposedly democratic government is the most corrupt organisation in the country that is supposed to be the 'land of the free'. Bringing in a two tier Internet service simply means that the companies and voices that the bosses within these giant corporations dislike, disagree with our simply want to drown out, will be essentially wiped from Internet existence leaving consumers with fewer and fewer choices of where to buy a service. The Cable companies will aquire or force smaller online services to pay extortionate service charges to survive online and eventually everything brought, searched for or traded online will be only be able to be done by fattening the already bulging pockets of the mega rich 1% who are stripping the wealth from people all over the world and forcing them further and further into poverty. Do not let the last balanced platform slip into corporate control. Keep the Internet neutral.
—Tom, Plymouth,

The internet is for the people not the corporations
—Kyle, Richmond, KY

The cable providers have a monopoly. There is little to no competition. That is why I care. The proposed FCC internet rules would allow providers to discriminate. If I had choices, which I don't, I wouldn't care. I could choose among many providers letting competition give me the best choice for me. Since we don't have competition, the FCC needs to keep the playing field fair.
—Bryant Cochran, Alexandria, VA

Why wouldn't I want the internet to be free cost less and maybe even be controlled and maintained by the local government. We pay 55 cents a MBps currently and we shouldn't give into the whims of Microsoft and Comcast because they have made an unholy alliance. We need more options and we need not to go and pay the highest rate for one of the slowest internet delivery systems of all nations not pay more for crap delivery.
—Tony R., Brockton, MA

"We don't want you widening the influence of Comcast, we want you to widen the influence of the people."
—Jennifer Moore, Port Orange, FL

The internet is a world wide platform for free speech which is a basic human right, and it is deeply immoral remove that from us, the people.
—Raymi Hurtado, Wanganui,

There is no need to govern the internet except for corporate greed and control. But you already know that.
—Christopher Hookins, London,

We want Net Neutrality! The internet should be fair and equal for ALL of us! It should not be great for you if you have a lot of money and screw you if you Don't!
—Judy Mercer-Gumpper, Bradenton, FL

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS, PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!
—Alberto Rodriguez, MIAMI, FL

Because it's freedom, cocksucker mega corporations!
—Antali Dorubenale, Dushanbe,

Mr. Wheeler, I hope you are truly interested in what the public is saying during this period for public comment, that you are not wasting our time, and are not playing with semantics when you tell us you are fighting for an open Internet. When we call for net neutrality, we are asking you to abandon a two-tiered system, to prohibit the large ISPs from imposing extra fees for fast lane access, and to guarantee that online content and applications will be available to everyone under the same terms. Real net neutrality means a reclassification of Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Thank you.
—Cilla Raughley, San Mateo, CA

Net Neutrality is important to not just me but to all it insures the freedom we curently enjoy let the isp's charge by the speed they deliver to the end user not the content delivered
—David Gallager, Nacogdoches, TX

The control of free information by corporations that would bottleneck and divide access would impede the ability of those without access to the system to have that controlled knowledge. It is unfortunate that there are so many areas of unwanted information by general society, however, those people who do not wish the information, do not have to acess it. Would it be better to have a section that could simply shut down sections of illegal information, a form of control, but less cumbersome, than dividing and controlling the entire system? Is the system at this time so large that it will implode without control? Could there be divisions by overall usage, such as shopping, education, research, etc.?
—Phyllis Dreger, Bell, FL

The entire premise of the internet is freedom of global communication. The connecting of people with people and with information. It belongs to the people and should not be controlled by corporations who sole purpose is to generate revenue from it.
—Chris, Auckland,

Dear FCC, You have struck our collective nerve with your bad new rules and now our hair is on fire! Throw them OUT and RECLASSIFY ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS! NET NEUTRALITY *FOREVER*!!
—Betsy Burton, Durham, NH

Its important for many reasons one is that if everyone stopped using it tomorrow all the advertising revenue and corporations that exist selling,manufacturing computers and all things related would be struggling not to mention there could possibly be a series of riots and revolts when the masses of Americans wake up and stop allowing themselves to be restricted by parenting government agencies, when these very agencies are meant to work for the people who pay their way and the government who is also living on taxpayer dollars.I say if you cant listen to the people then stand down and when push comes to shove you will see what the American people want and what is possible when you dont respect that.
—David, pac palisades, CA

So this is the way to shut people up for airing abuses and corruption. The Net is there for anyone to use. Giving advantages to a set of people and not to others would create a biased Net. This means one cannot access information from different sources so that one can form an opinion on a topic but has to hear the same set of bells ringing the same tune. What would be the scope of the Net then? I could read the same newspapers and watch the same news media on TV dishing out the same dosh, no need to search the Net for a different prospective. What use would the Net be then if people realize this and it loses its popularity.
—Marika Schembri, Tarxien,

Are you kidding me??? I am totally anti-cable company fuckery!!!
—Andrea J. Schedel, Garland, TX

The Net is part of our consciousness, big corporations like ATT should have power to change it. It should be accessible for all on this planet
—Christian Strijbos, Venlo,

Dear FCC, I ask you to please throw out your rules of and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please leave it so that all data is created equally. Thank you, Ann Ruecker
—Ann Ruecker, Athens, NY

Allowing any corporation to set the rules would limit the ability of any citizen to use the Net to it's fullest. Limiting download speeds, banning certain websites and generally inflicting their own agenda upon citizens is blatantly anti-American and reeks of media bias and allowing them to propagandize our use of the Net.
—Keith Ward, Crum Lynne, PA

The internet should remain public domain, not become just another avenue of profit for corporations.
—Randy Stites, Pueblo West, CO

The internt has become a right not a privilege. The playing field should be level for all.
—Deborah Jones-Steele, Brookline, MA

Why should the big companies that are already rich yet again get the advantage - the internet needs to be open and free with equal access for all. Please do the right thing!!!!!
—Tina Zeeberg, Portland, OR

I will stop using the internet if this happens. If I am forced to use it, I will not trust anything I read. It is like privatizing public libraries so that corporations can only allow access to books they publish. Free information will cease to exist. The freedom to chose information will cease to exist and the entire "big brother" concept from 1984 (the book) will became a reality. The richest people already have all of the money, why do they need this too? Why would it be legal? The concept and right to freedom of speech will also die. It is a foundation of the USA.
—Christine Wagner, APO, NY

There can be no good come from a bill that inores the needs of the mass of humanty against the desires of a few corrupt politicians and lobbyists.
—Jamie Newland, london,

This is America where everyone is created equal
—Su An, Boston, MA

For all of us that use the internet it should be fair. Allowing a fast lane for huge corporations is not fair. It will hurt the majority of people while allowing a few to take full advantage.
—Esther M Hauck, Northville, NY

Time is money, so by stealing time from the poorer people who have to put up with chronically slower internet speeds if net neutrality is gone, the big wealthy media corporations would once again be increasing the divide between rich and poor, similar to the situation that came about when the public's free analog television over the airwaves was replaced by pay cable tv.
—Alice Carmel, Roxbury Crossing, MA

Net neutrality is important to allow freedom of speech to those who are not rich.
—Tom Trainer, London,

I use the internet! The 1% have more than I can dream of. Paying for the internet is almost out of range.
—Georgia S McDade, Seattle, WA

Free and open internet is important for innovative startup companies and development of certain technologies. Also if anything but real neutrality is allowed it will eventually result in pricing / service plans where the richest oligarchs get super rich and everyone else gets screwed. Just keep the internet as it is now is all we are asking.
—Eric Hixon, Jefferson, TN

These companies monopolies provide terrible service and now they want to charge more, because that's what it'll boil down to: more cash for slow connections, that freeze up, etc. The FCC must defend net neutrality as is! NOT FAST AND SUPER FAST as defined by CEO Chatter.
—Jairo Marcos Restrepo, Hollywood, FL

Keep your greedy hands off our internet! I am a Disabled American Veteran. It's bad enough that I can't afford to live in the states now you are doing this too?
—Elizabeth G Hung, Paranaque City,

Net nutrality is important! Cable / telco companies shouldn't be allowed to charge twice for the same access. Moreover, small companies (I.e. startups) should be able to compete on a level playing field.
—Elias Sinderson, Bellingham, WA

Dear FFC, what is happening with the net neutrality issue is highly important to me. It is my first amendment right to use the internet freely and Ailey for my one purpose. Paying to use a faster lane to obtain information faster is ludicrous. I have the right to use the internet freely and without having cable companies controlling the flow if my information. This is discrimination. It is against my first amendment and thus net neutrality should be protected from the power of the few. I hope my rights are respected and looked after as this issue is being discused. Thank you .
—Johnny, New York, NY

Regarding net neutrality. Go fuck yourselves.
—Justin Page-Lawrie, glen waverley,

I firmly disagree with your plans as they currently relate to the Internet. Leave the Internet just like it is now!
—Bill Carroccio, New Orleans, LA

Please do the right thing and keep the playing field level for everyone and do not allow the corporations to win another victory for greed over the fundamental right of free speech.
—Ailene Arnett Summerlin, Sam Roi Yod,

Free and open internet access is the right thing to keep in a free and democratic society.
—Chris Swanberg, Great Falls, MT

SAVE THE INTERNET -- DON'T LET BIG BIZ RULE EVERYTHING!!!
—Ken Tidd, Bangor, ME

The internet is the true equalizer...keep it that way! Net neutrality. For once, say no to corporate takeover!
—Denise Wootton, Lansing, MI

AS A Disabled And Unemployed & Unemployable American I NEED THE INTERNET TO STAY Neutral so that I will be able to use it as I all way's have .....
—John E. Robie Sr., ORLANDO, FL

I think it's just ridiculous that not everyone will be able to have the same abilities on the internet. It's preventing hundreds of people from experiencing the same successes as more powerful companies. It's kind of ironic as it's a group of American companies wanting this to happen, companies from a country that was founded on the basis of everyone being able to achieve, no matter how much money they have.
—Rachael Stott, Kendal,

No. No. No. No. No. NEVER give some users better Internet service than others, by charging them for the privilege. Do you really want to cripple American non-profits, news organizations, civil society organizations, political campaigns (except for those fueled by the Kochs and Sheldon Adelson, et al.), and American startup businesses? Of course, maybe you do.
—Sarah McKee, Amherst, MA

tom wheeler needs to resign due to conflict of interest. Please do not let comcast control more of the internet.
—Alva Hixson, Houston, TX

FREEDOM OF SPEECH. Period. Is the United States just going to become the land of corporations? Or is the land of the people? Do your jobs that you are paid by the PEOPLE TO DO.
—Susan Rice, Bennington, VT

I do not want service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow lane for those who can't afford the extra fees. Especially since these companies would have the power to choose who would be eligible and would be allowed to discriminate against online content and applications. There should exist universal and affordable Internet access and diverse media ownership. These service providers already have too much power over the content of news and information via their other business divisions and adding this power is too much for a handful of companies to have control over. In addition, no one would have recourse to be able to do anything about the service provider's decisions or actions if harmful or discriminatory to less affluent users. Thank you.
—Kevin Rich, Boston, MA

We have every right to access the Internet freely and equally. The FCC is tasked with protecting all forms of communication open to the people of the United States of America.
—James Termini, Cedar Lake, IN

My ISP, as well as both of the others available in my area, charge subscribers more if you want more speed. I don't see anything good about companies being able to create tiers within tiers.
—Christine LaBarge, Bryan, OH

Net Neutrality provides an equal playing field for ALL users, regardless of income, race, gender, etc. Discrimination based on income, is, still discrimination. Have we not finally learned the meaning of this word. Putting into service any sort of limitation on access will certainly send a strong message that our leaders are only interested in the opinions of those that have money and can do something for them. Please do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Szilagyi, Roanoke, VA

The Internet is a public utility, not the tool of corporations. Establishing a two-tiered internet is against all democratic principles and ultimately discriminatory.
—Lucius Sorrentino, Hampton Bays, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me as I get all of my news via the internet. Corporate media does not cover everything as they'd rather focus on the Kardashians or Donald Sterling. With your proposed plan, corporate media can make deals with ISPs to diminish traffic to such websites as Newsy or The Young Turks. No thanks. Keep the internet neutral.
—Bill Clar, Sanford, FL

As citizens we entrust the governence and protection of public domains and airways to the FCC and continuing this vital role as stewards of public good enables a free flow of communication, news and ideas. The critically important issue of net neutrality remains among the most important of these efforts in guarding against the corporate communications industrys attempts to erode Americans desire for freedom of expression and empowerment over profits.
—Joe Stevens, Hebron, CT

Your proposals sound like something out of a dystopian novel where the world is ruled by mega-corporations, not governments. But I guess its money that runs America, not politics.
—Isaac Bull, Chesham,

I'm retired and on social security, so I won't be able to afford the extra fees.
—josephine cortis, North Brookfield, MA

The FREE internet provides some people the only means to higher education they can afford. Through corporatizing this information and communication channel, that access will be significantly diminished. We are on a downhill slide to a vast separation between the "haves" and "have nots" - allowing the internet to be divided in this manner will only "grease the skids"!
—Roberta Weadley, Atkinson, NH

I get my news, sport results, pay bills, and shop while staying in touch with family and friends on the Internet. Because of a severe hearing problem, phone and even face to face communication is difficult. The Internet is my connection to the world. Don't take it away from me and millions of others.
—Dennis Ledden, Mt Aukum, CA

How unfair it will be when the big corporations will be able to "buy" their way into our living rooms, while small businesses like my own will be left in the dust, because I won't be able to compete. PLEASE leave the internet neutral.
—Iris Tompkins, Wellington, FL

PLEASE LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!
—Mike LaForest, Tucker, GA

The internet is a utility. Keep it that way!
—John Beauvais, Plattsburgh, NY

For many people, the net is an enabler of normalcy-a condition they might not otherwise find themselves in.I once lived in an apartment building where the landlord gave free internet access as a part of the packsge of utilities for which he paid.For several of my neighbors, it was a godsend-a lifeline like no other.Please don't allow cimpanies as ill suited to the task as Comcast the right to decide what people's access to freedom of ingormatiin will be.
—Kent Atkinson, College Point, NY

The internet should be maintained as an equal playing field rather than allowing those with means faster "lanes" and leaving behind those without.
—Judy Norinsky, Stamford, CT

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Companies like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon should not be able to control the internet in a discriminatory manner and we know they will not act in the best interest of the common person.
—Nancy Johnson, Northfield, MN

A free and open internet is essential to EVERY citizen in the 21st century economy. Why allow big corporation to access faster connections than a small start-up? It makes no sense. Focus instead on BREAKING UP the "unregulated monopoly strangle hold" that the cable companies have on the ECONOMIC ENGINE of the 21st century!
—Andy Belisle, Chaplin, CT

We are a democracy. We aim for equal opportunity.
—Elizabeth Myers, Scottsville, NY

Just do what's right for the people, and not the damn corporations. Keep the Internet open! No tiered pay to play system.
—J M Bayne, Tucker, GA

I work for an Internet company. I use the Net for my own entertainment. Like a lot of people in America, I feel that today, Internet is a utility, not a "luxury" the way it's priced, and we need to treat it that way. Beyond that, competition isn't working in this market - most of the time, there are just two options, and in many areas, DSL is flatly inferior to cable, meaning it's not an effective competitor! Despite ISP claims, competition doesn't really exist, and creating it without common carrier status is impossible.
—Brent W. Ezell, Snellville, GA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jerilyn Ernst, Dayton, OH

Democracy as we know it lays is in tatters as economics and those who most influence its course adhere to no acceptable moral code and have no regard for the responsibility their power bestows upon them. The systems that were set up by our ancestors to ensure those who are not opportunistic to a fault can enjoy freedoms and liberties are being twisted and manipulated to ensure the further enslavement of the greater part of humanity. The importance of the inter-net's neutrality cannot be understated.
—Euan, Glen Iris,

The Internet is the best thing to happen to democracy since the invention of the printing press. People who want to make money off it can make plenty of money at both ends through advertising, paywalls, ISPing, etc.; there is no good reason to allow them to also make money off the middle, by ghettoizing the Net into fast lanes and Everyone Else. It's understandable that some corporations desperately want that -- profit maximization is Job One for them, after all -- but public interest trumps private lust. Keep Net Neutrality.
—John Walchak, Melbourne, FL

If net neutrality is lost, the internet will become just one more place where those with money win. What else will be done to make the internet less available in the future?
—Adrienne Hochberg, Jupiter, FL

Net Neutrality equals free speech and it should not be controlled by money.
—Linda Minisce, Wakefield, RI

Net neutrality is of the utmost importance to allow for FREEdom of TRUE press and information. It will affect how our nation and world continue to develop.
—Danielle Donohue, St. Petersburg, FL

The Internet is an example of democracy that works. Please desist from interfering in a way that inhibits the free and democratic desemination of information for ALL. Thank you.
—Michael Grennell, Dublin,

There is absolutely no way that giving cable providers the power of the internet is going to work out well for the rest of us. Big business already controls so much of our "democracy". The internet is almost the last real level playing field and it was not broken before you attempted to "fix" it. Stop this madness Mr. Wheeler. This two tiered internet proposal by the cable companies is totally inappropriate.
—Amy Frieden, bridgman, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Hollis Burl, Ellicott City, MD

I am a college student at Drexel. I rely heavily on the internet for everything from research for my papers to stock images for my design work. My family can't afford much more than we're already paying for internet, so if this happens, then I'll have to spend more time at school to get work done. Which isn't good for me, since I commute and live further away. I already get home at midnight every night due to classes. So, if I end up losing internet at home and having to take a long commute go to school or worse the library that's already overcrowded, I'm screwed.
—Leshe, Glenside, PA

Get your filthy corporate hands off our free and open internet. We will not stand for it. We are the many - you are the few. Do not test us because you will fail. We will not allow you to destroy the principles of equality and freedom upon which this magnificent and unprecedentedly liberating piece of technology is built.
—James Whale, Bristol,

The internet is an important tool for the people to exercise their first amendment right to free speech. Creating a situation wherein we are forced to pay a premium in order to exercise that right will bar many from fair access to the internet, impeding their ability to not only express their own opinions but denying them the ability to research topics and find alternate new sources. Don't make the internet the playground of the rich.
—Jodi Davis, Glens Falls, NY

Net Neutrality is important because the internet has become an indispensable resource to today's population. The internet is how people thrive using the very core values of our country. It is used by students, entrepreneurs, small business owners - people following their American Dream to further their lives.
—Abby Lassiter, Lansing, MI

Please do not sell us out to these multinational corporations, whose only concern is their bottom line, is this what you want for your children?
—James Dubiel, Paris, TX

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as type II common carriers and support net neutrality against commercial interests.
—Steven Polomaine, Schenectady, NY

The internet is the living embodiment of the American dream, it allows anyone, anywhere who has a vision to start up their own company and create a future on an equal footing. It allows small start ups to compete with large companies creating a truly free market in which users gravitate to the companies offering the best products, not just the largest or most famous ones. Allowing a two tiered system would mean only the largest companies can offer high speed killing internet startups, killing the explosion of business that this incredible tool has created. it would prevent small start ups being able to compete with large companies which would harm the global economy and create monopolies. Keep the internet fair and equal, don't bow down to a couple of internet providers but listen to the voice of the people you are meant to work for. The public demands net neutrality.
—Matthew Durkin, Leyburn,

It is time to stop enabling large corporations to control our lives by dictating the cost of our access to basic services and needs. Internet is not a luxury car or a second house that we can opt not to buy if we wish. It is now become a necessity, we can no longer transact any business, or deal with the companies who provide our basic services without it. Because of that, you cannot relinquish public control of it, giving that over to corporations whose only motive is profit. That would be a decison act that the world will very soon come to see as a travesty on the part of an agency whose responsibility it is to oversee the right to fair communication.
—Richard Meitner, Amsterdam,

Stop the ISP'S. Save the free and open internet.
—John Connelly, Bridgend,

Net neutrality is critical to the vast majority of People who are NOT multimillion dollar cable corporations. Do NOT allow further monopolization of this already slowed down industry!
—Claire, Salem, NH

Taking away the right of net neutrality is plain wrong.
—Noel Ortiz- Gonzalez, Elkhart, IN

The internet was created as a tool for the free flow of information and opinion, for the benefit of all citizens. Please do not let the private interests of the marketplace intrude on the public imperatives of a healthy democracy, which should always take precedence.
—Richard Barber, Brooklyn, NY

this makes not sense. why not make the entire internet faster. people want to watch what they want to watch, slowing particular sites down will not stop them from being watched. this move will only anger people and create a massive boycott. the companies involved will loose trust with there users and eventually alternatives will be found. whats next, deny/block sites like the Chinese?
—Sebastian, london,

Maybe there are bad side affects of capitalism and this would be one.
—Paul Diahy, Manasquan, NJ

The fact that this is even a question or something up to "debate" only serves to exemplify what is wrong with our political system today. Calling this a "bill" is a perverse mis-terminology that would send our forefathers turning in their graves. This is not a "bill" because a BILL is something that is meant to ammend our country's policies because the PEOPLE have expressed a need to change something for the common good of the PEOPLE. This repugnant "proposal" is nothing more than big business' attempt to further sink their claws into the ownership of the American government. Do not think that you are fooling your people, by any means. We are well aware that this is only meant to hinder and limit our Constitutional Rights to Free Speech. We are aware that this "bill" was only written with the concerns of overly wealthy, power-hungry business owners in mind. And we are well aware that this "proposal" was only written after these companies in question effective bribed governmental officials with large sums of money. Have it be known that WE THE PEOPLE do not support this "proposal". WE THE PEOPLE will not stand for this. And at the end of the day, should this pass into law, you will have to answer to WE THE PEOPLE.
—Amber Stewart, Washington D.C., DC

We don't need the internet to be another business!
—Don and Leslie Bush, Cherryfield, ME

This is criminal to let corporations try to control our lives
—James Gossage, susanville, CA

The internet should be free of favoritism to corporations. I support Net Neutrality. Plase reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Mr. Kevin Millar, Owego, NY

Do not allow a two-tiered Internet. I believe in Net Neutrality, not corporate management of Internet Service Providers.
—Patricia Donnelly, Harbor Beach, MI

The internet is a public utility! What's next a slow lane for electricity, water, and gas?.
—Scott Booth, las cruces, NM

The rules proposed by the FCC chairman Tom Wheeler would allow gross discrimination in favor of internet service providers, at the expense of consumers. Internet sevice providers should be classified as public utilities or common carriers, and not given the power to serve monied interests over the interests of the common consumer.
—Lynn Graves Gulyash, Potter Valley, CA

We should all be allowed better access to the Internet. Don't restrict the Internet anymore than it already is!
—Kelly Olsson, Modesto, CA

No fast lanes for those who can afford it and slow for the 99%...no, nope, no!!
—Diane Stradling, Portsmouth, NH

ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers. We need to preserve the real Net Neutrality that we have had since the internet began. We neither need nor want new rules that give a pretense of maintaining Net Neutrality while in reality they destroy it at the behest of mega-corporations.
—Bruce Baker, Hazelwood, NC

OMG! Does comcast REALLY need more money?!?!
—Gypsy, Collierville, TN

True internet neutrality is fundamental. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers.
—Helga Spector, Somerset, NJ

Freedom of speech is inherent to the livelihood of this country. The key medium of the present and future to keep this freedom alive is the internet. It's the only way we've been able to keep any semblance of 1st amendment equality when it comes to the existing gap between rich and poor, massive corporations and startups, lobbyists and regular citizens. Please don't take this away from us.
—Michael Lopez, New York, NY

No one person or company should have control of the internet. EVER!
—Terry Rosiello, West Haven, CT

Data is Data. Content should not matter. Freedom of Speech at it's essence. This is the Public Commons. This is a gambit by Corporations to limit access to communication. If this passes, then the corruption of the US is almost complete. Do the Right Thing.
—Martha Wilson, winter park, FL

An internet "fast lane" would be akin to allowing only the rich to stand on a public speaking platform. The internet is a free speech forum, not an exclusive members-only country club. "Fast lane" proposals are nothing short of discrimation against those of lower financial means. Free speech is a constitutional guarantee, but now the FCC is proposing to allow only the rich to speak. This is unthinkable, unconstitutional, and an affront to every free American.
—George Motisher, Greenville, SC

we are already paying these companies to watch over air tv. now they want to steal the internet
—Joseph C Sousa, port saint lucie, FL

If we want to preserve democracy, we need a free speech vehicle, not another corporate-sponsored advertisment vehicle. If you do this, eventually, history will judge you, and harshly.
—Edie Scott, Fort Worth, TX

You are destroying our constitution and I rights as a nation. You are performing illegal actions for profit blatantly in front of the American people. I warn you this is not a path you wish to venture.
—Kenneth Thoms, Zion, IL

Corporations controlling the internet is not in the interests of the common man
—Rowan Prendergast, Melbourne,

Corporatocracy is not democracy. Oligarchy is not democracy.
—M Yukimura, Lihue, HI

Giving cable companies such a huge advantage over internet use should be unconstitutional or at least considered unfair business practices. This kind of thing was preventable in the past. Please reinstate good sense and good business by maintaining net neutrality with fair opportunity for all.
—Meredith Taylor, Lawrence, KS

Stop the attack on Net Neutrality. The Internet is fine as it is and does not need 'big business' interfering with it for their own profiteering!
—Graham D Bell, Middlesbrough,

Stop letting big business take this country away from the innovators and the people who make this country great.
—Vaughn Christian, Snellville, GA

As a web developer I strongly oppose the FCC plan to allow Comcast and Verizon to create fast and slow lanes and discriminate against websites that do not meet their requirements. Comcast and Verizon already provide one of the slowest but most expensive internet services in the world and this proposed new rule will only make it worse. We need a FCC Chairman that works for US taxpayers not an insider lobbyist in the pocket of Comcast and Verizon. Tom Wheeler should step down or be fired.
—Rune Strom, Gig Harbor, WA

Do your Fucking job, and serve the American people as a whole, not just the corporations. We need Net Neutrality for our generations to come.
—Rodrico V. Todd, Detroit, MI

This outrageous gouging of the American public by monopolies should never be allowed.
—Greg Holt, houston, TX

It is vital that we give innovators the ability to compete with established companies.
—Michael Capron, Hopewell, NJ

i like getting my porn quickly and i hate the fact that i have to pay these assholes whatever they want to charge and im not kidding when i say if i get a second option i would drop comcast in a second
—Nick Jewell, Minot, ND

I see no reason why we all shouldn't have equal access to the Internet.
—Jim Lawler, Columbia, SC

America is supposed to be a country where all are equal. This applies to the net. Karin Welsh
—Karin Welsh, Ballston Spa, NY

This is outrageously absurd!! The internet is the most important and relevant means to connect people around the globe. Our civilization has never seen such an advancement and you want to capitalize over it??? THE INTERNET SHOULD BE FREE AS SHOULD ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD! Shame on the FCC!!
—Rodrigo Nery, São Paulo,

The internet should be open equally to all with no slow-ups or speed-ups artificially induced for or against individuals and/or corporate or business entities for whatever reason. The internet belongs to the people. - FCC, leave it alone or help protect neutrality.
—Marilyn Hambrecht, Burton, OH

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Mary Medema, Panama City, FL

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I'd like to admire you for your ability to be flexible and do what is really right. Thank you.
—JayCee Mann, Pt Roberts, WA

We should be free to post whatever we like on the internet as well as have equal advantages online regarding internet speed and quality as well as price.
—Michelle Lechuga, Lakewood, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tim Pohlhaus, Nottingham, MD

Keep the net neutrality act neutral. Stop government corruption!
—Orlando Barros, Bristow, VA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rick Brott, Fort Lauderdale, FL

We are a global society and need a free venue for all voices! Corporate/ wealth controlled expression only is immoral and unAmerican!
—Helga Heiman, Cedarburg, WI

Please follow the Senator Al Frankin (D MN) plan for protecting internet neutrality.
—Erryl Eyster, Polebridge, MT

All data is equal! Net Neutrality now!
—Donald Stone, Mountain Top, PA

I am 72, handi-capped 66 years with severe allergies since the age of 6, and have lived with brutality & torture, terminal Parkinsonism a direct result of my having less rights than a stray dog! I live for one purpose - save children from my disease. Or help those who already have it. Health Canada is killing our kids and I spent 22 years fighting for human rights and within our legal system have no options. The freedom of the Net allows me to reach an audience I can not otherwise reach. Without such freedom, Health Canada will never stop killing our children with allergies.. Children are dying in Canada & no media, political party or group has ever helped me. Without the freedom of the Net, the suffering for those who survive (I am one of those children) is a holocaust, and our lives our entirely destroyed needlessly.
—Trudi Trahan-upchan, Sudbury,

Just another example where money and corporations trump freedoms. These people could not even speak without being arrested or asked to leave. These changes would say that we as people do not matter to big government. The u.s. has hit yet another all time low.
—Dan Thompson, Dothan, AL

The internet is a public, international utility that should not be shackled by the whims of corporate greed and political ideology.
—Robert and Donna Janusko, Bethlehem, PA

Please keep big business from taking over the net.
—Judith A Hendrickson, Leesburg, FL

Doing away with net neutrality would be a horrible move in the wrong direction. what makes the internet great is that it puts everyone on a level playing field.
—Mark Roberts, Sydney,

If a law like this would be applied it would sadly be the end of internet for a lot of people. Why would anyone, ever, think of a stupid idea like this. Why should people with money only be allowed to express themselves online and get the fastest speed possible. There is no justice in that. Neautrality says itself, you just want to BE. Be able to do the regular everyday basis you always have done on the internet since you started doing it. Restrictions to such a open place like the internet would destroy a lot of peoples worlds. It might sound like a exaggeration, but honestly it's not.
—Jonas D, Enskede,

WE do not need the population to be regulated into the ground for the profit and control of billion dollar corporations. History is full of attempts to control freedom of speech and liberty, and none of those controls ever worked before people expressed their discontent. Please listen and learn from the past. 7 billion people cannot be ignored any more.
—Kathy, Barrie,

If we don't maintain Net Neutrality people who are unable to afford premium services will be regulated to second class citizens of the information society. The internet was founded on the basis of equality and free flow of information and ideas. This is only possible if everybody as an equal access.
—Justin Jackson, Philadelphia, PA

The net is the 21st century's version of the telephone or the interstate highway. We as a commonwealth must do what is necessary to provide equal access for all.
—Justin C. Maaia, Alexandria, VA

Big corporations run so many aspects of our lives, please protect the one place that is still free and open. Net Neutrality is our right as free thinking human beings don't sell our last freedom to AT&T, Comcast and Verizon.
—Dayna Jones, Monticello, GA

The internet is the main artery for most people for information. Ending net neutrality would greatly harm this country, and must be stopped!!! Don't allow money from cable companies stop you from what is doing what is right for the entire population. We the people need the internet to remain net neutral, and we need you to maintain net neutrality. Please, do the right thing for the people- not the cable companies.
—Lillian Miller, Atlanta, GA

The internet is public property. It is one of the few remaining forums where voices and access are equal. The public is opening its eyes to it's theft and the administration's complicity in allowing it to be done.
—Michelle Dunn, BALTIMORE, MD

When is enough going to be enough for these greedy corporations!!!!! KEEP THE INTERNET FREE FROM THESE BASTARDS!!!! We Americans will NOT stand for this!!
—Kelly Pollard, Litchfield, IL

It is all the peoples contracts that pay for the Companies to have this ability to supply the people with this service.
—Ron, Lanark,

The proposal to create a fast lane is absurd. It will only make the big players bigger, push those unable to pay to the slow lane, reduced customer service and programming (it's already atrocious!) and put us behind the rest of the world in internet access and speed.
—Terry Angelli, Malden, MA

THE INTERNET IS THE ONLYTHING THAT CAN SAVE US FROM CORPORATE OLIGARCHY! KEEP IT FREE!
—Sarah Seaver, Dublin, NH

reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and do whatever you can to support net neutrality. our freedom is at stake.
—Sandra Eagle, Stamford, CT

Stifling the creativity the free and open Web provides will hurt the economy and put America even more behind the rest of the world when it comes to innovation. The Internet is an important public good and should be a public utility. Don't allow net neutrality to be destroyed. Instead competition among ISPs should be encouraged! We can't afford to let this happen. Our future as a nation depends on this, make no mistake.
—Sarah Dahl, Brooklyn Center, MN

We need Net Neutrality. PERIOD!
—Linda Beal, Lansing, MI

The Internet belongs to all of the peoples of the planet and should not be handed over to the few who have money.
—Donal Taaffe, Dublin 7,

Please protect innovation and the consumer and DO NOT dismantle net neutrality.
—Drew M Hite, Arlington, MA

The internet is probably the last place where we are totally free. We can say what we want without fear of reprisal. I don't want BIG corporate America to run my freedom.
—Trudy Mintun, Hinckey, MN

Net neutrality guarantees equal public access to a vital public resource; the internet. Just like television networks have the privilege of using the airwaves, ISPs have the privilege of bringing the internet to us, but they don't have the right to discriminate.
—Jeremy Bourget, Rumford, RI

I oppose the FCC plan to stop Net Neutrality. Internet BW should not be discriminated against.
—Dave Hair, Bradenton, FL

What are you trying to do?! Give these greedy companies a license to take away the right to surf a reliable and efficient and available web. Here we go again! Giving the license further to make the rich richer and the poor poorer and here is what I mean by this. AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and others would be making more money from those people who would be able to afford perhaps a faster internet (fast lanes) and put the rest of us on the dirt roads. It is expensive already for the internet. Come please stop basing your decisions on these big companies' desires to make even more money and be fair to all the citizens of the USA!
—Karen Yackel, Herkimer, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is one of the main vehicles for communication is the 21st century, and until this point, it has been a level playing field. This is as it should be in a democracy. The decision to favor wealthy corporations and discriminate against online content and applications is undemocratic, unjust, and ultimately hurtful to us as a people and a society. The free exchange of ideas is inherent in democracy. Don't undo that.
—Patricia Battaglia, Rochester, NY

Last place to get accurate information. Don't make it a corporate tool like the Mainstream Media. What is this? Iran?
—Mr. John & Susan Pucci, New Windsor, NY

This is an issue of free speech, albeit an electronic one. Don't let the corporations rule the internet. Help out the little guy...like me! thank you!
—Beverly Katz, bushkill, PA

We want Net Neutrality.Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher Styga, Elmhurst, NY

KEEP THE PLAYING FIELD LEVEL FOR EVERYONE. IF YOU DON'T SOMEONE WILL BE GETTING RICH AND THE GREED RIGHT NOW IS NOT FAIR. GREED THE KOCH BROTHER HAVE TO BEINVOLVED IN THIS NET NEUTRALITY SOMEWHERE. SO I SAY STOP THE GREED. AN MAKE IT FAIR FOR EVERYONE.
—Jeff Beesley, NORTH FOND DU LAC, WI

Let's keep the paying field level. Save Net Neutrality!
—Steven L'Heureux, North Kingstown, RI

Maintaining Net Neutrality is the only fair and logical option for keeping the Internet equal for all. The FCC must not SELL OUT to the greed and influence by powerful corporate interests.
—Karl Pavloff, Cincinnati, OH

I would like to think that I live in a free and Democratic country where people is free to choose and say what they please with freedom. Net Neutrality is going to disappear and a piece of freedom taken away with this ruling. I am completely against it.
—Sergio Vila, Pembroke Pines, FL

The Internet should cost the same for everyone, or else you're once again allowing the rich more and better access and discriminating against everyone else.
—Miriam Heston, Charlottesville, VA

Don't give in to the corporate empires! Let's keep net neutrality for the benefit of the people.
—Beth Parks, Martin, MI

The Internet needs to remain open and accessible equally to all... it should not be owned by any country or any corporation or individual and they should not be able to affect its operation or access to it. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suzanne Berry, Jacksonville, FL

The internet needs to be treated as a public utility.
—Christopher B. Harbin, Davidson, NC

My Freeedom!
—Don Steinkamp, Springfield, IL

PROTECT PEOPLE NOT PROFITEERS, THATS YOUR JOB, THE INTERNET IS A PUBLIC UTLITY!
—Lyman Michael, COLVILLE, WA

Keep the power of the internet in the hands of the people.
—Judy Ball, Roeland Park, KS

Economic growth requires a neutral net; dismantling net neutrality will crash our nation's economic growth to date.
—K M, Davis, CA

This is about greed, money, power. This is not about people, freedom, or the little people (the majority) to build their dreams online through small business. Each time you allow large companies to take over like this you are destroying what this country was built upon.
—Tonya Cordero, San Antonio, TX

Internet is like gas or water. All deserve equal access. Don't change what works. Do something for the people not corporations
—Eric pallocat, Ridgewood, NJ

Please keep net neutrality. Please keep the government and 'ownership' out of the internet.
—Laura Harris, San Antonio, TX

The American dream would be mortally wounded by destroying equal access to the internet. By allowing this to occur the American government will be encouraging a monopoly. This would severely limit the abilities of starter companies while aiding those already established. Not only that but we the people, the consumers, would be the ones to ultimately foot the bill. Companies would raise prices on their own goods to pay for the premium speed internet. Anyone considering limiting net equality is spitting in the face of capitalism. American citizen living in Norway.
—Melinda Gibbons Husby, Dal,

The Net, like the airways belongs to people. Please keep it that way.
—Charles Jetty, Albuquerque, NM

Keep the Internet free and fair. Net Neutrality Now!
—Kerry McNeil, Panama City, FL

As a computer consultant I use many small company sites for software and support. There is no doubt in my mind that allowing the large wealthy companies to implement a pay to play plan will result in poor service and a real disadvantage for new and small internet companies. Don't do it!
—L D. Holland, Alpharetta, GA

NET NEUTRALITY MUST BE MAINTAINED. EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL NETWORK TRAFFIC ENCOURAGES COMPETITION AND ENABLES START-UP COMPANIES TO COMPETE WITH ESTABLISHED CONTENT PROVIDERS.
—Michael Donnelly, LINCOLN, AL

The internet should be an equal platform for all and not a tired system for the enrichment of a select group of corporations. A tired system will discourage or eliminate competition, encourage monopoly control. It is unamerican.
—Ms. Linda Kinsey, Akron, OH

this is very important to us, net neutrality. keep us free and give us faster speed like euope. thanks
—Ron Johnson, omaha, NE

We, as American citizens, should not be forced to spend more money for free speech: the Internet should have the same speed & the same rules for everyone - rich or poor, individuals and corporations alike.
—A Wolf, Monroe, NY

The internet is one of the greatest concepts spawned by our democracy, here in the U.S. It gives everyone a equal chance at opportunity, creativity and communication. Let's not destroy one of our country's last freedoms! Equal internet access for all!
—Kevin S O'Donnell, Chapel Hill, NC

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Delite Hawk, Wyomissing, PA

Many of us have been fighting since the late 90s for internet freedom and neutrality. I am a retired independent software developer. I've lost count of how many times I've added my voice against yet another assault by vested interests. The Internet was originally intended to be a computer-based common carrier: a computer emulation of "the airwaves" which belong to the general public. We need a neutral, open internet, not one that gives priority to those who pay for a prime position. The for-profit content providers have a vested interest in filtering information to put their spin on it. There has always been a conflict of interest between them and the unvarnished truth. These so-called Internet Fast Lanes want to treat the Internet like an exclusive outlet for content providers. This can be lucrative for the providers, but it cheats the general public who, need unrestricted communication and access to the whole truth. Thank you for considering this comment, Frank Albe
—Frank Albe, Houston, TX

We are heading toward a corporate version of State-run telecommunications. Soon ONE powerful corporation will control all the information "We the People" get.
—R Bush, Jeffersonville, IN

Enough with corporations ruling the world! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mary Anne Carlson, Cambridge, MA

As an individual I have been watching with concern over corporate America taking over and monopolizing the airwaves. Now their continued influence over our corrupt lawmakers are infiltrating the internet. We have to stand for freedom. I am tired of feeling that we are the third world country we need to help the most. Stop filling your pockets and turning your head to ignore what is happening. I matter and so do my rights. I felt the wool being pulled over my eyes, only now it feels like a plastic bag. I am sure there are many more like me who have been quietly watching but not quiet for long. Wake up you are giving away your own freedom.
—Laurie Fujimori, Chicago, IL

ISPs should be common carriers with no restrictions to the users. The people should have the freedom to decide what they want to view and have access to.
—Rudy Binder, Castleton, NY

This is the United States of America. Along with freedom of speech, we need an open internet. The corporations & government already have their hands in our personal lives. Keep out!
—Catherine Thompson, Valencia, CA

Whatever happened to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act??? Can't you see how wrong this is? You get all bent out of shape over the silliness of a 'wardrobe malfunction' and are bending over backwards to afford these companies to take away our rights!! You were supposed to be the the group that protects citizens, not add to the issue!
—Jennifer Holloway, Columbus, OH

As a means of common communication, the internet is no different than the telephone, radio or TV and should be classified as a "common carrier" that already has regulations in place to protect the consumer as well as the carrier from the greed of the market place.
—Michael L. Falk, Oakland Gardens, NY

If it ain't broke, don't fix it!!
—Peter Lee, San Francisco, CA

fuck comcast and fuck the corporations,,,i am for free internet
—Jon Black, DANVILLE, NH

Very troubling! History has shown it is always a poor practice to try things like this. Always listen to your little voice. We all have one. Hindsight will show who was part of the problem, and who had broad shoulders, and was part of the solution!
—Stephan Pyke, Kingston,

Reclassifying internet service providers to be common carriers is absolutely necessary to keep America competitive with other countries. Without it innovation is stifled and large companies actively move infrastructure and jobs overseas. Please reclassify the internet before we lose even more.
—Peter Peterson, Knoxville, TN

Seriously, you really need to regulate ISPs as utilities. Don't screw up and end net neutrality!
—Scott Briggs, Thornton, CO

For the people, not for the corporations.
—Adam Stevens, Washington, IL

Internet access must be affordable.
—Sam You, San Antonio, TX

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is vital in today's age of global commerce.
—Tatiana Hamboyan Harrison, Grasonville, MD

COMCAST TIME WARNER AND VERIZONS ATTACK ON NET NEUTRALITY IS A DIRECT ATTACK ON OUR 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND IN EFFECT A SILENCING OF THOSE WHO DO NOT KOW-TOW TO THE CORPROTOCRACY THAT OWNS THE INDUSTRIAL MIL COMPLEX, THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA AND (MOST) OF THE GOVERNMENT. TO ENTERTAIN SUCH A NOTION IS AN ANATHEMA TO THE CONCEPTS OF EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW AND NOTHING COULD BE MORE MONOPOLISTIC - MORE HOSTILE TO THE PRINCIPAL THAT WE ARE FREE AND EQUAL.
—John Coski, Troy, MI

Any loss of access to Internet which was created with public dollars to corporations is a nail in the coffin of democracy.
—Ronald Wing, The Dalles, OR

Please do not allowed a tiered system to take over the internet neutrality.
—Misty Auton, lenoir, NC

The internet was built for the public on public funds and infrastructure and should remain as open access for the public.
—Sharon Crane, Thermopolis, WY

Please keep the internet neutral so that it is fair to all and not to big business.
—Jeffrey Mulherin, Feasterville, PA

We need equal access to information for the freedom of this country, not control by money which is the problem with our political process and the current governance of the FCC.
—Ronald Denhardt, Winchester, MA

The internet is our common property and should not be awarded to the highest bidders. Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers for the good of the country, not a few corporations.
—Julie Wissinger, Marine ON Saint Croix, MN

The two-tiered Internet proposed by Chairman (ex-industry lobbyist) Wheeler undermines democracy and gives billions of dollars to ISPs. It ensures that high speed Internet service in the US will continue to be poorly distributed and very expensive. The present absence of industry competition will only be exacerbated. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Otherwise, the FCC is little more than a tool with which telecom companies can exploit consumers.
—Michael Foote, Keller, TX

We need to allow everyone access to the net on the same basis. The net is now a primary vehicle for our free speech and restricting this works against the interest of public good across the world.
—Bob Hoekstra, Woking,

My cable bill keeps going up for no reason, because there is no competition. Ditto my ISP bill. I also run a small nonprofit, which relies on people being able to access our site easily on the web. Your actions on net neutrality are only going to make all of these situations worse. These giveaways to powerful interests that already have virtual monopolies are an offense to everything great about this country, and will only further disenfranchise the average citizen. America has always been, or supposed to have been, about the little guy having a shot. You are supposed to be Americans first, and political appointees second. DO YOUR DUTY.
—Christopher Dickey, AUSTIN, TX

I want real net neutrality
—Antonio James Casci, Lake Stevens, WA

IT'S IMPORTANT !!!!
—Brian Kiernan, Oakland Gardens, NY

It's madness not to push towards equality for all things!
—Dan Frost, North port, FL

Restore internet to its proper place! RECLASSIFY it to a telecommunications service, which it IS. Stop pandering to corporations and protect the people!
—Brenda Bailey, eastsound, WA

A two-tiered Internet equals one slow internet for the poor a another superfast internet for the rich.
—Sergio Villalta, DORAL, FL

Just say no to fascism. We are not living in a George Orwell novel. This is the real world. We must remain free. That included the Net!
—Michelle Hopson, New Westminster,

internet is already expensive- so don't increase the costs to those who can least afford it
—Elaine Furman, Jacksonville, FL

It is important for the progress of our civilization that everyone has equal access to the internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joan Werner, Bisbee, AZ

When corporations control the message our democracy is threatened. Please allow all Americans to have an equal voice.
—Sharon Colonna, Burnsville, MN

Net Neutrality is crucial and we must support it. To allow cable companies the free reign to merge and provide even worse service while charging more for it is ridiculous. Stand up for Net Neutrality and stop cable company fuckery.
—Zach Goldenberg, Barrington, NH

blatant corruption in bed with the industry OR FREE WORLD WIDE INTERNET FOR ALL! A clear choice.
—J Iam, santa rosa, CA

Net Neutrality is of utmost importance to the future of the American economy. The Internet is a huge part of the global economy and will become even more so in the future. Without Net Neutrality how would the next youtube, Netflix, Google ever start up? Pretend your phone company owed a chain of grocery stores and did not allow calls to go through to Safeway so Safeway buys them off but of course the local corner store cannot do that.
—Mark Turner, Spokane, WA

it keeps me informed about matters i would never know about other wise and the net helps me know about womens issues.
—Nancy Warthan, Arizona City, AZ

I use the internet for most of my interactions with others and certainly don't want Big Media putting me in a slow lane.
—Chadwick Cox, Norman, OK

Outrageous for greedy cable companies to lobby for something to allow discrimination just to make more money. Utility companies have to get a vote that proves they need the money. Where else can business just do what they want without the public majorities opinion. Lets look at the hobby lobby ordeal, he wanted to not support abortion but the government wanted to force it because its a public company. ISP are public companies and they should server the masses equally. Lets let the American dream continue and lets not bend over for the top 1% who think they can have everything their way because they have lobbyist.
—David Sundmacher, arnodl, MO

Any control of the internet is like trying to TAX ALL ROADS in America. If you tax ALL ROADS in America you essentially STOP ALL or MOST traffic and raise a HUGE rebel conflict against the taxers. If YOU in congress FORCE the control of the internet then you could expect a HUGE conflict against YOU, this could be as simple as being unelected or impeached or as HIGH as for citizens to STOP paying their taxes.
—Donald Mccormick, Fairview, OR

Average Americans, startups companies, and entrepreneurs are being squelched. There is a reason why there are antitrust laws. Giving preference to certain corporations violates the spirit antitrust laws were enacted in the first place.
—Tom Steinmetz, Brecksville, OH

Changing Net Neutrality is one more way to discriminate against those who aren't super rich. Everyone should have the right to access the information on the internet - not just the rich!!
—Rachel Bohringer, Cassville, WI

It is imperative that we keep the internet open to all on an equal footing. We do not want a large corporations having special access to what should be treated as a public utility. Thank you.
—Lois Sugar, Scottsdale, AZ

Although I live in Australia you are setting the standard. Reclassifying the carriers as Title II would ensure that the carriers move the information instead of screwing around.
—Phillip Donald, Keilor,

Please don't tie down The USA's innovation. Any changes should be to make it even faster and open to all with low cost, like in other free country's.
—Jeffrey Osborne, Ocala, FL

Freedom of speech, of information, of equal access to information is the basis of our democracry, in a sense it defines democracy. Take that away by caving to and favoring big money corporations flies in the face of equal access. Take a stand, not a payoff.
—Mary Noll, Ossining, NY

Money and Corporate influence is dominating our democracy, consolidating the news we get, manipulating what we see and think. We need an equal platform to uphold the right our founders intended we have.
—Joel Koman, Paso Robles, CA

Save our democracy and support net neutrality. We don't need corporations filtering information. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and discard your proposed rules!
—John Ruhl, Flemington, NJ

If the FCC permits Internet carriers to handle traffic inequitably, those carriers will use that permission to increase their profits and control web content, not to benefit their customers nor to foster innovation, creativity and competition. The first signs of this have already become evident.
—Rick Simkin, Chicago, IL

The internet should be a public utility, and everyone deserves the same type of access. It should not be another Washington big money buys it all affaire. We citizens deserve the right to fair &open access to all internet facilities, not just what big money ca buy. This is a democracy!!!!
—Joann, Stillwater, MN

The forerunner of the Internet - the ARPANET, was funded by the government, using taxpayer dollars. The Inventors of the communications protocol - TCP/IP, developed it while working on a government grant, again, with taxpayer dollars. No telecom wanted in until they saw a chance to PROFIT. We need a level playing field for ALL. I should be able to go to site "A" without having to worry whether my ISP has made a deal with a competitor that slows down (or denies) my access to site "A". Corporations are all about PROFIT. Their GREED will ruin the Internet!!! You have the authority to stand up to big business. USE IT!
—Thomas Franklin, Terre Haute, IN

Listen to the people's will; preserve Net Neutrality & stop corporate discrimination.
—Mohsen Shenas, whitewright, TX

Freedom of Speech and the need to turn this Plutocracy back into a real Democracy.
—Andrea Lucas, Chicago, IL

Unabridged freedom of speech. The Internet and world wide web is the only way a person of little means can be heard with the same power as multibillion dollar corporations or government. In some cases it is the only way the truth can be exposed. Please keep the internet and www open and free of government or business interference. Please protect the little guy. Corporations don't need your help.
—David Beecher, Centennial, CO

If this happens people aren't going to want internet. If we have to wait forever just to get on a page we need. Why pay for it??? This is starting to feel like the beginnings of a dictatorship. Controlling what we do and do not have access to online to THIS extent is absurd
—Chelsey Jo Deffenbaugh, Glenpool, OK

It is the common person's last hope for participatory democracy as I see it.
—Cathy Francis, Dayton, OH

Do you really need me to tell you why this is wrong??? Anyone with a half-activated brain (sadly, even half-activated brains are at a premium in this country, these days!) could see what i$ behind this. Do the right thing, keep it neutral!
—Kathleen Sherf, Woodbury, NJ

There is not one good reason why Net Neutrality shouldn't be GUARANTEED by the FCC. The only logical motivation for doing anything else has to have its origin in the lobbyists who stand to profit from a tiered system. A simple comparison to other nations where neutrality is the accepted norm easily demonstrates the benefits.
—Aaron Seliquini, Lawrenceville, NJ

I am a researcher and a store owner. If I had more hours in the day, I would use the library for research, but I don't, I use the internet. And I need to source material from literally dozens of sites. If Net Neutrality is voided, I will lose my ability to travel freely through all the information available online. Millions of others use the internet as a source, as I do. Act to preserve Net Neutrality. It is in the best interest of the American taxpayers who funded the research into its development.
—Bill and Bonnie Duncan, Hyde Park, VT

Your policy decisions are rapidly leading the US into the lower tier of access and service speeds among developed nations. And we get to pay a hefty premium for the privilege of being 2nd rate. Stop caving and start representing ALL the people of the US rather than an elite few with deep corporate pockets and anti-free-market interests. The long-term consequences of this trend are going to undercut the very principles that the so-called "champions of free market capitalism" pretend to support. But you already knew that.
—Mark Jepsen, Eau Claire, WI

This definitely should not be allowed. It was United States tax dollars that enabled the vast majority of all of this technology. These "networks" should never have been deregulated to the degree that they are today. Siding with these companies on this one amounts to a breach of the public trust, in my opinion. Thank you.
—Andrew Culver, Williston, VT

People are sick of one corporation after another trying to tell us how we should live our lives like they know any better. The FCC will be just another piece of trash waiting to be cleaned up once American citizens start rioting. I hope you all tear each other apart.
—Freedom Fighter, Watertown, NY

it is our right to freedom in this great country of ours.
—David Lentz, kihei, HI

Net neutrality allows all citizens, regardless of class, to participate in our democracy. When corporations are given free reign, they never side with the individual. Freedom of speech and information is a cornerstone of democracy. Let's try to hold onto the little bit of democracy that we may still have.
—Nicole Stuart, Oak Park, IL

Net Neutrality protects democracy, people's rights to communicate freely.
—Seth Sandronsky, Sacramento, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it creates an economy of trust and is beneficial for all partners.
—Timothy Isle, White House, TN

Free speech is our right. Choice is our right. The internet should not be changed.
—Christine Cohen, Willow Grove, PA

Net neutrality needs to remain open. Please don't let them take what little we have left in America.
—Brandon Walters, Carson City, NV

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Diane Sullivan, Oak Harbor, WA

The First Amendment of the US Constitution, for which hundreds of thousands, if not millions, have given their lives to protect, is not something that should be regulated by the likes of a multi billion dollar corporation with the cooperation of the US government.
—Patricia Kawczynski, Schwenksville, PA

This is the one place where there is actual equality. Don't ruin it! The net needs to stay neutral.
—Tricia Bulmer, Upland, CA

Keep the internet free/neutral. I have no money. 100% disabled veteran who uses the internet.
—Malcolm Hart, NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV

I hope you have to hire more people to read all the emails and that you wake up to what the American public is saying to you about this. We don't need internet domination controlled by cable companies, we need the Telecommunications Act revamped and applied to the internet. We don't need companies whose soul aim is PROFIT to dictate what is and isn't delivered and what speeds they are delivered at. Regardless of the claims of Wheeler that it would be policed and enforced, if this happens it will be a very bad thing for everyone and enforcement would come too slow and be challenged every step of the way by these companies and be tied up for years in court. Do what the world wants and stop this nonsense idea.
—Matt L Perkins, Mesa, AZ

We should all have equal access to the internet! Stop big corporations from profiting off of this, DO YOUR JOB protect the peoples rights!
—Rhoda Schatzel-Svensson, Petaluma, CA

Please don't rule in the interest of money. We shouldn't have to be aqt the mercy of big business on the web.
—Steve Butler, Pine Mountain Club, CA

The internet should be open for all equally!
—Ben Badger, Morgantown, WV

Net Neutrality means I have uncensored access to the Internet. Giving Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon that much control over the information available to all Americans using the Internet is frightening to say the least. Where does the loss of freedom of information stop!!! Please save Net Neutrality.
—Virginia Massie, Pierre, SD

To continue to ensure our citizens ALL have the same access to information as any human being in the world. If you want to 'create' informed, educated people you dont create bottlenecks in the line.
—Jeremy Emery, virginia, MN

More and more this country has become divided along socio-economic lines. Please maintain net neutrality so that everyone is on the same playing field with respect to the internet. If the rules with regard to this matter are changed, access to the internet will become tiered with fast lanes for those that can afford extra payments/fees while the rest will be relegated to a slow dirt road. The internet was created by the government and the government should maintain net neutrality. Thank you.
—Thomas Brocato, San Francisco, CA

We should all have equal access to the internet: not just what corporations such as Comcast and Vorizon decide to allow us to have based on how much we can afford to pay. A seriously slow lane vs the high priced fast lane will hamper many. Also, the FCC may be seriously compromised in its' ability to oversee the communications world by its' chairman and his previous occupation. It is a lot like having the fox guard the hen house. Apparently President Obama and his appointee think we are all seriously stupid. What a pity.
—Geri Goff, Livonia, MI

The internet should be affordable to ALL. It's bad enough they charge an arm and a leg already plus you have to pay hundreds of dollars for a better cell phone. Enough is enough of all this greed!
—Joe Waters, sioux falls, SD

Society is poorly-served by our existing ISP infrastructure. There are structural disincentives for any ISP to remedy traffic imbalances. This problem will only be worsened by allowing ISPs to establish arbitrary service tiers, and it will enrich them at the same time that the best qualities of the internet are stripped away: - the freedom of any person to participate in any online discussion - the opportunity for new businesses to compete with established businesses Please support rules that protect this shared public resource.
—Tom Rogers, Minneapolis, MN

This is one of the basis on which the new Internet economy is founded upon, and all the talk of innovation and competition would be entirely undercut by defending these entrenched companies.
—Andrew Hanson-Dvoracek, Chestnut Hill, MA

The internet is not a commodity to be owned by private corporations.
—Douglas MacLeod, Wilton Manors, FL

John Oliver said it best on his program last week, getting a dingo to babysit your child. Wheeler is a fox in the hen house and is only looking to line the pockets of the cable/communication companies. Net neutrality makes a level playing field for all Americans not just those with corporate money and lobbyists. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. Christine Johnson CJ
—Christine Johnson, Silver Bay, MN

The internet cannot be allowed to become another corporate controlled medium. Other countries censor the internet, restricting what people do and see. Will you allow corporations and commercial untested to do the same in this free country?
—Jon Storey, Eugene, OR

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! For the people, by the people.
—Chris McCarty, Highland Beach, FL

Daniel Dunn Please don't make the Internet become prohibitively expensive. Don't we have enough of the corporations eating us alive?
—Daniel Dunn, Roseville, CA

It's a matter of freedom of speech. The internet is the only place where someone lacking massive economic resources can communicate to a large audience. I urge you to treat it as a common carrier with no paid-for fast lane.
—Stuart Soloway, somerville, MA

The people own the internet and they should be the ones to determine it's future. The proof that they are now mismanaged in the is when a comparison with service in other countries is made. We do not want more of the same on steroids. If you are going to sell the internet, please get a fair price, do not give it away. And please make decisions that will actually stimulate competition. Remember, you are bargaining for us, the people of the United States. Please do not give the farm away. We are hoping that we can trust you.
—Mark Henry, McKinleyville, CA

All modern and great nations are to be judged by how they treat their least fortunate citizens. We always need to keep in mind and close to our hearts just how we would like to be treated. It's that simple " Do Unto Others as you would have them Do Unto You.
—Robert DiClemente, Hometown, NJ

Free speech is the backbone of this country.
—Teresa Mishler, Valley Village, CA

The greed of large companies and or huge corporations will only cause the downfall of our country in the end as it will slow down nearly all communication through this country and quite likely the world if this nonsense is not stopped!
—Vivien Britton, Bandon, OR

I want to be able to load Youtube as fast as Netflix. I want to be able to be able to go to John Doe's BBQ website and have it load just as fast as Youtube. I want to be able to host my own website and have the traffic generated from it be equally treated. I want ISP's to compete, and for ISP's to be classified as common carriers .
—Daniel Jones, Bluefield, WV

There are so many features and articles I and many others enjoy that are not in the mainstream. Please keep the internet neutral so that all words, all opinions may be expressed freely and on a level playing field.
—Royce Rodeman, cypress, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's rules "proposal" for the Internet may very well be the stupidest thing I've heard in recent memory....and that's no small feat in a country that, quite obviously, is rushing headlong into the "future" by doing everything it possibly can to perpetuate an even greater stupidity tomorrow than the stupidity that they've managed to accomplish today. I absolutely believe Chairman Wheeler's immediate resignation would be appropriate now.
—Art McCue, Porterville, CA

Maintain net neutrality - the internet is NOT for sale.
—Barbara Barrie, Ghent, NY

It always comes down to money. Everything in this culture has become about the bottom line. Government officials and large corporations make it even more so, and as they do, the voices of the citizens of this country, even whilst shouting louder than ever, have become less and less audible. This issue is just one of many examples. The FCC has an opportunity to make things right for its average, working American citizen...it is called doing the right thing. Unfortunately, with regard to our government, we seem to see less and less of that these days.
—Pamela Thistlewaite, New Hartford, CT

I'm disappointed in Pres Obama for caving into big $ interests. WE paid for the internet and it is being hijacked by big money cable companies. (anything new?) I was optimistic when cable started and promised no commercial ads. Boy, was I naive, but then I was just a trusting young boy. Keep the big money out of OUR internet and maintain internet neutrality for the sake of our nation. Don't let the cable companies suck us dry. I've been a lifelong Dem but this changes my perspective. Maybe it is time to leave the United States Inc, as several of my friends have done. My butt has been sore since Reagan became president, and I voted for him. Everything he has done was for the big money interests, maybe that's why he is a hero among persons of wealth? Maybe Nancy Reagan should have consulted an astrologer about this? Why should occult spiritual guidance be reserved only for national security; we should consult them about this also.
—Ray Olsowka, Orange, CA

Maintaining net neutrality is vitally important. It levels the playing field for entrepreneurial American commerce and free speech.
—Tory Johnson, Reedley, CA

I would like to see net neutrality continued. Continue to give everyone the equal and fair opportunity we have today to use the net. I know the powers that be are doing everything they can to control access to the net, but you have the power to shut them down. Don't give in. Fight for the rights of common people to control this last great bastion of freedom. Don't let it be turned into what TV and Cable have become, a voice for the power mongers and greedy. Save net neutrality today and forever. Give a voice to those who otherwise would be silenced.
—Mark J Marinucci, Brunswick, OH

The idea of allowing ISPs to charge for a second level of internet service is a terrible idea.
—Grover Syck, Hamilton, OH

Net Neutrality is important because poor people can and need to contribute to innovation and society without being priced out of the loop .
—Billy Mize, Ivanhoe, TX

The accumulation of information stirs knowledge. Information is knowledge. Knowledge is a bridge to power. Knowledge is power. Power is its own absolute. To restrict the flow of information inhibits challenge to the status quo. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, for the sake of justice.
—Kristienne Wolfe, North Creek, NY

Faster lines at the amusement park, faster boarding at the airport, preferred tiers on the Internet - how can we ever hope to have a free society when the "haves" are continually being given the power to ensure that superior levels of everything - even services that depend on government provided access - can be bought? Make a statement that you are not the pawns of industry, as all of the nation believes, and strike a blow for real democracy. Protect net neutrality now.
—Heidi Hanson, Prospect Heights, IL

Freedom of speech is very important to me and many people who come to to the Land of the and the Home of the Brave, from countries that had censor what one gets to hear, say or see. Internet gives us the freedom to express our views and that is what freedom of speech is all about. Please make internet free for all. Thank you
—Mehdi Sabounchi, Anaheim, CA

I am against Chairman Wheeler's plan for a two-tiered Internet. Throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Aurelia Holliman, Weatherford, TX

Please keep the Internet free and equal.
—James M Hughes, BLOOMINGDALE, OH

Everyone should have equal access to the internet. This ruling put profit before people. This is wrong.
—Christine Pierce, Wakefiled, RI

The internet was not created by the internet service providers. Why should they get to determine who gets access and at what cost? My father was a WWII wounded veteran that was in active combat so the USA could have our freedoms. What a slap in the face to all those who have served.
—Sharon Jonas, Valparaiso, IN

This two-tiered system would mean we all lose. These ISPs should not be allowed to act as drug cartels and mob bosses, breaking the legs of content providers, like Netflix, until they comply with their demands. This has to stop. They can't keep sneaking these things into regulations hoping hard-working American citizens won't notice. 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.
—Gretchen Green, Bellflower, CA

PLEASE! The internet must be reclassified as a utility and ISP's classified as common carriers. The internet is too important in all areas of our lives to be turned into one more vehicle to redistribute wealth upward. It's SO much more than low hanging fruit for the uber-wealthy/uber-greedy! Some things shouldn't be done just because the wealthy, powerful and unscrupulous can do them. The internet is a vast venue of expression (some good/some bad for sure) and a world-wide instrument of communication and possible understanding and evolution for us all. It must be preserved and kept free for all in its full potential. Nothing like it has ever existed before and I can't think of how it could be replaced if you destroy it. I sincerely hope you're not that puny and that corrupt.
—Janet Latham, Berlin, MA

Internet is OBVIOUSLY a telecommunication system, and must be regulated as such. All data should be treated the same. If ISPs continue to be allowed to manipulate data rates, they will make it into a cash grab. Those with more money to pay will get preferred services, which is not in the best interest of all of us, but would serve the ISPs well.
—John Dennison, Blaine, WA

The internet has become one of the few equal spaces on the planet. Keep it equally available for all.
—James Kobialka, worcester, MA

As a college student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, what the FCC decides to do with Net Neutrality has a very tangible effect on my future. A two tiered internet would essentially limit my ability to be able to create and publish software. A two tiered internet creates far more barriers to entry for me to try and be an entrepreneur by forcing me to compete with some of the largest companies in the country. Regardless of whether or not my product has any overlap with what they sell, my internet traffic would always be second class, limiting competition and consumer choice. Please, don't relegate me and the thousands of other tech industry hopefuls, who have spent thousands of dollars and years of time on these college degrees, to positions of stifled creativity, innovation and monetary income. America is a country best known for it's famous entrepreneurs and innovators, please don't let other countries overtake us by smothering one of the largest sectors of growth in our economy. Please keep net neutrality and the innovations it affords in my country.
—Gabe Osburn, Houston, TX

The internet needs to remain neutral so all people can access it at the same rates. It is a first ammendment right. Corporations are *not* people, despite what the supreme court recently decided.
—Rebecca F. Smith, Eugene, OR

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joshua Futterman, Crested Butte, CO

A tiered internet destroys democratic access. The internet does not exist for the priviledged few, but for equal access for all of us. Do not destroy net neutrality. That would destroy the internet as we know it.
—S Meyers, Upland, CA

Why must we sell EVERYTHING?
—Eleanor Wallace, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important for democracy. We all need to have equal access to the Internet, to voice our thoughts and ideas. To not maintain net neutrality is to stifle the voice of the average Americans.
—Robert Adler, Laguna Hills, CA

The government should NOT pick winners and losers. Allowing large corporate interests to control the internet is a HUGE loss for We the People. Corporations are not people and, they don't care about people. It's all about their bottom line...period, full stop.
—Donna Sharp, Union City, GA

The Internet is a utility. Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Jon Brams, Exton, PA

Internet should remain equal for all!
—John McClary, Tempe, AZ

When electric and phone lines were set up, there was an effort to provide phone services to rural areas as well as more lucrative areas. When need to provide a fair system for all citizens.
—Charlene Vanacker, East Lansing, MI

The idea of allowing these monopolistic entities to have even more control is the most un-democratic thing I've heard of since Wheeler was appointed. We as Americans pay some of the highest rates for bandwidth in the world and receive some of the SLOWEST service. FACT! This idea is complete bullshit and serves only the corporations Wheeler formerly represented as a lobbyist.
—Mike Andrewjeski, San Francisco, CA

Internet should be common good!
—Gasper Strle, ljubljana,

If you want to insure a civil war breaking out in America, then go ahead and rule to allow corporations to dip their greedy fat hands into our wallets, YET AGAIN, and take away that which we in America have come to know about what an experience on the internet is about, unless we pay more money to keep it. People are sick and tired of being taken advantage of by a government who gets paid by corporations to allow them to rape, pillage, and plunder American citizens under some bullshit guise of majority consensus, or progress. Do your fucking jobs and make decisions based on the will of the majority of the people, OR get a job in the private sector and make your money that way. But STOP combining the two, because Americans are fucking tired of it!!!!
—Troy Brito, New York, NY

The internet was a great American discovery and it has done more to spread freedom and democracy around the world than 10 wars. Please do not put a price tag on that liberty. This is the last frontier for hard-working entrepreneurs to realize the American dream. Please leave the internet open. The proposed rules are an affront to American values. Do not give King George his taxes.
—Gregory Long, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is vital to the success of smaller businesses.
—Juha Cantori, Wolcott, NY

If ISPs are not classified as telecommunications services they should be forced to lease access to their cables to other companies for competition.
—Phillip Cripps, Cathedral City, CA

get your dirty corporate tentacles out of isp resources and priority traffic mfckrs. your discrimination against online content and applications you bring to internet kills an equal accesss for information for millions of households and turns to a point of non return-to a financial dictatorship that tries to treat a free space of net by submissive and agressive policy thanks to a bunchy crowd idiots try to impose a priority system for access to freedom we demand. so wheeler you have to choose betwween your finish as fcc chairman or triumph of antimonopolistic order and free american justice. so don't be dull.
—Dmitry, spokane, WA

The Internet is a massive and ever-growing entity in today's society, and one should not and cannot hope to tame it. Humans now work and live by sharing information and once corporations are involved with how we see this information, the disastrous possibilities on corruption and propaganda are endless.
—Nick Vigilante, Whitehouse Station, NJ

Access to the internet and to information, shouldn't be determined by the amount of someone's discretionary income. Giving that much power to these corporations, allowing them to discriminate based on what people can afford, is a travesty. This is an atrocious debate. I can't believe it's even a debate at all.
—Kim, Philadelphia, PA

Stop the big conglomerates from taking over the internet and changing it to suit THEIR agenda. Choose a free internet over monopolistic driven profits.
—tim singler, Cleveland, OH

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, now.
—AM Warfield, Ponte Vedra, FL

Net neutrality must be at the heart of the expanding Internet. If not then there will be an unacceptable monopoly. The larger cable Companies have already got things sewn up across the USA. If you allow this then it is not long before they buy up any competition around the World. Please stop it.
—Terence Waites, Stockton-on-Tees,

Net neutrality is essential. Enact it. Permanently. Thank you.
—Mark Dreessen, Chicago, IL

I pay the same rate as anyone else to get my internet access. It makes no sense for the FCC or someone sitting in an office at an ISP to decide that my usage is more or less important than someone else's.
—Tracy Snell, Bethesda, MD

This law is an other way for big companies and rich guys getting more money and power, they are like spoiled brats that think they own everything and leave nothing for the others. Without net-neutrality there would be considerably harder for starting companies to progress, there will be no competition on the market, no progress.
—Vasile Gabriel Gampe, Cluj-Napoca,

Because money should not make anyone more equal. This is so like animal farm where the pigs became more equal and look what happened to the rest of the animals. When they wrre unable to work they were carted off to the rendering plant. This is what will happen to smaller businesses. If all the Internet becomes is a place for big corporations what good is it to qnyone. It will be onr big ad! If we as a people expect to survive we must foster inovation. Much of that comes from small startups and they won't have a chance on this kind of playing field! Please keep the Internet free from being controlled by a few overly powerful companies that haven't learned that people do not want to be told what they should desire and where they should go. People would like to get what they are looking for and go where they want to! Stop big companies from impinging on te freedom of the people!!!!!
—Patrice Hundstad, Mankato, MN

I'm certain you've heard all of the arguments for and against the use of net neutrality. I'd like to add my voice to the rising chorus of concerned citizens who must continue to pay service fees to a monopoly ISP, and to have that corporation (with no regulation on how much they can charge for mediocre service) spend a large portion of my fees on lobbying to maintain their monopoly. On top of that, I am also an engineer who has been astounded how the internet has gained substantial new capabilities without any substantive alteration to the underlying protocols, fabric, peering agreements, or quality of service. As long as every packet is treated equally, new opportunities and innovation can occur. Opponents of net neutrality, should they incur additional fees to transport information *above* what I am already paying for, will stifle innovation. As I understand, most ISPs already take advantage of portions of the common carrier regulations, yet are not bound by them. *This* is the ultimate in gall. Internet service (particularly as phone services migrate to internet) effectively *is* an essential service that should be regulated as a common carrier. Thank you for your attention. Please do the right thing for non-corporate voters.
—Michael Wolfson, arlington, VA

Net neutrality is important to me, because it's crucial that multi-national business interest i.e telecoms, cable companies, ISPs, and the government don't instill a tyrannical control of the internet. Forever neutral!
—Joseph Magee, Hurst, TX

This is absolut madness. Net neutrality must be preserved
—Linda McNutt, Springville, UT

The Internet should be a free service for all - especially those already disadvantaged financially.
—Helen Woodall, Bournemouth,

Classify as Common Carriers, protect the Neutrality of the net. Be of service to the people, not your friends at the big carriers.
—Skip Thomas, Fishers, IN

The FCC has not provided evidence that these regulations are necessary!!!.....more government control is not what we need.....Keep commercial interests out!.....only the poor will suffer and continue to create class separation in the U.S.....
—Chris Baird, salinas, CA

Keep the net free. We the little people need continued access to a neutral internet.
—Cathy Tadder, Janesville, WI

More and more, every aspect of our lives requires the use of the internet. Kids in school are required to use it for class and homework. We get our news from the internet. We figure out how to get where we're going from map programs over the internet. We do our banking, investing and shopping on the internet. Irrigation systems monitor weather data over the internet to adjust irrigation to make it more efficient. We communicate with one another over the internet. The systems that run our homes are web based. Business is dependent on the internet. Government is dependent on the internet. It's clear to me that the internet is a PUBLIC utility and should be regulated as such. This country is supposed to value free speech and equal rights for all. To allow those with the most money to control the speed of the internet would be to say that people and small businesses do not have the same rights as big corporations. I fully support net neutrality and urge the FCC to ensure that equal access to the internet for all is the rule of the land.
—Delinda Robinson, Aromas, CA

We have one cable internet supplier in our town. They already charge for various speeds. We don't have options like big cities do. We rely on the Internet to stay in touch with far-flung relatives, check news stories and other interests. We already pay a lot more for cable internet than people in other countries. Why can't you re-designate Internet access as a utility and regulate costs so that the Internet remains a usable, cost-effective way to conduct business and connect the people in this country? If you make it tiered cost, you know you will alienate a lot of people, who will reject the grid and become social outlaws.
—Martha Robbins, Marietta, OH

I don't want to be a second class citizen on the internet. Keep it equal and free.
—Brent Reed, Highland, UT

We have a right for Free Speech not to be limited and I am tired of paying for things that should be entitled to us, like the internet. Cable companies already charge too much``
—Weil, Brooklyn, NY

Please preserve equal Internet access for all - rich or poor!
—Ralph Thomas, Mount Shasta, CA

We support Net Neutrality. We do not support allowing some companies and/or individuals having access to faster speeds based on their wealth.
—William Mahoney, Newmarket, NH

Ending Net Neutrality would hurt small business and we need small businesses to keep our economy growing. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to save small business.
—Rena Lee, Bozeman, MT

To me it 's everyone's of freedom of speech & expression being impeded by corporations that only have their bottom line in mind.
—Ms. Yvonne S. Hardgrave, New Haven, CT

I want to make the decision on information I consume!
—Duane Underwood, corvallis, OR

This is so wrong on so many levels.
—Lori Holt, Houston, TX

Keep fighting the fight! Net Neutrality is vital!
—Alyssa Schartz, Southgate, MI

The FCC should stay the hell away from anything to do with internet ! ! There is enough discrimination already. Throw out FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality ! ! !
—Joneane Loria, Moorpark, CA

The Net is a vital and often singular source of information and communication to many consumers. It is unequivocally a telecommunication utility. Treat it as such and insure equal access to all.
—Kimberly Cresic, Parkton, MD

The internet is the way that citizens get news not reported through corporate media. It is the way that citizen groups organize to protect the commons and protect our civil rights given via the bill of rights of the US Constitution. The internet cannot be made to have one speed for those who pay the most and a lesser version of internet access for the rest of us. This is counter to the American ideal of free speech for everyone. Let America be America. Don't kill our equal access to the internet.
—Anne Caruso, Cleveland, OH

It is important because we all deserve the rights to have free speech and equal rights for all not just those that can afford it. Greed rules yet again what can some rich minority get out of the poor YET again. the have's and the have nots. People are sick of being told what they can do and what they can't.
—Susan Nagaitis, Barcelona,

Net neutrality is the last bastion were information can be researched freely for the most part and if this is allowed to proceed corporate greed will privatize this avenue and restrict access. I'm asking the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do the right thing.
—Rex R. Reed, Bend, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Chairman Wheeler's proposal would create an unfair advantage to companies with the ability to pay extra for preferential treatment of their digital data. Creating a two-tiered Internet, would take bandwidth away from consumers and start-ups that do not have the means to pay for preferential treatment of their data.
—Gabriel Vavra, Oklahoma City, OK

Wealth corporations already have enough advantages and do not need the extra boost of dominating the web. Keep the net Neutral and open.
—Kenny Fields, Santa Monica, CA

The internet is not for sale. Sorry.
—Nick Linnear, laguna beach, CA

Thomas Jefferson said the most important facet of a democratic society is an informed population. Allow equal access to all information. Perhaps the FCC might make access to hate / cruelty-type websites less accessible. Consider maintaining places for opinions and discourse accessible to al .
—Linda Babcock, Haydenville, MA

Ultra fast internet for all, not just corporations. This is part of free speech, and democracy, and leveling the playing field. Keep internet neutrality.
—Paula Grieb, Wenatchee, WA

We need information and education to be free to all. Adding restrictions to the internet restricts information and limits democracy.
—Andrea Callaway, Galesburg, IL

Keep the internet free. Stop letting corporations destroy freedom in America?
—Aaron, Oregon city, OR

The internet can NOT be corrupted by corporate greed. Shame on you.
—Deborah Castellano, Lake Stevens, WA

I reject the FCC's rules. Maintain net neutrality!
—Lili Ellison, Dover, NH

All people need access to an equal internet; the internet is crucial for all manner of business in today's world, without an even playfield, only those with the means already will be able to compete.
—Bryan Iwen, Algoma, WI

Net Neutrality will protect the most important communications medium we have. The United States has been entrusted for many years with stewardship of the Internet--not supporting true net neutrality will damage our country's leading role.
—Roshan Mansinghani, Dallas, TX

Protect the internet. Please do not kill net neutrality. Don't let discrimination and big corporation hold power over the internet. Get rid of pay to play internet.
—John Swanson, Philadelphia, PA

The reasons are numerous. To eliminate net neutrality would be a slap in the face of democracy and the sacrifices our Country has made in order to have it.
—Jason, Leesburg, VA

Net Neutrality is inextricably linked with freedom and democracy; two things that are increasingly becoming mere illusions in this country. Keep net neutrality. Being American should not be about having our freedoms regulated by the cash flow of corporations.
—Sarah Hill, Leesburg, VA

How can you possibly conceive such an idea? The internet was made to be free and fare for all. To allow ISP's to wield so much power over who gets what speed of internet is absurd. It is morally wrong and will cripple the internet for countless. You are making this decision for the companies and NOT the people. I suppose thats what disgusts me the most. Do not go through with this. Nothing good can possibly come of this.
—Shawn Nagar, West Lafayette, IN

The internet is the only way to be vocal
—John Leen, Perth,

Please use your good offices to protect our open and unfettered communication on the internet. Corporate greed should not limit freedom of speech.
—Andrew Leavenworth, Los Angeles, CA

Don't make me end up having to pay extra for my Netflix subscription just because they have to pay extra to Comcast, CenturyLink, or whoever. Keep access equal.
—Nick Zachariasen, Vermillion, SD

The greatest force driving today's (and the future's) economy is the innovation that a free and open Internet allows and promotes. Handing control over to large private corporations would be stupid & wrong.
—CHarles R Irwin, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is the foundation of our global Internet. Removing this foundation which we have all come to rely on, will eliminate the equality of access prsent for all users of the Internet. You must find a way to regulate all US-based ISPs to provide equal and unfettered access to the Internet regardless of content. The lack of Net Neutrality is a threat to our freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom from persecution for our beliefs.
—Brian Deyo, Washington, DC

I gave up on cable several years ago. Too expensive for a product I'm not at home to watch or paying for channels I would never watch. I purchased a digital antenna and see the local stations just fine. I pay for high speed internet connection and enjoy it just fine. But do not understand why I should pay them more to use the internet to view what I am already paying to receive. We the people have no ala carte choice for cable stations but they would have us pay ala carte for websites. I'm just a middle class American living paycheck to paycheck. Please keep the net neutral.
—Charles Hendricks, Lirhonia, GA

You are making it a pocketbook controlled net.
—Mary Jansen, Brown Deer, WI

Net neutrality is fundamental to freedom of information and thought, since the internet is such a source of information. Please do not let this information discrimination go forward.
—Elaine Strope, Galena, MO

The humans Will have a negative development / evolution without net neutrality
—Daniel, Haninge,

A neutral internet is a major force in the advancement of democratic social networks. To sacrifice this tool to corporate profit-motivated strategy would be a travesty of the FTC mission. After long and deliberate consideation, I am now convinced that internet services should be treated as common carriers and subjected to those rules. I have written to my Senators and Congressional representative asking them to support such moves.
—Frank J Arsenault, ANNAPOLIS MD, MD

Freedom of Speech is the right of every single human being in America. I strongly suggest you actually read our Constitution!
—Catherine Adams, Seattle, WA

The internet should be equal for all. Not dictated by money.
—Jessica Sutton, Waxahachie, TX

Net neutrality is essential for all students, primary and secondary as well as college level. It is vital that the internet remains neutral so that students have the resources they need to learn and research.
—Lynette Oliver, Wilmington, DE

It is all we have in a down ridden world of self defeat and loss of income daily.
—Joshua Taylor, Fargo, ND

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a last vestige of democracy in America, it enables everyone to have an equal voice. I'm enraged that the two-tiered system is being promoted by an FCC Chairman who used to be a voice for the telecommunication companies--or more accurately, IS STILL A VOICE FOR THEM!!!
—Ms. Lonni Ann Fredman, Albuquerque, NM

I want diverse information and the ability to choose and make my own choice without being limited to what someone else wants me to know.
—Debbie Ray, Boone, NC

All data on the Internet MUST be treated equally, or the basic premise of what made the Internet what it is today would be void. Companies such as Time Warner and Comcast would prefer that they be paid for 'priority service', but in reality there will be 'preferred' service and 'SLOW' service. This squashes the entrepreneurial spirit of the Internet, which has help create and grow companies such as Google, Netflix, Amazon, and eBay. The relationship between the FCC and cable/communications companies is already nepotistic. Please don't prove this out by favoring the monopolistic communications companies that already charge us more for Internet than almost any other country, while our speeds already lag behind most of the developed world.
—Michael Adams, Jeffersonville, IN

My family spends a lot of time on the internet (watching movies, playing games, connecting with friends and family). I have looked up as much as I could to TRY to make an informed decision on how I feel and there isn't much out there. I am for Net Neutrality. Everyone is entitled to make use of the internet on an even playing field. No one should HAVE to pay extra to get their content out to everyone in the same time frame.
—Sue Oliver, Brainerd, MN

IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE NOT THE GREEDY CORPORATION
—Louis Drinkwater, Chelsea, MA

I want everyone to have an equal voice on the internet and have their arguments judged on their merits. I do not want corporations influencing the internet more than they do now. Internet would become about as stupid and commercialized as TV if these changes are made. The internet is the last bastion of free thought and speech for citizens.
—Kent Homesley, Greenville, SC

The Internet grew out of the governments DARPAnet which allowed Colleges and University's to share information for the purpose of improving education an learning. The Internet today allows that same sharing of information and learning by all free peoples. Restricting access unequally favoring businesses goes against what our country always represented, freedom of information and access to that information. This is akin to what China and all other repressive nations are doing. The United States of Corporate America is not conducive to successful future for it's peoples.
—Bill Smith, Pittsburgh, PA

The Net IS The backbone of civilian communication in this country. It IS the modern equivalent of the phone system. It NEEDS to be protected and regulated AS a public Utility. It Needs to be protected from Corporations already bloated on insane profits.
—William Giltner, Salida, CO

You unamerican sacks of garbage should keep your greedy Nazi hands off our internet. You are ushering in an era of Censorship that makes me sick. As a veteran I'm demanding you do your god damn job and get your shit together. Americans won't forget your name when shit gets real, wheeler.
—Joe tripiciano, Oceanside, CA

"These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and DISCRIMINATE against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it." The FCC must stop trying to control and regulate this one remaining freedom we all need. Many would never been able to start businesses, gone to school, found loved ones or just enjoyed surfing the internet if the FCC had it's way. Who is the architect in this??...AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, etc???
—Paula York, Greensboro, NC

All those bits of data on the internet need to be treated equally. Just like all the words in a phone call to my daughter. Just like all the apples on a truck going to market. Don't let some monopoly decide which ones are more important than others.
—Sid Stookey, Kenner, LA

Americans should have the right to free speech meaning it should not be censored, filtered or regulated in any way. Putting restrictions on internet accessibility Amir usage can be likened to taking certain books out of libraries or blacking out words in manuscripts. To grow is to learn and to learn is to have access to new information. This is just one more step towards a country that resembles nothing like our forfathers fought for and created.
—Caroline, Charleston, SC

If we want to promote the creation of new businesses, why would we chain start-ups with slower internet access? Don't the big corporations already have enough advantages? If we want a growing middle class, we must see that start-ups have every chance to grow.
—Henrietta Jenrette, Raleigh, NC

The common carrier rule is the only way.
—Ray Cage, Prescott, AZ

The interned needs to remain accessible to individuals, not regulated for and upon behalf of corporations.
—Monica Jackson, McLean, VA

Equal access is working, and has been working since the internet began. The system is not broken, so leave it alone please. Do not let more of our freedom be controlled by corporations.
—Deborah marsh, Lompoc, CA

I don't want to be on the slow dirt road.
—Nancy Royer, Bartlett, TN

I ALREADY HAVE TWO STRIKES AS A RURAL USER WITH LIMITED BROADBAND AVAILABILITY. DO NOT MAKE A BAD SITUATION EVEN WORSE!
—Michael Jay Herbert, Florence, OR

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't feel it is right to relegate certain content to the slow lane because the corporations want to make more money from the "most visited" or "prized" content. It's wrong.
—Brianna, Grayslake, IL

Much of my work is done on the internet. Videos are a big part of my job. Much of my entertainment is from the internet since I have no cable service and do not want cable service. I was always dissatisfied with cable companies and the bills seemed to always be higher than I was told they would be due to taxes, fees, etc. I stay connected with distant family and friends via the internet. I take on-line classes using video conferencing. I am terrified at the prospect of the internet being controlled by cable companies that are losing money due to the internet. Of course they will try to make it so slow you cannot enjoy watching a movie or video. They want you to watch your TV. I do not believe the internet should be controlled by anyone because personal interests of the governing body or bodies will inevitable get in the way. Corruption, censorship, loss of the freedom we now have there. How can my students - I am a teacher - watch the videos I post on a 'slow' connection? And what if someone starts trying to censor what I can post, going beyond restricting me and my low-income students to a 'slow' connection. The loss of Net Neutrality would, I believe become progressive and possibly eventually crippling. I see this as a possible intrusion on my right to freedom of speech, loss of the freedom to see what I want to see on the internet and very seriously usurping the internet's usefulness to U.S. citizens. I am utterly opposed to and condemn any such first step in this direction. Thanks for your time, Barry Lingerfelt
—Barry Lingerfelt, martinsville, VA

The internet is the single greatest tool of democracy, human rights, and equality in the world. If it is broken up into a fast and slow (or expensive and more expensive,) lane, it will no longer function as such. This is something worth fighting to prevent.
—Jamie Farhi-Humphrey, Berkeley, CA

This comment is in support of genuine net neutrality. I currently work for a start-up company and can confidently say that net neutrality is essential for economic innovation in todays' high-tech world.
—Brant Buchika, Flagstaff, AZ

As the years have gone by, more and more I've come to the sad conclusion that we do NOT live in a democracy, where everyone's rights are protected. But rather a plutocracy, where our society is run by the wealthy, typically in the form of corporations. Do what's right: PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Greg Astor, Brooklyn, NY

What about schools that can't afford to have the "fast lane" due to school funding? Some children's parents can't afford to have internet service at home and so often have them stay late at school to finish their work, or to the libraries, which, coincidentally, also depend on public funding. I myself, only make 10.08 an hour at a job I have been at for 4 years, and haven't been able to find one that I have the degrees for. Just crap luck I suppose, but why should I have to pay more because of it to keep the same internet I already have. The cable companies are already making enough money. Please, do not take away what we have already. You would be infringing on our rights to freedom of speech, by making those who can't afford it, be stuck on the shoulder, while those who can, get run of the freeways. Start thinking of the people and not the corporations lining your pockets.
—Jana Ingman, Coon Rapids, MN

I am tired of searching for unviased news on international tv channels. this government controls too much the news.
—Victoria Hoyos, Queens Village, NY

The U.S. needs Net Neutrality to remain competitive in the world and allow equal access to the internet.
—Colleen Robson, East Troy, WI

We are going backwards in time..... This must stop.
—Elizabeth Young, Manchester Center, VT

This is starting to look like North Korea!! It may not be the government censoring the internet, but the government is allowing large corporations to censor it! We want net neutrality! We don't want to put even more money in the opckets of the same people. Maybe we should make the FCC up of entirely elected officials then we could have our voices heard!
—Samantha Whitlock, stephenville, TX

The internet is for everyone. It was begun as an enterprise for all to use equally. Cable companies want to change it to an enterprise that is a caste system for those who can afford to pay and those who will ultimately be phased out of the system because of money and therefore have no voice and no First amendment rights.
—Todd Sherman, Cape Coral, FL

My children need a open internet that is regulated by the government as a public utility. We support net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jamila Khan, Westerville, OH

Free the internet! Net neutrality keeps the internet alive and thriving.
—Jennifer Chesbro, Wasilla, AK

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press!!!
—Sandra Hunnicutt, Berthoud, CO

Because Serving corporations is everything that's wrong with the economy..Serve the people and corporations thrive, it does not work the other way around.
—Courtney Hartman, Calgary,

It is important for freedom for all of us!
—Ondřej Lipold, Jindřichův Hradec,

Society now depends on the internet for commerce, communication, connecting, and research. Anything that hinders, hampers, or slows this process should be not be permitted.
—Deborah W. Harris, Floyd, VA

I do not want to use to internet how someone else decided I should.
—Mark Voyk, Bensalem, PA

All of the rhetoric around creating "fast" lanes and "faster" lanes, in an attempt to frame this bill as a win for users, is frankly insulting to the intelligence of the American public. The point of Net Neutrality isn't to improve speeds beyond some arbitrary point (say, where we happen to be today), but to maintain equality and neutrality for anyone who wants to use the internet for anything. Any sort of paid prioritization cuts deep into the heart of what has been THE primary catalyst for American innovation and economic growth over the past decade, and would be in stark contrast to the policies around the rest of the world. Please, Mr. Wheeler and the rest of the FCC, please recognize the dire consequences that paid prioritization would have on the future of American economic growth, and steer clear of this path. Thank you.
—Matthew Grandy, San Francisco, CA

Liberty and Justice for ALL! Leave the internet ALONE!
—Julie Lidberg, Greensboro, NC

TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: Why is Net Neutrality so important to me? BECAUSE THE INTERNET IS VITAL TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES, AND NET NEUTRALITY MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO EXPRESS OURSELVES ON THE INTERNET WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OR PREJUDICE. IT ALSO GIVES US THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR A BETTER FUTURE. HOWEVER, YOUR PROPOSED RULES FOR THE INTERNET WOULD SPELL DISASTER NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT FOR ALL OF US WHO DEPEND ON THE INTERNET AS AN INFORMATION SOURCE. ACCORDING TO YOUR CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER'S PLAN, MAJOR ISPs SUCH AS AT&T, COMCAST, AND VERIZON WOULD ESTABLISH "FAST LANES" FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE EXTRA MONEY TO PAY THE EXTRA FEES AND A "SLOW LANE" FOR EVERYONE ELSE. IF THESE RULES ARE APPROVED, IT WOULD CREATE RAMPANT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ONLINE CONTENT AND APPLICATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, SOCIAL MEDIA SITES SUCH AS FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND YOUTUBE WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THESE RULES. IN SIMPLE TERMS, WHEELER'S PROPOSED RULES WOULD DESTROY NET NEUTRALITY AS WE KNOW IT. NET NEUTRALITY IS A VERY ESSENTIAL PART OF THE INTERNET. TAKING IT AWAY WOULD BE LIKE TAKING THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH OUT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. SO IF YOU COULD DO ME A FAVOR, PLEASE THROW OUT WHEELER'S PLAN AND INSTEAD RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. IT'S THE ONLY EFFECTIVE PLAN TO SAVE REAL NET NEUTRALITY.
—Daley Holder, Brooklyn, NY

I rely on the internet for news, entertainment, family communications & photos, banking, shopping, groceries, sons' grades, etc. All four members of my family use it daily. Currently, I'm manipulated into a cable TV subscription with channels I don't want or watch in order to not increase the cost of my expensive (relative to many other countries) internet connection. I want the internet to be a public utility.
—Derek Allen Young, Charlottesville, VA

WE NEED AND DEMAND AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE. ONLY PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE. TOM WHEELER IS A HIGHLY PAID FLUNKY FOR THE VERY CORPORATIONS THAT ARE SCREWING US ROYALLY. And by the way, Mr. President, quit with the quid pro shtick.
—Amalia Benson Bodkin, Tucson, AZ

Keep the net nuetral. It is just working fine the way it is and wee do not need big business taking over the net.
—Richard Lienemann, Kansas City, KS

I have built a small online business from scratch. After years of going to college and working for other people I had finally found what I truly want to do. Because of net neutrality I am able to reach customers across the country and across the world. This is freedom. I am free to carve out my own living doing what I love. What am I to do if I can't reach my customers? Do I just go back to working for other people and being miserable? Give up my dream? One of the reasons I love America is because I am free to chase my dreams and work hard to make them a reality. Getting rid of net neutrality takes away that freedom.
—Meghan, Independence, KY

Net neutrality works fine for the people. Leave it alone and keep the fingers of big telecommunications out of it. That's your job unless maybe lining your pockets as well as controlling the freedom of people to speak. As a powerful country the FCC will be setting the first presedent for censorship. What's that about? It's either control or money. I support net neutrality as is and ISP are reclassified to common carriers just like the rest of us.
—Christine, New brighton, MN

The internet belongs to all of us. Do what is right for WE THE PEOPLE, not the telecom corporations and ISP's and the rich who own & run them. Do not allow discrimination based on economic wealth of the people. Do the job you were appointed to do - to serve the people, not the people you are suppose to regulate. I am a retired community activist and can't not afford to pay more just so I can see something on the internet in a timely fashion.
—Vickie M Fouts, Coarsegold, CA

Privacy and free net is a human right
—Espen Helverschou, slemmestad,

Net Neutrality is the ONLY way to ensure that ALL providers content is accessible. NOT just the providers content that has paid a premium to the ISP. In fact I velieve that ISP's should be reclassified as Common Carriers and regulated as such.
—Gregory Jump, Moline, IL

It seems foolish that these corporations are so short sighted as to not notice that america has reached its tipping point. People are struggling, jobs are difficult and for the FCC to give way to corporations to straggle hold the american people for more money is robbery and corruption. Keep this net neutral! I don't think were far off from what happened during the French revolution - so please try and keep your heads.
—Bernard Lipari, Sunnyside, NY

The Internet is a communication system for all the people of the world. Data shouldn't be throttled just to allow ISPs to make still more money.
—Fernando S Rapetti, Hurlingham,

The Internet is a public utility, and due to corporate dominance of radio and TV, our last bastion of true free speech in America. Tom Wheeler MUST RESIGN IMMEDIATELY so someone familiar with the concept of protecting public interests can lead the FCC.
—Lester and Judy Hoyle, Cave Junction, OR

Keep the internet an even playing field for all. No need to let cable companies gouge people who cannot afford it.
—Denise DeHosse, St. Clair Shores, MI

Our country is built on the ability to have us freely communicate and speak our minds. Allowing this to come into the hands of corporations who will charge us removes the power from the people and allows business to PROFIT where it shouldn't. Why create this bottleneck? What is the point of removing Net Neutrality? Why limit access to the "Haves" only? As a teacher in an urban school in Silicon Valley I already see many students who don't have access at home to the internet due to cost. Allowing business to charge will only increase this gap further. DO NOT ALLOW NET NEUTRALITY TO BECOME A THING OF THE PAST.
—Elizabeth Jordan, San Jose, CA

I pay for internet access and should be able to access anything and everything I want to on the same terms, whether it is a video from independent artist website or a video from a big company like Google/YouTube/Netflix. If I want to to access independent artist and politician content, I should be able to access that on the same terms as content from well-funded political or entertainment content. No fast lanes should be permitted. I live in DC, and we do not have competition and options for broadband access.
—Ann Chaitovitz, Washington, DC

Double dipping is wrong. Keep the Internet like it is. Don't fix something that isn't broken.
—Sergio A. Valenzuela, San Diego, CA

The internet is information and needs to be a fair playing field not something you need to pay extra for speed.
—George Noury, wayne, NJ

Everything that is creative and wonderful about the internet is because it was made by the people, rather than television companies. To gut Net Neutrality is to encourage the status quo of sanitized, lacklustre fiction on the internet as it is on television at best, or to kill any kind of creative influence on the internet with poor fiction, more reality television like content and eventually stricter copyright laws at worst, as if they aren't already oppressive and restricting enough. I feel it is in my best interest and the interest of others when I implore you to reconsider your current plans for the future of the internet, and keep it open and free.
—Tommy Dignan, Leicester,

This is disgusting & corrupt. This is just an F-u because it's obvious you don't care about the well being of the people of this country anymore. You greedy bastards are just going to keep doing whatever the hell you want, aren't you? Bring on an uprising then; this country is angry, tired, and poor- not a good combo-if somehow you haven't noticed from way up there.
—Monica Hernandez, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality insures that there is less abuse by those who believe more money makes a person better than those with less money: an absurd premise growing exponentially in the United States.
—Susaan Aram, Laguna Beach, CA

It is meant to be free and open to allllllllllll, no chabges needed!!! Stand Up For the People!!!!
—Larian Foley, talent, OR

Because I'm tired of this plutocracy, and ultimately, y'all have NO RIGHT to limit our access to the internet's information! Stop bending over, you slimmey whores!!!
—Ms. Maria R, Austin, TX

I am against Net Neutrality.
—Joyce Hill, laguna hills, CA

Net neutrality is important to protect freedom of speech, promote ideas, competition, innovation, and prevent unfair pricing.
—Laura LaVertu, Alexandria, VA

KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN & FAIR TO ALL!!!!!!
—Rose Knopff, Roseville, MN

Allowing corporations to control the interest is wrong. As Americans we are guaranteed free speech. Little by little government is chipping away the rights of THE PEOPLE and giving them to big business. The have nots well outnumber the haves and our voices deserve to be heard. I am afraid for the future of this country of we continue down this path. Please do not make the internet another way for big money to run over THE PEOPLE.
—Sarah Hazen, Manalapan, NJ

Can we please do something finally for the "little people"? Catering to the big guys was certainly not intended by the founding fathers, as you well know. Corporations were slated to do "good for the citizens" first and foremost. I recommend we stick to the original plan as I fear too many citizens are becoming very angry and anxious.
—Jeanne Jacobowitz, Carmel, NY

The internet is our generations last frontier, We need to protect this valuable tool from greedy corporate power at all costs. Please reclassify internet as a public utility like your phone line already is.
—Skyler Fly-Wilson, Ward, CO

I want to see more interesting, innovating new companies around the web, and the only way to make sure this happens is with net neutrality: It will ensure all data are treated equally so that new companies don't have to pay for "fastlane access" to provide usable experience to consumers. Don't kid yourself, FCC, with your claim that "even with fastlane access, non-paying companies' traffic won't be impacted at all". Your chairman is a ex-cable companies lobbing person, his only interest is to make sure those cable companies get the best deal ever - and there's no way those companies could maintain fastlane speed without impacting regular speed. They could even barely handle traffic nowadays and they are not even thinking about upgrading infrastructure - because they could get away with it thanks to your FCC chair. THINK ABOUT THIS CAREFULLY
—Wiseley Wu, Fremont, CA

Net neutrality is one of the ways to keep the internet as an equal playing filed for large AND small companies. It will keep the innovations alive!
—Mr. Bill Krzyzanowski, Kansas City, MO

Adding fast lanes, as proposed by the FCC for data, will not only push up prices in a market where consumers are already paying the highest amount for internet access of 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 letting only the biggest and most established companies capable of affording a "fast lane", we will see less new ideas and competition, and potentially drag our whole economy down as we end up pushing our digital industry elsewhere. The proposed rules will also hurt me personally as a web designer, with fewer people willing to have a presence created, when it is known that their return on investment will not be as high as the levels that we have grown accustom to in the current digital age.
—Brendon Jones, Rochester, MA

America is now entering its "Separate but Equal" phase with the horrible SCOTUS decision that allows corporations are people and money is speech. THEY ARE WRONG. Now Verizon is suing Netflix because Netflix is telling everyone that Verizon is trying to BULLY Netflix into a slower streaming speed. See how our gov't allows the corporations to use ALL OF US as political footballs for a new, unregulated industry. And what industry did Mr Wheeler work for before his very lucrative gov't job? Why a telecom lobbyist, of course. My greatest concern is that this Congress is totally captured by corporations and the industry money it seems to be corrupted by.
—Kd Flock, Santa Cruz, CA

preserve equality ..and fairness for all; your proposed rules are an affront to democracy and will, once more, pander to corporations rather than serve citizens. a new monopoly , no competition, will offer no incentive for better service and less outrageous fees. Comcast keeps raising their fees, one cannot negotiate with them for preferred channels and their service is terrible
—Lj Brick, Philadelphia, PA

Our nation was founded on the principle that everyone should have a voice, everyone should enjoy the freedom do say and do as they please, as long as the liberties of others isn't compromised. A capitalist "free market" was created, and the people were empowered with a voice to mold their own government as they saw fit. But over the last 50 years, corporate greed and unrelenting lobbyists have carved holes in our democracy in order to serve their own profitability. THIS IS WHERE IT STOPS! This is OUR country! We will no longer abide this corrupt and corporate bought governance!
—Lucas Goss, Bay City, MI

ONCE AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO SNEAKILY IMPLEMENT A CHANGE THAT WILL BE PAID FOR ON THE BACKS OF THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT. AS A NEAR SHUT-IN, THE INTERNET IS MY ONLY ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATION SOURCE. MY SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET CANNOT TAKE MUCH MORE OF A HIT FOR EXPENSES OF THIS TYPE. BIG BUSINESS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW RULE AND THE LITTLE PEOPLE WILL SUFFER FOR IT. STOP IT NOW!!!
—Kathleen England, Everett, WA

I want my daughter to have the same access to the Internet as I have right now. Net Neutrality is freedom of speech that should not be controlled and definitely corporations should not have more speedy access than the people of the United States. Giving more of anything to corporations has only hurt the people of the United States.
—Elizabeth Soto, Los Angeles, CA

Corporate America has taken over most of our government. Keep the internet neutral. Comcast does not have the right to own and manipulate it. Show some courage.
—Jo-Ann Mattingly, Buffalo, NY

This is getting out of hand. Our freedoms are being limited more and more. Now the major corporations are going to discriminate, and limit what we can have access to ? New World Order ??? Is this what its coming to !! We need to Stop the Madness. We need to maintain Net Neutrality.
—Abigail Williamson, Ft Myers, FL

The only way to protect the internet is to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. These huge monopolies have been an are continuing to steal the internet from the people. The FCC has no right to abandon the people in favor of corporate greed.
—Roy A Prefontaine, Southborough, MA

Just leave the internet alone. It belongs to people, not governments, not corporations. Just leave it the fuck alone. Let me put it this way. People in oppressed countries have found a way to access to sites blocked by their government. Don't you think we could find a way around FCC bullshit? Maybe the FCC could do something that would be meaningful. Like getting the "Real Housewives" series off the air.
—Michael Brown, Sarasota, FL

Everyone needs free and equal access to the Internet! It is the last place left for the free exchange of information and ideas.
—Paul Colombino, Wakefield, RI

Like it or not, free speech is protected by the constitution, and the internet is a part of our free speech system. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. How do you want to go down in history? As a corporate stooge??
—Katherine Morgan, Olalla, WA

American's are going broke & Net Neutrality will ensure those of us on fixed incomes will go without the internet. What about schools' internet? Will you target them also and will we pay for those too?
—Marcia Nichols, stanwood, WA

To offer the internet to companies/corporations is the most heinous of crimes. Net nuetrality is the only proper response from a representative of the people
—Dave, Burlington,

It's called living in a FREE country.
—Jacqueline Carter, Carrollton, TX

As a recent Princeton study showed, the United States of America is now an oligarchy. http://www.washingtontimes.com /news/2014/apr/21/americas-oli garchy-not-democracy-or-republ ic-unive/ No longer is the will of “the people” as important as the will of the corporate elite. This was clearly evidenced by the fact that 90% of the people wanted background checks on gun sales...but it was filibustered by Senate Republicans. Oh, well. Lincoln is turning over in his grave. Now, my favorite President appears to have appointed the worst possible person to Chair the FCC. As John Oliver so aptly put it, it’s like “needing a babysitter, but hiring a dingo instead." I can’t believe we’re even talking about this issue, but we are, so I’ll just say this. As a consumer and a small business owner, considering ending net neutrality is a slap in the face to, oh...around 99% of us. It turns my stomach. And what I would typically view as a right-wing gift to the corporate elite, is disappointingly a left-wing gift to the corporate elite. Not cool, Mr. President. Not cool. End this conversation NOW. There has been a very long trend in this country - the siphoning of resources from the middle-class to the top 1%. Can we please stop this now? Steve
—Steve Anderson, Tucson, AZ

Net Neutrality is important, pleas protect it!
—Adam Kailian, San Francisco, CA

Restricting Net Neutrality is a blatant restriction of free speech, and therefore unconstitutional. Moreover, and ironically, attempts to do so are ulimately doomed to failure. The Genie is out of the bottle, and I don't believe that your best efforts will be able to control the backlash.
—Pk Fremming, Kenmore, NY

Taking away Net Neutrality is feeding profit big interest and taking away free speech. Do you really want that for your children. If you push people too far you will find that they push back in ways that are not good for anyone. Study your history. Stop bowing to money, have integrity in your decisions.
—Jan Nichols, laguna beach, CA

The internet is an amazing resource for education, fun, business, communication and potentially creating a global community that could potentially one day save humanity from itself. By allowing yet another case of corporate greed and domination to take too much control of this precious resource we will be destroying it and making it worthless for all but a few. I have been on the internet since its very early days and I already see many horrible changes and issues that now exist due to large corporations that control more than they should. Do not allow this to become the way of the internet.
—Michael Stinson, Mesa, AZ

It is essential to all of us to preserve net neutrality to insure that we have free and equal access to information. Any thing else gives the people with money more power to control access to information and to invade privacy. NO DOUBLESPEAK, MAKE NET NEUTRALITY A REALITY. DO THE RIGHT THING.
—Ms. Dana Lockee, Oakland, CA

The Internet to date has accomplished great , positive dissemination of information previously not accessible to many citizens . Information that can make a better society , help us learn from past mistakes so we will not repeat them , promote global growth of human empathy .
—Fred Sinton, Unionville, PA

Never give control to large companies, keep the Internet free from all hinderances.
—Brenda Roberts, Mona, UT

We are initiating a startup company and we require a fast internet connection for our customers. We must be able to compete with existing companies at a level playing field. We support net neutrality.
—Nick Smith, Glendale, CA

protect the people not the corporations
—Paul Stretch, Galena, IL

Net neutrality is important. Please keep the net neutral.
—Francis Cressotti, Cheshire, CT

Everyone should the same and equal access to internet informaton.
—Steve Trammell, MEEKER, OK

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Phil Tefertiller, Golden City, MO

The internet ought to be part of the commons. We already pay for access once and once is enough.
—James T Borst, Marinette, WI

The Internet is a very large place, but it is no place for corporations to impose their rules and preferences. It has been working fine and has been a great place for businesses to grow, but to allow corporations to take over and regulate the Internet would by like regulating the air we breathe or the water we drink, only giving clean air and clean water to those who can afford it like big corporations. Look farther into the future and see beyond the short term incentives this may offer. This is the beginning of the end.
—Anon, Internet, AK

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 start ups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls.
—Nickilee Greenwalt, st paul, MN

As a student Google is an extremely important tool for myself and so many others. With your proposed "fast-lane" many resources needed would be rendered unusable.
—Ryan Deveau, Auburn, ME

FCC, you are public servants, not corporate servants. You are appointed but those who appoint you are not. Remember whose interests you serve. Your lack of respect for members of the public is appalling and suggests others may be better qualified.
—Linda Logan, Austin, TX

The internet is for everyone. It shouldn't be another way for multi-billionaires get richer off the backs of poor and middle class.
—Dr. Michele Poff, Damascus, OR

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A two-tiered Internet with fast lanes is a terrible decision for all of us paying for internet services.
—Jason Olmstead, San Mateo, CA

So unfair to the little guy who can't begin to compete with big corporations!!!
—Judy K Bowden, Oviedo, FL

This country is geared more and more toward the benefit of corporations and the rich. Taking any/all rights away from those who simply do not have the clout of money. Citizens without the power of money will not be of equal standing with those who have. All Americans are not created equal, and the FCC will prove this point if doesn't protect Net Neutrality.
—Francine Brown, New York, NY

Remember, the government is supposed to be for the people, not for the corporations. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and require net neutrality now.
—Michael Zelem, Aurora, CO

After watching people get dragged out of a room for invoking their first amendment rights, absolutely protected by such as no threats, libel, or slander were used, I see just absolute corruption. These people have the right to speak out and was even asked by FCC chairman to speak such comments. This is absolutely sickening and obviously corrupt money is playing a hand here if the absolute need to be unconstitutional even on camera is being portrayed for all the public to see. In the words of a TRUE american, it is quite obvious what needs to be done here to maintain integrity here towards constitutional law as well as what is owed to ALL the citizens of the United States of America. A nation where equal opportunity and such is suppose to have integrity, hence why the use of affirmative action programs and etc, and the ethical reasoning of such deciding on such actions, for it was owed to the people due to the absolute and overwhelming lack of place they had in many career sectors after the civil rights act was passed. Other examples could be made, but I will limit my comment. If we truly are a nation that has integrity for equal opportunity, then we make the means to defend that as we have had in the past. By selling out and only catering to pluto/aristocrats because they 'seem' to hold all the wealth, it only really goes to show truly the kind of scum we elect to hold important positions that should require a qualified person, who has compassionate,informed, and firm touch for the areas in which they work with. A crony to these same corporations would obviously not understand or have such qualities obviously.The days of the systems of spoils is long gone and civil service and system of merit is at least, suppose to matter. Shame on the chair for your behavior shown and the only means to correct such is to show an ABSOLUTE BACKPEDDLING of your comments. Throw your rules out and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. If you want to keep your conscious clear, I suggest you uphold net neutrality. For if you don't America shall fall into darkness as the rest of the world rides into the information age. We shall fall into the Dark Ages, while the rest of the world continues onto the Renaissance. Do we, really want to be that? I don't, and I hope most others don't either. Do the right thing for the entirity of this country, not for what simply lines your pockets. This is literally class warfare. And every private citizen is being treated second class citizen to corporations. Uphold Net Neutrality, it is the only intelligent choice the FCC has.
—Dylan Garcia, Yucca Valley, CA

WE WILL NOT STOP!! WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROTEST ON THIS ATTACK ON NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Kenat, San Sebastian,

DO YOUR JOB. If ISPs want the protection of a common carrier then they a should be classified as suchg
—Edmund Resor, Wilson, WY

The idea of a two tier internet is a bad idea. It would mean that only the companies with big bucks will be monopolizing the internet while the small companies using the will be reduced if not eliminated. Keep net neutrality and start forcing the internet companies to provide better service.
—Mark DeSantis, Westmont, IL

Do not allow Comcast to have its way. Net neutrality is very important. I don't agree that the head of the FCC should be a former lobbyist for the cable companies, but that doesn't mean you can't do the right thing. Listen to him people on this one. This shouldn't even be an issue, this is a no-brainer. Vote with the people.
—Laura Reyes, Vancouver, WA

Should we create a caste system on the internet? We are suppose to be living in a democracy although over the years it seems as though those in power want to control the media by making a two tier system.
—Elizabeth cunningham, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is it credibly important to me. I do not want these cable companies and other businesses controlling our internet.whatever happened to public interest convenience and necessity?
—Murray Cohen, Los Angeles, CA

Keep our internet in the hands of the people let the corporationsbuild their own!
—Charlene Gutierrez, Boutte, LA

Every individual should decide for his or her self what they want to access in private. And the speed at which they receive any information should be the same for all.
—Ms. Eleanor Arons, New York, NY

Reclassify broadband providers as common carriers. Don't let Comcast and ATT bully the American people! Stand for People....remember America us the land of the free, let's keep it that way. Thank you
—Barbara Girton, Omaha, NE

Fast lanes will kill the internet. No customer wants their internet service provider to dictate the speed of the content that customer is paying to receive. I believe internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Elizabeth Burke, New Providence, NJ

Internet Service Providers should be reclassified as common carriers. Anything short of this is NOT net neutrality!
—J Noble, Madison, WI

Because no company or person should have any control on the internet. It is a self sustaining flow of information. You must realize that if you give them an inch they'll take a mile. And if you do this they have you in their pocket!
—Kim Hensley, Sacramento, CA

Dear FCC, we need real net neutrality. It is so extremely important to keep net neutrality. We need to ensure that the internet doesn't become a monopoly. If we do not keep net neutrality there will be no possibility for start-ups to compete against current large companies. 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.
—Jane Rahman, Long Beach, CA

We do not want monopolies controlling the future of the growth of the internet. This is a national utility as essential for the future economy of the US as is electrical supply or water supply. You must not allow monopolist in the cable companies to buy control of this system with their astro turf groups and political spending. Net neutrality will preserve a level playing field for new businesses and for the next generation of googles, netflixes and apples. Note the only innovation from the cable companies have come from pressure put on the industry through competition. If they control the growth of competition by out pricing a basic utility like internet access to all on a level playing field the future is at risk. Please be patriots and not plutocrats in your decision.
—Gregory Taube, New York, NY

John Oliver said it all: The regulator is a former employee of the organization he will regulate. Can we say conflict of interest any more clearly? Business regulation out of the public eye is untrustworthy. Bring on the sunshine.
—Michael Wattam, Delmont, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because I am a low wage earner, and I will be discriminated against, because I won't be able to afford the faster fees. This is just another way that the government is favoring non taxpaying corporations over normal citizens. You allow corporate welfare at the expense of your own citizens and you ought to be fired and ashamed. Thanks for stabbing us in the back asshole
—Beverly Miller, haslett, MI

Our entire political system has become dominated by corporate interests at the expense of all the rest of us. Government at one time stood up for "the people" and sought to protect the public and common good. We expect the FCC to do no less. Net Neutrality is at the core of my children and grandchildren's future. Without it, the internet will be dominated by large corporate commercial interests and will not be the incubator for future ideas.
—Ira J. Kurzban, Miami, FL

Freedom of speech is something that many men and women have died to protect. Corporations should not be allowed to control what we have access to on the internet. We live in a FREE country and should be able to access any and all information equally.
—Hana Lapteff, cinnaminson, NJ

I am in support of Net Neutrality. I believe all data should be treated equally thereby making all information and data available to all Americans. As a lower middle class American, I feel that the disservice made on families comes from greed and power hungry corporations. These families use the internet for news, entertainment and work. If restrictions were placed on data flow or content, then those who could not pay for the higher speed would suffer loss. I do not see how the institution of controls would benefit anyone but the wealthy and powerful.
—Robin McCollough, Douglasville, GA

Net Neutrality is too important to freedom of information and the rights to protest. Please consider keeping Net Neutrality open, stop the cable companies from creating Monopolies and forcing a two tiered system on us, and consider going back to public ISP's.
—Ashley Pope, Crawfordville, FL

the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Regards. Giovanni Tartaglia
—Giovanni Tartaglia, Las Vegas, NV

Internet service providers need to be categorized as common carriers, and must abide by the original net neutrality rules.
—Becky Linder, Fenton, MI

Net Neutrality is vital for our democracy. Do your job and protect Net Neutrality for the American people.
—Patrick Kline, Bronx, NY

I volunteer with a couple of non profits and much of what we do depends on the internet. The good we do depends on net neutrality. I am only one volunteer out of perhaps millions who volunteers time and expertise. Many non profits would disappear if these new rules go into effect. Please, get rid of these new rules and instead classify ISPs as common carriers. which is the only way to ensure real Net Neutrality.
—Joanne Wagner, Madison, WI

The internet needs to remain free and for the purpose in which it was originally intended.
—Pearl Berman, Grayslake, IL

I guess the FCC Chairman is in bed with business again.
—Jo-Ann Rocco, Hartford, CT

Net neutrality is essential to maintain equal Internet acess. Without it the wealthy minority will use monopolistic control - i.e. mergers like Comcast and Time-Warner - to put high profit above the importance of all citizens having equal acess. We need to do all we can to get more carriers and companies to compete and give the benifits of that competition for fair prices for what needs to be a publicly protected utility . Please protect our rights to equal acess of what has become a necessity for all Americans!
—James E Baker, St.Paul, MN

Net Neutrality = Freedom
—Janice E Niblack, Monument, CO

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech The present FCC rule was adopted by mistake. It allowed interpretation affording unfair advantage in an integral form of communication.. The FCC must repeal the rule and guarantee equal access to all communication. Your charge requires equal opportunity for information.
—Diane Esper, Burbank, CA

Is the crash of your website enough to show you how serious the American public is about protecting TRUE net neutrality? You are supposed to work for the public! This is not what we want!
—Meredith Beck, milton, GA

It is important to me that the internet not favor the whims of big corporations, because they do not equal what life is like for people outside of their business plan. People should not be made to suffer for greedy corporate scams.
—Mark Harrison Jr., Bedford, IN

Stop screwing everything up. Stop being corporate cronies.
—Morgan Roman, Honolulu, HI

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jan B Strickland, Orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is vital to our free society. And, if preferential treatment is give to certain content providers, are the ISP's going to charge those with normal connection speeds or resulting slower speeds less? This just looks like a justificastion for the ISP's to charge more.
—Chuck Graver Jr., Southampton, NJ

When did they "the corporations" trump "we the people"? Have we forgotten the love of money and power is the demise of many.
—Jeana Ward, watertown, MA

We the people give the government its power -- not the other way around. Keep out of our privacy!
—Stan Latta, CARY, NC

The net enables me to read, see, and hear about people and things that are important to me. Speedy internet access is an essential part of that process.
—Caroline Page, Thomasburg,

Dear FCC, Please act now to overturn existing rules and proposed plans to end the neutrality of the public's online experience. I ask that you please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your consideration and your action on behalf of the public.
—Alan Newbold, Walla Walla, WA

The internet was made for all, no one should be able to control it. It has to stay equal for all. Otherwise it will become like so many other things in life. one thing for the haves and nothing for the have nots.
—David Payne, Feltham,

NET NEUTRALITY CAN BE EASILY PROTECTED BY CLASSIFYING THE INTERNET AS A PUBLIC UTILITY. WE THE PUBLIC OWN THE AIRWAVES AND LET THE CABLE AND TELCO USE OUR AIRWAVES FOR NEXT TO NOTHING. WHY SHOULD THEY BE ABLE TO RIP US OFF EVEN MORE THAN THEY DO? GROW SOME COJONES AND STOP LETTING THE TELCOS PUSH YOU AROUND.
—Clark Newhall MD JD, salt lake city, UT

To whom it may concern, Where to begin? We've managed to pass The Patriot Act and Citizens United into Law and by all means shame on us. Now you want to interfere with Net Neutrality. Shame on you! Enough with making up all these bogus laws to undermine the growth of free speech. Free speech is just what it says FREE SPEECH!!! Hands off period. Keep yours and your "friends" hands out of our ability to communicate openly and freely with each other once and for all. If you persist to favor big money in this you just might end up waking the "sleeping giant" and see that the real power lies in people and not in money. Honestly, stop trying to manipulate people's right to communicate with each other openly on an even playing field, in the long run you will find that it's in everyone's interest, including your own. Do the right thing, keep net neutrality intact, for the sake of all, and have a nice day.
—Robert Decker, Eastsound, WA

If you allow the ISPs to prioritize traffic, you will allow them to pick winners and losers. They have a long history of non-innovation in their own line of business, and killing new projects when working with others (look, for example, at how they treated new services on wireless networks). Do not let this happen! This is not what the Internet is about. It is a fundamental communications mechanism, and should be a level playing field. Let the market choose the winners and losers, not the ISPs.
—Michael Rothrock, Satellite Beach, FL

This is some real B S here. Pay to win the world huh? You big bunch on slag offs. If you think you can get away with destroying the internet you are sadly mistaken. Do really want to piss off this many nerds? You will never get tech support again scratch that because you wont need it after you turn everyone's computer into a paper weight. Do the right thing and stand for freedom and real net neutrality don't you think the cable companies have enough money???
—Jesse Glass, Nunyourdanmbeeswax, IN

The internet does not belong to only the rich and powerful. It belongs to everyone!
—Gabriel Abate, Brentwood, NY

Please stop trying to control us, this is just another control tactic, leave us alone, leave our internet alone, we all know that nothing but selfish greed is at work here, just don't do it, we will not stop until you do, you do not own this knowledge.
—Valerie Lovejoy, williams, OR

You need to keep net neutrality in order for equal competition to exist.
—Jamie Fishback, Burbank, CA

The internet can be used for the betterment of society, in a bevy of avenues, but only if people have the ability to communicate freely and access information easily.
—Zac Szymusiak, Columbus, OH

All internet traffic must be treated equally. No fast lanes, no two tier system no paying more for more quality. ALL DATA MUST BE TREATED EQUALLY.
—Zachary David Williams, washington, IN

Stand up for the people" This is America, we don't need companies like ATT and Comcast ruling what we can and can not view!!!!! We are watching every move. Please do right by the people. Thank you
—Barbara Girton, Omaha, NE

Growing up with the start and popularization of the internet, I have seen it grow and evolve into a worldwide expression of ideas and intelligence. To see the internet become another regulated product of big name corporations, would be a direct violation of the first amendment: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances". If the FCC was to end "Net Neutrality", there would be extreme opposition in the people of the United State who, like myself, grew up with internet being a place of free and peaceful expression.
—Caitlyn McLaughlin, Brooklyn, NY

I shouldn't get a slower internet because I won't pay for it.
—Michele Nihipali, Hauula, HI

Please do not implement the proposed Internet rules and do not create a two-tiered Internet. I strongly support Net Neutrality. Throw out the proposed rules and re-classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher de Haan, Westchester, CA

I'm Canadian but I'm sure this is affecting Canada as well as the U.S. We the people have a right to stand up for what we have been led to believe by the powers that be, is our right to freedom of speech and all that it entails. Now the powers that be are trying to take that away, it is wrong and more like a dictatorship than a democracy. I for one do not understand it.
—Elizabeth Underwood, Edmonton,

I believe we need fair access to the internet. If this is left to the corporations to decide many millions will lose access because there will be fees and access will be greatly hindered. I oppose this and oppose providing faster access for those corporate subscribers. Please exercise your vote or comments to include these ideas when you make a final decision. We need EQUAL access Thankyou
—Mb Crandell, yakima, WA

ISPs should be common carriers because allowing big companies to have faster connections and more bandwidth is like saying only big companies have access to fast shipping and small companies need to deliver goods by wheelbarrow or donkey cart.
—Kathryn Hedges, Sunnyvale, CA

Denying net neutrality is like denying the public access to clean drinking water. Please don't allow Orwell's 1984 prediction to come true. Don't let Big Brother control our internet!
—Amy Kahn, Pittsburgh, PA

I urge to to avoid letting some Internet service providers control the internet by offering faster service and by policing content.
—Kathryn Kram, Columbus, OH

In support of net neutrality, the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Bartleman, Laguna Beach, CA

The one-time top lobbyist for the cable industry is now the FCC chair, responsible for regulating his own industry colleagues...what could possibly go wrong? "This has all the ingredients of a mob shakedown." - John Oliver, "Last Week Tonight"
—Dessa Kaye, Studio City, CA

Dear FCC, It is imperative that everyone be provided the same access and the same speed on the internet. Today the most widely used tools in expression of speech is the internet. As our founding fathers stated in the constitution. Freedom of speech is essential in securing and maintaining the rights of the people bestowed upon them by the creator. Also the internet's development was funded by the tax payers and most of the infrastructure was paid for by the tax payers. Therefore the internet belongs to the people, not the corporations. You as FCC commissioners are there to serve the people. Therefore you must make the correct ruling and protect the rights of the people and ensure the internet is a level playing ground for all. Thank you. Jason Kruger
—jason Kruger, Loveland, CO

As I feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Strop it! Please preserve a democratic internet.
—Ron Avila, San Francisco, CA

I am a retired 89 year old female on a limited income. I need real net neutrality because of my income as do a lot of retired people.
—Vivian Schatz, Philadelphia, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. The internet is for people, not corporations. Not another Citizens United, please.
—Gigi- Penn, Olympia, WA

Open transparent communication is the cornerstone of democracy. If companies can advantage their content over the content of others then communication is not open and transparent. It's the same as countries where the state controls the communications. Citizens do not receive an unbiased choice of content and opinion. It would be anti-democratic to allow any company to give a bandwidth advantage to any content.
—E T Harris, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is the key to growing a strong economy!!
—Paula Montondo, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet for the people, not the corp. Leave it the hell alone.
—Don Boyle, slidell, LA

Because I don't want "our" internet highways sold to the highest bidder, and my favorite deliveries shunted to back roads. I don't believe serving the richest minority should trump the 99%'s interests. I do believe Comcast and Time Warner et. all (the two or three others included) have not grown any more conscience than the average sociopath, and I do not wish to see them in charge of my future, or even their own. Rupert Murdoch, and the Koch brothers may not censor my internet. Should they try, should you enable them, I imagine a cyber-war being waged of epic proportions.
—Edward Murphy, Daly City, CA

Why is net neutrality important to me? It is important, because our constitutional right as Americans to speak freely should not depend on cost and whether certain people can speak and other cannot. Communations today require that, and our President's promised word, to keep the internet neutral be kept.
—LuMarion Conkliin, Flagstaff, AZ

I shouldn't have to pay a premium to ensure that my children have access to the information highway. This is akin to limiting access to public libraries.
—Heather Bernstein, Port Orchard, WA

the net is a great tool AS IS
—Christine Ponelle, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, the mere fact that the American public has to explain to you why this is wrong, is by it's very nature, abhorrent. The Internet is the last bastion of American freedom. Don't hand it over to the people who are raping our economy, destroying our middle class and defacating on everything this great country once a stood for.
—Analisa, Tabernash, CO

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—Mike Shasky, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Will the government sell out ONCE AGAIN to corporate interest$? Will it sell its soul to AT&T, Comcast and Verizon? Government by and for the people? Or government by and for the fattest wallets? Keep the Net Neutral.
—Ms. C Allegrezza, HYDE PARK, MA

Everyone deserves access. $ should not be a barrier. USA is already far behind the world in broadband need policies that advance everyone not driven by $ concerns for few while lowering standards for the many b
—Steven Keith, Stamford, CT

What you are trying to do will impact the lives of millions negatively - for the benefit a the few. No more!
—Isabel Bold, Albuquerque, NM, NM

THE INTERNET NEEDS TO BE NEUTRAL BECAUSE CORPORATIONS LIKE COMCAST WILL ONLY CHANGE IT TO THEIR BENEFITS, AND TO THE PUBLICS DISADVANTAGE.
—Robert Gudino, Walnut Creek, CA

No tiers and don't send me that fake email about how you care about my opinion.i know you don't, just do what the majority want. That is how a democracy works right?
—Jessica Peraza, Silver Spring, MD

The internet should remain equally open to all citizens regardless of economic status.
—John Olexovitch, Austin, TX

EVERYONE knows this is a bad idea. The fact there have been so much outcry for the rewriting of these regulations should be proof enough that the majority of the people of this country want the Internet to be classified as a common carrier. Giving advantage to some companies and not to others does not make for a competitive market. The current rules hurt everyone.
—Diego Osorio, Santa Rosa, CA

The internet is the only way to advertise and promote your business that is equal for everyone. EQUALITY here means everyone gets an equal chance at making their dreams come true, being successful in their business. There is nothing more American than that. And yet, you want to limit this? It is also the only place where anyone can be heard on any subject, any time. That, too, is something we should be protecting, not destroying. You need to take a good hard look at who you are working for--oh, sorry, I guess that would be corporations with lots of money, huh? Stop this and start working for the American public. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL.
—Deborah Kinghorn, Barrington, NH

Net neutrality is important to maintain the ideals of our Pilgrim Fathers and the integrity of our Constitution, which supports freedom and equality for all!
—Julius Paternostro, Philadelphia, PA

DON'T ALLOW COMCAST TO CREATE A TWO TEIR SYSTEM BY RIGGING THE ELECTION BY PUTTING THEIR FORMER EVIL LOBBYISTS INSIDE THE FCC. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY IN PLACE!!!
—Eric Knutson, Lake Villa, IL

Protecting Net Neutrality The FCC considering changes to a neutral internet system that is not broken, while many others in our country are very broken, is quite concerning . The FCC backing a change to a less neutral system that both corporations, activists, and everyday internet users emphatically do not support is suspicious. The FCC considering this action, while under the direction of a former top lobbyist for cable corporations, is so far beyond suspicion that, if not outright illegal, represents extremely unethical behavior. So stop it now.
—Beverly Clark, Wimberley, TX

Anything other than net neutrality simply is not fair.
—Derek Slorach, Toronto, FL

To the FCC: I am categorically opposed to your efforts to destroy net neutrality. This proposal is undemocratic and created entirely to serve the interests of the multi-billion dollar cable industry. That Tom Wheeler is even directing the FCC and promoting this proposal is a joke--one that is not lost on the American people. Tom Wheeler is nothing more than a mouthpiece for the cable industry, having served as its chief lobbyist prior to buying his way into the FCC. What should be truly embarrassing to you and the rest of the federal government is the FCC's unwillingness to enforce existing policy regarding the upkeep and maintenance of internet communications. You have failed to hold Comcast, Verizon, and all the other companies to their obligation to invest in fiber optic cable in exchange for the MONOPOLY you have granted them. As a result, Americans take it up the ass with some of the highest internet fees and slowest service in the entire world. You should be ashamed. And you should know that your actions are feeding an ever larger contempt for American government--something that I find lamentable. Your repeated disregard for the management of communication services that SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE is indefensible. Keep the internet free and open. No two-tiered system. Net neutrality. Period.
—Michael Holland, NASHVILLE, TN

Do not do this. It is obviously wrong. You will look back on this decision either with great pride, or you will look back on it with shame and self disgust. Do not sell our voice. z+
—Zac Thomas, Austin, TX

Information is the lifeblood of democracy. True Net Neutrality keeps that blood flowing freely.
—Sean Bailey, Seattle, WA

I am tired of your email responses saying that you care about an open internet, while you push for the opposite! START DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!!!! Quit saying that you care about an open internet, and STOP PUSHING A PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW SERIOUS DISCRIMINATION OF THE COMMON PEOPLE. Stop representing the corporations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and start representing us!!!!!!!!!!
—Patricia Boland, Paauilo, HI

Let's be clear the net brings me communications and let's me communicate back. Like the telephone. Like the mail. It is a Utility and should be regulated as such. The idea that content providers can get special privileged access to the deliver system must be stopped. It is bad enough that I get advertising calls on my phone, but imagine if those calls had priority over my relatives and friends. It is unfortunate that so many of the FCC commissioners have ties to the industries that want to undermine Net Neutrality, but let me remind you that you are there to represent the pubic, and our democracy and not the corporations that you used to represent. Do the right thing and classify the net for what it is, a communications utility.
—Gordon Quinn, Chicago, IL

The Internet should be a space free from discrimination. Do not allow Internet service providers to create 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.
—Zachary Rosenfield, Mechanicsville, MD

A two-tiered system is solely an opportunity for corporate greed at the expense of individuals. WE DO NOT NEED THIS and neither do corporations. What we DO need is a level playing field for all. The FCC must throm out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Anything else is unacceptable.
—Richard Arnold, PHOENIX, AZ

Net neutrality is the most important aspect of the internet that separates it from cable television. It is an entirely different medium that provides a space in which the free exchange of ideas can occur. The internet, as it is now, is a great tool for a true democracy. If provider companies are given the ability to manipulate that freedom, is devolves into just another cable station, of which there are plenty, but none have this potential that a free internet has now. Please consider keeping the internet neutral for the sake of a free America. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Tim Archer, Ben Lomond, CA

You would be destroying the internet as is it today. Which would in turn run all the econmomic advances that the internet allows to happen. Think of all the websites that people make their livelhoods off of, people feed themselves this way. This just makes it so that only those who have money can afford to promote their business. The thing that is wonderful about the internet is no matter how much money you have or who you are, you can create a website whether it is through youtube, tumblr, facebook, pinterest, etc. and you have the option to make something of it. You have a fighting fair chance. Why make it so companies who already have billions of dollars shove out their competitors, just because they have the money to do so? not because their product they're producing is better, more efficient, or cheaper, just because they can afford to buy the "fast lane" speed. That doesn't seem fair. The average american deserves to offer their goods and products and have a fair shot.
—Daniella Maria Herget, wallingford, CT

I can not spend money on getting in the fast lane, if my traffic is treated as a second class netizen then I and my 5 partners will be on the public assistance. AKA unemployment.
—Steven Leach, Grass Valley, CA

Please keep net neutrality - as it's benefits should be self evident. It's the moral thing to do.
—Peter Soland, Phoenix, AZ

You really have to look at the USA Highway system and it's democratic availability to everyone to understand the importance of net neutrality to individuals and small businesses. If the high speed lane of a highway were only available to large, paying companies, the ability for small businesses and individuals to compete would be seriously compromised.
—Jack Kelly, Wayland, MA

To: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Save Net Neutrality Following the appeals court decision, the Federal Communications Commission has the power to stop Internet providers from selling bandwidth to the highest bidder. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality before it's too late. Allowing companies to charge content providers for bandwidth use will completely ruin the internet and the ability for companies to compete. Internet provider companies are already paid by the increase in cost to a consumer when a consumer decides to purchase a higher bandwidth in order to use programming and services that have a need for a higher bandwidth. In other words the only reason internet providers can sell higher bandwidth at a higher cost to consumers is because of the supply and demand in the free market between consumers and companies. If you allow the internet companies to also restrict what companies can supply what types of data then this is horrible and will cost everyone. Over time only the largest of providers will be able to pay this "fast lane" price and smaller companies will be at a huge disadvantage. The consumer will end up getting double charged by "fast lane" companies charging more for this along with the internet provider charging more for simply using their service. Please do not allow this to happen. I know that you are an x-cable lobbyist and cable company executive but this just means that you realize how wrong and un-American this would be. For once let a President and Congress actually look like they fought and beat a monopolistic company or industry. FOR ONCE PLEASE! If not then you have sold American down the river. Sincerely, Eddie Gray
—Eddie Gray, Windermere, FL

Save net neutrality. Support free internet
—Mary Pillars, Evergreen, CO

An informed populace is crucial for a healthy and sane republic, and controlling the flow of information leads to a controlled and scared society. As a public servant, you are obliged to promote a healthy republic, not a scared and controlled society. Thank you in advance for following the voice of the People, and not the wealthy elite, and keeping Internet accessible for all. Kind Regards, Adam
—Adam Elson, Ashland, OR

Please do not take away net neutrality. It would be an injustice.
—Sue Schmaltz, Bismarck, ND

Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers in the interest of allowing equal access and providing an essential forum for free speech and innovation.
—Jane Sharp, Lawrence, KS

to scrap true Net Neutrality is to sell the internet to the highest bidder, where only the biggest of the big corporations have a voice and can sell their wares at what ever price they choose and to whomever they wish. A free and open internet must be 100% neutral, otherwise is stifles creativity, innovation, and ideas. ISPs must be classified as common carriers, they are the new Telecoms of the 21st Century and it is the only way to guarantee Net Neutrality
—Scott Neet, PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS

Net neutrality is vital to the new eCommerce world. We live jn a digital age, and allowing specialized pricing for internet access is equivalent of a small business tax. You will stifle our country's growth, restricting business growth and innovation as a lone handful of companies decide what should and shouldn't receive fast internet service based strictly on their bottom line impact. These new laws benefit corporations ONLY. Is it not your right to serve the people? Where in these laws are you actually acting in the best interest of the American people?
—Andrew Kasik, Dallas, TX

Corporations are not people, keep free speech alive.
—Corey baca, Clearfield, UT

Net Neutrality is fundamental to fair use of the net - big corporations have enough advantage. The internet needs to remain a level playing field for big and small.
—Alan Foss, Chorleywood,

Please it is our own best interest to have internet equally for us all. It is the world wide web not the corporate wide web. This is beneficial for all humans in that it is an educational tool, a means of communication to loved ones and a platform for sharing ideas. Please remember that the web was made for the people and by the people.This is not your decision to make. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you.
—Joanna, Demorest, GA

I've worked in the information technology for over 15 years and I understanding how the internet works. My colleagues and I feel strongly that ISPs should be classified as public utility. Customers already pay for bandwidth. By charging content providers on top of that is nothing short of extortion. ISP should not be allowed to regulate what packet has priority on bandwidth I pay for or for traffic over their backbones. The telecommunication company's are monopolies that need to be broken up.
—Marcus G David, Chicago, IL

It is important to absolutely everyone.
—Ann Buxbaum, buffalo grove, IL

The internet as it stands is a platform for free speech -- changing that would be criminal.
—Connie Bassett, Paradise, CA

ISPs should really be reclassified as common carriers, and subject to the same rules thereof.
—Susan Thompson, Cary, NC

Keep the internet free! Don't let corporations control who gets to have more access online.
—Nathan Dern, Brooklyn, NY

Please, no special preferences for wealthy internet providers or anyone else. Net neutrality means everyone has equal access, including access to equal speed, etc., without costs. Everyone deserves the same treatment on the internet.
—Carol Loats, Pueblo, CO

This is horrifying. RESTORE NET NEUTRALITY>
—Kt, somerville, MA

I fully support Net Neutrality and reject the proposed rules that would allow "fast lanes" at premium prices. Further, I believe that the internet should be treated as a utility and the monopolies on access (e.g. Time Warner) need to be broken up.
—Ms. Juliana M Quant, Syracuse, NY

Free speech isn't free if we start putting curbs and/or barriers on access to the internet by the people of America, or for that matter, the rest of the world. DO NOT be swayed by the vast amounts of money behind AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, and their ilk to carve up internet access like a bad pizza, and allow them to pick and choose who gets the nicest slice.
—Cody Cowdin, Hartland, WI

The Internet is not a private corporate playground. It is the property of the people and a public utility and should be maintained as such.
—Michelle Bourg, Lawrenceville, GA

Without Net Neutrality, ISPs can do as they please and govern what everyone can do. Aren't we AMERICA, the so-called Land of Freedom?
—Andrew VanBoven, Canton, MI

Seems like a no-brainier to me. Broadband IS a telecommunication service. Preserve Net Neutrality. The cable companies have been offering terrible service and gouging us for more money since there is no other competition. How is it fair and just to make the citizens of this country pay even more money. I thought the FCC was on the side of the people of the United States. Shame on you FCC. How much are they paying you to get rid of Net Neutrality?
—Mark Liles, Eastpointe, MI

Do not take way everyone's right to the internet and give it to big Corporations.
—Melanie Crockett, Mahopac, NY

I DO NOT WANT OR BELIEVE IN A TWO-TIERED INTERNET! THIS IS UN-AMERICAN, UNFAIR, UN-DEMOCRATIC, AND TOTAL BULLSHIT! KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND OPEN!!! PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY, IT'S YOUR JOB!!!
—Julie Dunn, Atascadero, CA

Net Neutrality is about equal access and non-discrimination. The FCC should protect small and new businesses who utilize the internet for their economic livelihood and success. It should not discriminate against them, nor the public who uses the internet to gather and disseminate information, to socialize or to find entertainment. I understand the false logic in corporations wanting to charge more for higher usage. HOWEVER, the result of allowing this is so detrimental and ultimately discriminatory that it must NOT be allowed. At some point this country needs to cease pouring money into corporate entities and the private pockets of the already wealthy, and start protecting the rights of and quality of life of those whose checkbooks cannot speak loudly enough to be heard over the clamoring of the greedy. Please let wisdom and reason prevail over lobbyists and self-serving corporations who do not need a two-tiered internet in order to continue to profit and survive. Thank you.
—Jane D. Farrar, Manlius, NY

Keep the internet free and for the people. Its about all we have left that is.
—Christy Egan, Florence, KY

Net Neutrality is WRONG and sets the stage for monopolies and unequal access. What happened to rights and freedom of speech?
—Tonia Lloyd, Norfolk, VA

Everyone needs the net neutrality. It is unfair, unjust, and discriminating to only let mega corporations access to fast internet and leave the rest of the population in the slow lane. We need net neutrality to grow as human beings and learn. It cannot be controlled like a monopoly on order to benefit the mega corporations. This shouldn't even be a debate of how ridiculous this idea sounds. Out forefathers are turning in their graves.
—Igsia deJesus, Saint Cloud, FL

The net must be available to everyone on the same basis, without financial advantages to the wealthy.
—John R Donaldson, Fresno, CA

I'm demanding that FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. that's the reality of the situation today, we depend on net neutrality.
—Tom Whitehead, Sixes, OR

Freedom no monopolies!!!!!
—Daimon marchand, Alameda, CA

Corporate giants should not be able to control who uses the internet, nor which entities get the fastest speeds. It all revolves around greed.
—Sue Sherrill, ATLANTA, GA

I am outraged at your scheme to end net neutrality. Get rid of your new rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Michele Hutchins, Van Nuys, CA

Free speech
—Andrea Kulesh, str hgts, MI

Cable Internet Providers MUST be Classified as Common Carriers For Internet Net Neutrality must continue. I have been an internet provider for 19 years..... Prior to Comcast becoming an internet provider my company provided internet access using only the telecommunication companies. Our Regional Bell Local Loop Utilites. There is very limited internet access today through the telphone operators Telco's that have right of way agreements for their wires and are regulated as a common carrier of telephone services..... All of their telephony operation are regulated by the FCC under Common Carrier Rules with additional Regulation to protect consumers from abuses by Public Utilies Commisions in each state. The Cable industry which originally has negotiated franchise agreements with the local municipalities and counties have been unregulated as a cable company. They were also granted right of way of their wires by the local municipalities. These agreements became very valuable and we have seen the consolidation of small cable providers into monopolistic cable operators. The technology of sending digital data through their wires has given cable companies a competitive advantage to the telephone regional bell operators. More data can be sent through coaxial wire than can be sent through standard copper wire. This has lead to the destruction of our local regulated bell companies where customers choose cell phone for telephone services, or Voip providers that are on these copper wires. Cable operators now that have added internet technology to there coaxial cables, is a telecommunications technology today... not a cable technology for only distributing there subscriber content delivery..... It is a hybrid system, that allows both. Internet MUST be regulated as a Common Carrier where municipalities do not allow multiple companies to provide addition wires, and therefore the FCC MUST declare the Cable Operators Common Carriers. They must not be allowed to negotiate different rates for delivery of anyone who is attempting to connect to this technology. They have not been identified yet as a common carrier like the Regional Bell Companies that are regulated at the State level under the PUC/ Public Utilities Commission Regulation. Net Neutrality is an imperative with no allowances for negotiation of data trasport based upon content. This must not be allowed. Period.
—Adam Fishman, Eugene, OR

Big business already is in control of our lives. This is supposed to be a Democracy. If it has not already it is turning into a gorernment for Big Business not the people!
—Patricia Lestz, Playa del Rey, CA

I don't want to get fucked.
—Jordan David Lok, Vancouver,

Poverty is real. America values equality and the pursuit of happiness. Let's not let money dictate ones ability to be equal.
—Alexandra Henrikson, Oakland, CA

Isn't there a Document somewhere in the Archives that states that " All men are created equal", I believe that "all men," encompasses Women and Children. If I was not lied to about this, then why is it that a lot of Politicians and Big Businesses, are so hell bent on bringing back the three class system? And why are you even considering helping them? Regards R.P.B.
—Roderick Brown, San Diego, CA

Please don't ruin the system that has allowed companies such as Google and Facebook to succeed.
—Kevin Bauman, denver, CO

i have no faith that anything anyone says will change anything you will do, because we cannot pay you off. But i feel i must say that the internet was the last non-corporate place in america, and it makes me sad to see the end of that.
—Jessica D'Amico, Bayport, NY

While I would not object to Netflix paying a premium for the bandwidth it takes up, I oppose any measure that would reduce the ability of people without deep pockets to compete fairly on the web.
—Mark Homer, Maryville, TN

I pay over $120 / month for telecommunications including $79 for 3G internet (I live in the desert.....no cables of short enough phone lines),About $35 for landline and about $10/mo for mobile. I receive $1,000 a month social security. It is preposterous for me to spend so much for these services. I hope that whatever you decide to do, it will reduce my costs.thank you
—Stephen Sklarow, Bisbee, AZ

Americans deserve to have a free and equal internet.
—Katherine Babiak, Port Tobacco, MD

This is ridiculous. It is taming away our right for free speech and making a laughing stock out of what we call America. I no longer believe in the American dream. At least let us all have equal internet.
—Joselyn N Lewey, Cherokee, AL

What a terrible idea to turn the internet over to cable companies, and you know it. Revolution is the kicking in of an already rotten door.
—Kathleen DeYoung, Oak Park, CA

A slow lane for other users sounds unfair to the American idea. I'm sure lots of money would be made from the users who may like to have fast lane. However, your American idea's would suffer. I pity the general pubic, it's a shame to see America below other countries including that of the 3rd world.
—Christopher Webster, IPSWICH,

The FCC should throw its rules out and classify ISPs as common carriers to best keep the Internet open and free.
—Mark Boyd, Washington, DC

The Internet is a tool of free speech that deserves to remain in the hands of the people, not corporations.
—David Sechrest, Cranston, RI

Net Neutrality is the modern version of our first amendment rights. In a country founded upon the basic principles of natural rights, there should not be discrimination nor classification within the internet which is the new universal carrier of information. Rather than allow corporations to control what the internet provides, allow the people to continually be able to do what they want on a network that was made, and should stay, free.
—Steven Wong, Santa Ana, CA

The internet should be treated as an essential public utility, as were the telephone companies. There must be equal access and no censorship.
—Jim Lieberman, Annapolis, CA

As an Internet Marketing professional, net neutrality is absolutely essential for me to be able to do my job. Without it there is no level playing field for competition.
—Cameron Miller, lake worth, FL

Protect Net Neutrality""" Stand by the people instead of the abusersvwe ATT , Comcast and alike Yiu have the power and the people have spoken. Thank you
—Barbara Girton, Omaha, NE

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dan Stanger, Newton, MA

As a small business own, net neutrality means a level playing field for me and my business. It is not fair, and not American to allow bigger companies to bully smaller companies out of the way!
—Nick Patrick, Ruston, LA

The internet is one of the few things left that is truly independent. It would be insanely unfair for it to be turned into a commodity that restricts it's use to people. This is like Monsato saying that you have to pay for the right to eat or drink. For Heavens sake take a lool at yourselves please.
—Peter Lewis, Poole,

Preserving net neutrality is vital to a functioning democratic society. Don't let providers, or anyone have the right to give anyone preferential treatment in terms of bandwidth
—Drew Sherrick, Columbus, OH

Neutrality on every level is good for all involved except those that already have and want more without sharing. This is one of the things that is breaking America. Money rules government and our policies even though these laws and rules may make no sense otherwise. Don't stack the cards against the average person or corporation. Protect net neutrality cause diversity and competition is what makes for better products, information and services.
—Tim Moomey, Monroe, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because these companies are hoping to charge the public a premium to have access to something that the taxpayers (aka, the public) created. No one owns the internet, just as no one owns the telephone communication frequency. These companies didn't "create" a "faster" telephone call, they didn't create a "faster" internet, but what they are trying to do is set up access ques and charge users who what the equivalent of a Disney Fastpass a higher rate, leaving those without the funds waiting in line for their turn.
—Crystal, Mililani, HI

restricting free use of the Internet is Unconstitutional. Allowing corporations to control our internet access and broadband speeds has no place in the United States of America. I'm hearing stories like this in Mexico and China. Are we not striving to be better? A beacon of democracy? We need to lead by example.
—Jeanie Cyphers, Lutz, FL

Net neutrality is important to EVERYONE, not just me and you, but our kids and their kids. The internet has to stay unbroken, un-segmented, un-partitioned in any way. It is pure and it is a level playing field and for you to even consider breaking that is obscene and misguided and just plain unthinkable. Please, do not let corporate greed destroy the concept of fair and equal treatment of data, of ideas and of access to them. You must, please, do the right thing and let those corporate giants know that their mountains of money can't be the guiding factor to the future of the internet and to the freedom and growth of ideas and information.
—Debbie Burkey, Topeka, KS

Innovation and communication require a level playing field. The companies that deliver the Internet to individual households already control too much on pricing and service. As a user, I should be the one who decides what I want to see and what information I want to receive and providers should not be "held up for ransom" in order to participate. Net neutrality must be guaranteed.
—Cynthia Wyatt, PORTLAND, OR

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not discriminate!!!
—Deanna Coughlin, Cape Coral, FL

MONOPOLY, K STREET, CORRUPTION, DISCRIMINATION, PROFITEERING, but who's looking out for WE THE PEOPLE!!!
—Martin Henderson, Goleta, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sean Ascani, Garden Grove, CA

The internet is now more important that the telephone every was. It needs to be regulated just as telephone service are regulated, for the common good, not for the particular interest of selected corporations.
—Danny Lee Dishon, Longmont, CO

A free and open Internet is the only way for citizens to converse and organize against threats to their rights and future. Big money already controls everything else. By overturning the concept of net neutrality, you have given control of the Internet to Big Money Corporations who can control what and how the Internet is used. No amount of government oversite will protect the common man. The Internet must be made free and uncontrollable by law and/or constitutional amendment. You remember the constitution, right?
—Jeff Michael, Marquette Heights, IL

Net Neutrality is the only guarantee that Internet users anywhere will have equal access to the Internet, no matter how much money they can spend. Net Neutrality prevents that big corporations/entities -at first the providers, but later on also the big companies/entities like -just to name some big fortunes who are not 'commonly liked'- Monsanto, Exxon, The Chinese Government, the Qatari Government, Al Jazeera, Coca Cola and the Tea Party will decide what goes on on the Internet, monopolising the high(er)-speed lanes, leaving the slow(er)-lanes -IF these slow(er) will still exist- to those who don't share their point of view. Net Neutrality is the core of the Internet, and without it the Internet will just be one other tool for those with too much money to spend to spread their ideas. Which was never the idea behind the Internet. Net Neutrality should therefore be maintained and protected.
—Ewoud Kortenhoff, Rochemaure,

Because I agree with all the points raised by John Oliver--I couldn't say it better than him! http://act.freepress.net/sign/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/
—Peter Osler, Oak Park, IL

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A two tier system is wrong. An open internet is important. As a developer with projects all over the internet, this will become a crusade for me, the more restricting this becomes. Please put a halt to any laws that will make data from isp 'a' to isp 'b' any different.
—Richard Bryan Irwin, Houston, TX

You're selling us downstream, yet again, to corporate agendas that do not serve the best interests of this nation or her people. Its bull****, and you know it. Any elected official associated with this failure to represent your delegates will be held fully accountable and we will come after you with all our might to ensure you do not retain the office for which you clearly do not deserve. We're calling you out on your blatant, unchecked capitalistic cronyism.
—Terry Boedeker, Oregon City, OR

Financial puppetmasters and private corporations should not and cannot be able to control everything of value and worth in the universe. The internet is a public utility, meant to ultimately be free from the sole grip of greed. Please save net neutrality.
—Al Steiner, Cornwallville, NY

I pay enough for everything else I have, Electricity, Gas, Water, Trash, A roof over my head, gas for my car and food for children, bills for my health and yet I will be expected to pay to roam the internet??? I would like to know why?? and an honest straight in the face truthful answer would be nice. I have a social media account, so I can stay in touch with family and friends. I'm pretty sure I won't be able to do that when my rights of freedom of speech and privavcy are taken away. Please do not let FCC(Tom Wheeler) take away Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISP's, make them common carriers, don't kill our internet.
—Sue Schmidt, FLAGSTAFF, AZ

we think John Oliver was correct that was not a joke what you are doing to the system is a DISCRACE Put it back and stop estroying things so Big Business can make more profit. I am already paying for the use of the system from my internet provider.
—Richard E Leary, Bedford, MA

Recent supremely corrupt Supreme Court decisions have already done all that is necessary to destroy American democracy, and the American middle class and turn this once-great nation into a banana-republic plutocracy, in which only the richest 1% of our population will have any rights at all. The very last thing we need is for the the FCC to make regulations that are complicit with those un-American and anti-American goals.
—Lang Lloveras, Waterford, VA

FCC: Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Beth Busch, Honolulu, HI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. NO pay to play!
—Linda Inness, Philadelphia, TN

Net Neutrality is what is fair.
—Dina Carrisalez, Perrysburg, OH

net neutrality is important to me because: I use the internet every day to research and learn about treatments,breakthroughs and new findings about multiple Sclerosis. I fear if we don't have net neutrality I will only "see" what has been bought and paid for my some mega corporation. I also think People are people corporations are not humans. keep our (yours also) neutral .... Oh and if the net wasn't neutral I would never be able to voice my opinion!
—Sharon Rettig, Dayton, OH

When the American government chooses to represent the wishes of corporate giants over American citizens it becomes very just how broken our system of democracy. The internet should continue to be a place of equality as per the wishes of the American people.
—Tess Ortega, Austin, TX

We are better than this, or so we've been told.
—Cara Clark, Apex, NC

The internet is one of the last places where ideas can be discussed and developed into great things by entrepreneurs. Not all entrepreneurs come from having a lot of money, and it isn't fair for the companies to play favorites to wealthier consumers.
—Billy, Davis, CA

The Net is a tool of true democracy and to bifurcate access to the Net is to destroy a main expression of democracy.
—Alice Dugar, Independence, OH

We need a level playing field on the internet, not a place where only those with the most money are allowed to make money. Allowing discrimination on the whims of a large company also opens the door to censorship of any opposing ideas disguised as "business dealings".
—Jason Strong, Glendora, CA

Dear FCC, Access to information that doesn't depend on economic status is essential to all.
—Karen Kowles, Amherst, MA

Treat data equally.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Piero Rendoni, Houston, TX

The internet would never have become what it is today without net neutrality. It is therefore vital that ISPs are reclassified as common carriers!
—Will Guy, Leicestershire,

It is imperative you hear the voice if the people and keep net neutrality. It is the right thing to do.
—Ms. Kimberly Patrick, Flower mound, TX

We " NEED NET NEUTRALITY"! What you have proposed is discriminatory to those with less financial means so that corporations can reap ridiculously higher profits at the expense of those on the lower rungs of society. Net Neutrality would mean equality throughout. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers only. The internet was not created to be a profit making machine for corporate greed. Please reconsider your proposed rules! No tiers, everyone EQUAL!
—Don Salonis, Old Bridge, NJ

Because everyone should have equal access to similar internet speeds. The internet is not owned my any one person, corporation or organization, therefore companies should not be able to discriminate when it comes to selective service. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Kyle, Kent, OH

The internet is not broken. Don't give it away
—Hedy Helsell, Dallas, TX

Don't be a tool, be the shining light, and protect net neutrality. The internet should should not be controlled by corporations, it should stay as it is, a peoples' forum!
—Jodie Ervin, Mount Carmel, TN

I am a white, well-educated, 60-something woman who 15 years ago lived in a wonderful up and coming community in northwest Philadelphia. A member of city council lived two blocks away, the head of the Philadelphia Library was a block away, the head master of a major private school lived a couple doors down, street parties drew architects and lawyers along with local small business owners, etc. There was a poor, working class neighborhood on the other end of the same zip code. I could not understand why neighbors 2 streets over had wonderful Internet service for at least a couple years and I was told by Comcast 'not yet -- it's coming' for what must have been another couple of years. When I finally set foot in a retail outlet for Comcast (instead of making telephone calls), I was told by the proprietor that Comcast had REDLINED my entire zip code for the provision of broadband Internet service. The plans he had seen out for AT LEAST SIX YEARS did not have ANY provision of service within my zip code! This is the same company that was GLAD to sell our zip code their CABLE service at HUGE prices. Therefore, if Comcast thinks something is a 'GOOD IDEA' ---- I have no confidence that ANYONE other than Comcast will benefit! PLEASE retain Net Neutrality. The big guys do NOT need ANY more help to keep down the little guy.
—Nancy Wilson, Paoli, PA

Your job is to regulate and protect the communications systems in this country, not work to support corporate greed. Please do your job.
—Erica Sohl, Ashland, MA

It's appalling that our government agencies will alter rules so corporations can amass more money and power over US citizens instead of doing what's best for the country: promoting innovation and technology.
—Lorraine Shirkus Moore, San Antonio, TX

As someone who runs a successful ecommerce business I ask you not to take this step against net neutrality. This move will hurt would small online businesses like ours by narrowing the customer base and discouraging broadband development geared towards a better online experience for all.
—Erik Hanna, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY

The internet is a utility. It is my right as a human being to have equal access to the internet regardless of my place in society. Neither a corporation, nor government should be able to limit my access in any way. Just as I pay for water, electricity, or natural gas I have the right to be notified if my provider limits my access in any way. This is a country for the people and of the people. Not for a corporation.
—Stephanie Tousley, Oroville, CA

So I can get what I paid for from my ISP
—Aaron Golden, Long Beach, CA

Corporations have owned and controlled our government and nation for the past few decades. There's no need to give them ownership of the Internet.
—Charles B. Mullen, Canton, OH

No internet fast lanes! Net Neutrality is essential to a democracy!
—Richard Roundy, Brooklyn, NY

Please treat data equally.Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Maria Rendon, Houston, TX

The internet needs to stay the way it is. Small business's and low income people will never be able to get ahead. This will discriminate.
—Teresa Pontillo, Sunrise, FL

My public investment paid to build the Internet. It is unethical to sell it to the highest bidder. It is a public utility.
—Dave Benson, Aurora, OH

America cannot afford to put a muzzle on right of ways to an open internet for all. Please do what's right here and stand up for the American people, and not the interests of corporations seeking to squeeze every last cent they can out of their customers.
—Nick Broste, Chicago, IL

As a 12 year veteran broadcaster and public US citizen for many more, it is unimaginable that the internet be restricted in any way moving forward. We must NEVER end net neutrality.
—Robert Sorrentino, Westminster, CO

Ordinary citizens are being gouged by the costs of internet access through cable and phone service providers. Internet access is a Public Utility and everyone should be able to access this valuable resource at reasonable cost. We here in the US pay more for this service than anywhere else. IT is an outrage how corporations are allowed to bilk the public for these services. These companies: Comcast, Verizon ATT and ALL providers must be stopped from consolidating in order to raise prices and reduce services to the general public.
—Dolores Foscherari, Washington, DC

Everyone should have the same speedy access to the internet. Right now Americans spend an extraordinary amount of money for service that does not compare with the rest of the world. We pay for phones that require exclusive contacts, we pay for broadband that does not always live up to the hype, we pay for cable that is full of inferior programming and constant commercials. All of these decisions benefited providers, but consumers not very much. Already ISP's limit usage because they do not have the infrastructure needed. Now they want a two-tier system that gives higher payers faster access--without the needed infrastructure, where does that put the rest of us? Already I sometimes have the speed of dial up, with these new rules, I will be permanently in the slow lane and I am angry that this has even been suggested.
—Chris OMeara Dietrich, San Jose, CA

Protect Net Neutrality and the Voice of the People. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Corporations are not people and they don't need protection. Impoverished kids who are studying hard and use the internet for their homework need access their parents can afford so they can have a brighter future through education.
—Ellen Tracy, Ellsworth, ME

Don't mess up the internet FCC please. It's working just fine, instead change the rules so there is more competition and naturally the through competition advancement in the sector will occur and the citizens of the country have more options and better options we need to improve our internet not take several steps backwards and restrict it more then there will less or even worse no advancements in the technology and no growth in that economic sector and our country falls further behind the rest of the world even though we invented the internet.
—Vikram Yalamanchili, Houston, TX

Don't be neutral about Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brian Brown, Vashon, WA

Our nation has always claimed to be the land of dreams come true, regardless of your beginnings. A free and open internet has been that pathway for many since it's inception. The proposed tiered system will build a wall limiting access to only the already rich and already powerful. ALL INTERNET TRAFFIC SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME!!!!!! Giving big corporations a faster route is NOT fair nor is it desirable. And don't pretend there is competition out there. I have the "choice" of exactly ONE internet provider. That is not competition.
—Laura Bundy, Fort Payne, AL

Please find a conscience or try and ignore your sociopathic tendencies and do not hinder the progress of humanity to increase the wealth of a few. ISP's need to be classified as common carriers. Net neutrality needs to be preserved.
—Luke Schneider, Baltimore, MD

Freedom
—Brendan Park, Winchester, CA

I do not want only a few choices of providers and I want small companies to be able to compete with these much larger conglomerates. I believe that the companies would use this power to slow down parts of the internet to get a lion's share of the profits. By eliminating the current law you would be giving power to the wrong people. These companies have shown that they are not trustworthy in the past. Please save our internet from the grips of power hungry titans.
—Julie Pace, Evansville, IN

Access to information should be a right, not a privilege. Big corporations are already choking the life out of us - don't let them take away our entertainment and source to knowledge as well.
—Emily Sheldon, bklyn, NY

The internet is a public good, a utility that should be equally accessible to all. It's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Bingley, Hatfield, PA

This should be something both sides of the aisle like. Dems- because we want everyones expression to be equal and Repubs because killing net neutrality is a perversion of the Free Market. Everyone should be on the same field and we should let the market dictate what sells most not the companies who want to buy these "internet freeways". Net Neutrality is American and putting other companies in charge of that traffic is less democratic than Eqypt,Libya, even Pakistan. Seriously you are going to put our freedoms behind these muslim countries?!? How Un-American is that!?!?
—Dyanne DiRosario, Glendale, CA

Hands off, corporate douchebags.
—Brian Cleary, Chicago Ridge, IL

Internet should stay unbiased and equal for all. That is democracy.
—Faye Jamali, Mill Valley, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Eric Fosburgh, Seattle, WA

Stop allowing corporations to control our information sources!
—Alegandra Perez, Charlotte, NC

Do not allow Internet service providers to dictate internet speed based on money. It needs to be accessible to everybody.
—Lyle Funderburk, Portland, OR

The internet should be treated like free speech - equal rights and equal access for *everyone*, not just corporations that can afford to pay more. America is supposed to be a democracy ruled by and for the people, not an oligarchy where major corporations can buy up more power and access to speech and information than the individual consumer - *especially* when it comes to such a ubiquitous and necessary public service like the internet. It is UN-AMERICAN that you would give the internet over to a handful of corporations like this, against the will of basically *everybody* who is not a major corporation. Democracy? Or oligarchy? It is supposed to be the decision of we, the people, about matters that affect us all, yet once again we are left aghast as the bodies we have put in place to represent us choose to service a handful of major corporations AGAINST the will of us all. You should be absolutely ashamed of your actions, and we, the people, are demanding that you give us back our basic access to information and free speech, as our founding fathers and every true American citizen would intend. Think about our future - do we want a smarter and more capable workforce, to the benefit of us all and the planet itself, or do we want an even further stratified society, where major corporations wield more power than the citizenry and "free speech" is no longer free? YOU KNOW very clearly what side the American public is on here. We want equal access to speech and information, just as our founding fathers intended, in the true spirit of AMERICA.
—Chance Unterseher, Seattle, WA

Keep the Internet free of restrictions that stifle creativity, and equal access to contents of all types. ISP's whether local or on the backbone end of operations, should not have the right to limit bandwidth or access to any legal content.
—Mr Todd Allen Metzger, Massillon, OH

We need to keep net neutrality because all people and businesses need to be equal. It's what this country is based on. To end this will allow certain businesses to take advantage of others as well as the the people. You know why there is a proposal to stop net neutrality. It's just so a few companies can make lots of money of everyone else. They already make enough but you know it will never be enough for them. It will just go on and on until these big shots have everything and there is nothing left for anyone else.
—Louis Wagner, Gloucester, MA

Anyone who does not support net neutrality doesn't stand for our rights as U.S. Citizens and can only be seen as ones who oppose the rights of the American people
—Seth Humphrey, St. Louis, MO

throw out rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Antero A., vil, VA

Save net neutrality, and support the United States Postal Service becoming the logical constitutional supplier of universal broadband and high speed infrastructure for all in the United States. The Private Sector has failed miserably,and the USA continues to lag farther and farther behind the rest of the world.
—Charles Dineen, Lawton, MI

Because the Internet should not be bought and sold Because I worry about how the little guy will fair. Because I value having a voice. Because it absolutely is not fair. Because the internet is to important to to many regular people. Because America is being bought and sold.
—Lynn Cunningham, Eastsound, WA

The internet is the last bastion here in america for the freedom of speech expression and america. Corporations. Can't own and control every aspect of our lives. This is the peoples communication giving that up. Is madness.
—James Weeks, taunton, MA

The internet is the last place to get any type of truth from media. You and every other government agency have allowed corporations to hijack everything that we are supposed to represent.
—Lee Burnett, Hamilton, OH

This is another way in which we are devolving. Allowing companies to control the internet in this way will not help our country or our people. We don't just use the internet for watching cat videos, we don't just use it for pleasure. We use it for knowledge and for necessary purposes like careers and academics. What happens to those people who NEED that resource and can't afford it? Telling people that they cannot have access to that resource because they cannot pay for it only pushes them further down into that pit of poverty. KNOWLEDGE should be free, the pursuit of it IS A FREEDOM that we have and for you to consider taking that away shows much about you and our system. It is YOUR DUTY to protect us from being abused. With each new advance in technology there are large companies out there finding ways to make a profit off of it, and for money. Only for money. The internet is one of the easiest technologies to do that with because what local or national program is there to provide it to the common people who can't pay for it and don't fall into that narrow margin? IT IS YOUR JOB to see THROUGH that and into the abuse of our rights. This is quickly becoming a caste system and if you to allow it to happen, you become a part of the cause of it. There is no amount of negotiating and rule making you can do to keep us safe from that kind of control and abuse. Those people out there, myself included, who are trying to live well and become independent, will never become that if they are not given the tools they need to get there. And YOU are taking them away. It's not just about the fact that we deserve net neutrality, which we do, it's about the repercussions of making the internet a company controlled platform. It's not just about the fact that we have a freedom of speech, it's about the way freedom of speech affects the world and furthers our humanity when used well. When you take it away you take away so many possibilities. The companies that will control us control you too if you allow this. And you'll only be sell outs. Why even have a resource for knowledge and a platform for free speech at all if you're going to say that people who can't pay for it aren't allowed to have it? What are you saying about the freedom of a person who doesn't own as much money? As a college student who's had to fight for my own freedom, freedom from abusive parents, freedom from an abusive partner, freedom from being raised in a low income household, and freedom from myself and my own fears, I cannot allow anyone to overlook the consequences of this. By turning your face and looking the other way when you KNOW that this is corruption and that this is abuse of a person's freedoms and pursuit of happiness, you're no better than those trying to manipulate you.
—Amanda Weeks, Irving, TX

DO NOT GET RID OF NET NEUTRALITY! ALL DATA IS CREATED EQUAL!
—Mr. JD Hock, Oscoda, MI

While the internet is not a right, it should be noted that these companies have formed and will continue to form an ad hoc monopoly that discourages competition and is indicative of cronyism. This is due to the inherent efficiency of only having a single point of contact with each home and thus allows ISPs, especially in smaller towns and the like, to offer poor quality internet service and customer service at an unreasonable price.
—Daniel Holladay, Fort Worth, TX

WE MUST SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lisa Mann, Hanover Park, IL

Most of us can't afford any extra fees for anything. PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Marcey Lachance, Bailey Island, ME

The Internet was the finest creation and it was wisely made free and unemcumbered, Dont cave in to Big money and ruin A great service,
—Bruce Oster, Black Canyon City, AZ

Please designate broadband internet providers as 'common carriers'. Don't stifle internet neutrality. If the cable and telecom companies are worried about traffic, they can wire up fiber optic and bring South Korean speeds to their customers. Our system today gives local monopolies (Cable companies) and a biopoly (ATT/Verizon) a chance to squeeze more cash while giving terrible service.
—Reid Silvern, Tucson, AZ

Cable companies have bought and paid our government officials including the president to work against the interest of common civilians. We are currently paying more for internet and have the worst internet available because they are essentially a monopoly. I suppose corporations are in charge and there isn't much we can do about it. Here is one thing I can do and that is petition for the FCC to keep Net Neutrality, which is important for even an illusion to an actual free market. Without it, start ups and even other big corporations, will be beholden to these terrible monopolies having to pay exorbitant amounts for something that is currently free. This will destroy creativity and innovation and we as a society will lose.
—Adam Fernandez, Bakersfield, CA

Dear FCC, Please leave us with the freedom we have on the Internet.
—Billy D Lee, Durham, NC

Monopolies are not free enterprise. Capitalism thrives on free enterprise. This is how new ideas and products are developed. We need net neutrality to allow ALL ideas equal chances to succeed. The trickle down economics of Reagan has been proven a failure. This is just another form of it, only applied to thought and access to ideas. The FCC is charged with regulating communications, not selling them to the highest campaign contributors. Net neutrality is vital to the future of information access, true freedom of the press (not just mainstream outlets) and freedom of speech. Our constitutional rights are being sold.
—Lily Farmer, austin, TX

Tom Wheeler sends emails saying he is all for net neutrality, however his plan shows the opposite.
—Carol Harris, Seattle, WA

The people need a vein of free information.
—Anya G, State College, PA

Because "It's the right thing to do". It is a common carrier. We all want our freedom to choose. That's what we are all about. We don't want restrictions set by a few companies catering to the wealthy.
—Patti Lee Jordan, Blaine, WA

Please enforce net neutrality and keep big corporations from having preferential bandwidth. The monopoly cable companies are already enforcing their power by charging the user for "fast" Internet (which really has data caps), and now they want to also charge the Internet companies for having good bandwidth - please don't allow this to happen. Internet providers should be like any other utility and not get to choose who gets preferential treatment based on how much money they pay. Please keep the Internet the hotbed of innovation it has been so far.
—Jose Perez, Suwanee, GA

We don't need a slow lane for the internet. Keep the internet open for everyone!
—Clifford Johnson, Minneapolis, MN

Now is the time tp give us BACK net neutrality.
—James Murphy, Pleasanton, CA

it is no business of the FCC what do with my internet. They have no control and should have no control (nor should companies such as Comcast, Verizon or other conglomerates) over what is going on my or others internet. EVER.
—Jonathan Humphrey, Ann Arbor, MI

It is emparitive the internet remain open or we the people lose all ways to protect our freedom from tyrany
—Mary Ellen Waddell, Ocanside, CA

The internet must remain free!
—Renae Morgan, Attleboro, MA

These proposed "two-tiered" rules would be discriminatory, undemocratic and not in the best interest of consumers. Abandon the Wheeler plan to favor providers who already have an unfair advantage over their competitors.
—Jay M Pinkert, Portland, OR

Without NetNeutrality smaller and less funded web sites could become a thing of the past, unable to pay for faster services for internet providers. Open source sites would probably suffer a rapid decline and the free exchange of information would suffer. The cost associated with the internet would also rise as web sites increase fees or start charging fees to offset their cost for faster lanes.
—Raymond Crannell, Hudson Falls, NY

FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I want real Net Neutrality!
—Ms. Carlyle Poteat, Pittsboro, NC

I am against this. Our abilities to share information are being miss directed to much already. To allow the corporate- industrial complex more control over the information we receive is scary.
—Greg Duvic, amboy, WA

The United States of America was formed as a democratic nation. As citizens, we have the right and the responsibility to maintain this country as said democracy. The discrimination that the FCC Chairman is proposing promises to make the wealthy of this nation wealthier and the rest of this country poorer. This is not democracy in action. The people of this country are demanding that the Internet stays neutral.
—Libby Parker, Rockford, IL

The increased charges for 'fast lane' access from the few companies that hand out internet access would come down to me, the consumer, who already pays more for services through the internet than consumers in almost every other country in the world. I do not trust the cable companies to treat people or organizations fairly. The FCC is an agency that should protect the consumers and equal access to the internet not the cable companies. Michael Pollitt, South Deerfield, MA
—Michael Pollitt, South Deerfield, MA

The Internet should NOT be controlled, we are NOT in a communist country and we are NOT in a third world country! You MUST STOP the Evilness that these BIG Corp companies are trying to do! Its the right thing. No matter how much money they are giving you, DO NOT give in. the Internet was set up to be OPEN and NOT controlled by someone trying to make money off of it! it is a No Brainer!
—John Zimmermann, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Defending Net Neutrality is something that shouldn't even have to be thought about. But big name ISPs are being as greedy as ever and trying to demolish it. Don't let them have their way; stand up for Net Neutrality and protect the Internet that we have, rather than the Internet Comcast and its ilk want to impose upon us all.
—Brandon Bundy, Hopewell, VA

Net neutrality is not optional. It is imperative that it be defended.
—Lisa F., Sebastopol, CA

The Internet has overtaken the telephone as a public utility. It needs to be reclassified as such (back to where it started, if memories are really that rusty) so information remains free from the corrupting influence of money.
—Paula Lynch, Calabasas, CA

This has gone on for too long. The freedom that our current Internet services offer are fantastic. The users who are happy with how it is made and are not asking for changes that a select few companies that do not represent us want. The money that they throw at you do not represent the people. The change that a selective Internet asks for are simply selfish at heart. If a proposition comes that the people are satisfied with comes, we will not fight it, but because these company demands for change hinder most users, we do not want it. The rich already have money and power. They can thrive without taking more of our freedoms. Perhaps being at the top has disillusioned you from what the majority faces, so the people are now stepping up to let you know that these corporate demands are vile. Please give up the selfish corporate agenda. We are not sheep, we are people and we demand equality. It is 2014 so please use your brains and do the right thing. Work with us and we can work with you
—Vincent Iiyambo, New York, NY

I believe the two tier system is not constitutional. Please support Net neutrality.
—Karen DeWitt, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Melody Arceneaux, Dickinson, TX

Keep the Internet OPEN and EQUAL ACCESS! No special rules for behemoth corporations or billionaire CEOs!
—Diana Curington, Portsmouth, NH

I can't believe this is in debate. The people, those who make up this country, need the ability to research and communicate effectively. We are already so limited by major corporations guiding and deciding for us; please keep some freedom for us in the age of technology.
—Mary Dietrich, Olive Branch, MS

The net is too important to allow it to change to a discriminating venue. The more we know, the stronger we are. Keep it simple.
—Kaisu Kallio Lemke, Lady Lake, FL

Equal access for all internet users creates productivity and creativity. Don't destroy that balance and preserve Net Neutrality!
—Kenji, Philadelphia, PA

1 freedom(includes spreading the truth about islam the political cult and about the illegal laws) , 2 communication with family, 3 obama and his cronies do not own the internet, it is suppose to be free not censored. 4 I pay bills online and talk to my family online since I do not have numbers for them, plus many have no phones. 5 to find information like how to get out of Domestic violence and resources, phone numbers for drs on, to buy something only online since many brick and morar stores are going out of business because of obama and his cronies
—Alisa Kurtz, Delphi Falls, NY

Please help support the rights of the American public by keeping the internet open and unrestricted by the cable and phone companies. Not everything should be about profit. It's more important that our country support net neutrality.
—Diane McCaffrey, Weston, MO

true Net Neutrality will NOT let corporations decide what content is worthy of expression.
—Karl Olsen, Louisville, KY

The internet needs to remain neutral if it is to remain true to its purpose/function.
—Mark hicks, Wakeman, OH

FCC: Keep the Internet neutral. Do not allow Internet service providers to create a two-tiered Internet. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.
—George Quinn, Steilacoom, WA

KEEP INTERNET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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—Richard Burcher, Superior, CO

We need REAL Net Neutrality to keep the internet responsive and available for the kind of innovation and creativity this century requires of us. Tom Wheeler's past as an advocate for ISPs disqualifies him from leading the FCC on this question. ISPs ARE common carries...it's time to call them that.
—Catherine A Twohill, Yonkers, NY

To me, Net Neutrality and the First Amendment go hand in hand. In today's electronic digital world, to strangle one would be to kill both.
—William Shirey, Decatur, AL

Maybe if you were paying a PREMIUM for your INTERNET your server wouldn't have CRASHED. You better get this RIGHT!
—Steven Schneider, Brewster, NY

There's something self-evident about equality. - JMo
—Dr. John Modschiedler, Chicago,, IL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Net neutrality is essential to achieving the goal of democracy to value each individual and treat them with fairness. Any move to limit or remove aspects of net neutrality amount to discrimination. The obvious fear currently is that wealthier individuals and entities, such as corporations, would be even more unfairly advantaged, while less financially well-off individuals and groups would be even more disadvantaged than is already the case. Research from areas such as psychology, sociology, and behavioural economics clearly demonstrate how powerful even seemingly small changes in environment or circumstances can lead to large major changes in behaviour. The online environment is no different. The behaviours at risk of even more undue influence are what information and services can be readily accessed. It is the information and services that easiest and quickest to access that will, more often than not, direct behaviour and in effect limit free choice. Although it could be argued that it will not directly limit freedom of expression, it will limit the audience of that expression. As it is the intent of those who express themselves to be heard, this amounts to limiting freedom of expression. Any move to limit net neutrality will result in greater control, of society, being handed to those the changes favour. It would disadvantage the poor, as well as small to medium businesses, and it would strengthen already strong lobby groups and further undermine weaker ones. None of this is consistent with a desire for a free democratic nation or World. I urge you to reject the proposed changes. Sincerely, Christian Thoma
—Christian Thoma, Auckland,

The lack of a truly neutral internet would make it impossible to be an entrepenuer in the modern world. If we want to actually believe that the "American Dream" is more than propaganda, then we must have an open and free internet that is not crippled by providers.
—Colter Hanna, Portland, OR

If your intentions are to segregate the internet based of what people can pay, then you admit to the idea that you are attempting to segregate the people of the U.S. based off what they can afford. This sounds no different than segregation of black and white people or Nazi Christians to the Jewish people. It all starts with a simple idea. The internet is a free place for world to be as one despite differences of of gender, race and beliefs. It is a hive mind of potential for the people of the world to market, create and interact. If you segregate the internet based on money, then you are no different then the above mentioned, no different then men thinking women have no right to be equal. To promote this is to promote another type of segregation; based off of money. Those of you that have the power to take away net neutrality, are smart enough to have the vision of the future and see how kids and corporate officials will use internet speeds as a judge of ones status. If you see don't see this as a future problem that will only drive the social mentality of our country to deterioration, then you simply are ignoring the obvious and I hope you are haunted by the knowledge that you are not as good of a person as you think you are for this country. Net Neutrality is necessary for the world to progress into a happier place all. Thank you for taking the time to read this.
—Dexter Saulisbury, north hollywood, CA

changing this ruling benefits corporations not the general public. please do not fall for this horrible change.
—Kathy Hague, zanesville, OH

Around the world, people enjoy far faster and cheaper internet access than we do in the U.S. The proposed changes will enrich corporations at the expense of the people and our access to information, work, and the free exchange of ideas. Seriously, have you at the FCC read the Emperor Who Wears No Clothes? Just as nakedly do you serve the corporate elites. Enough.
—Maureen Curtin, Syracuse, NY

Net neutrality is necessary for a true democracy where people have free speech no matter how much money they have!!!!
—Michelle Hughes, Philadelphia, PA

There is nothing innocent about these actions by the ISPs. They have been allowed to cannibalize the industry and eliminate players to the point they are essentially monopolies. The FCC should not allow this action of the two tier internet system to go one step further.
—Tom Roberts, columbus, OH

Equality is important to me. I oppose all discrimination. Let's keep the internet free as it was originally designed to be.
—Nadia Salomon, Natick, MA

Net Neutrality supports democracy by leveling the playing field for all users.
—Rev Ingrid Lukas-Howe, Pittsfield, MA

read 1984
—Chuck Ables, BELTON, TX

The internet is a necessity, not a commodity. It's sickening that a cable company lobbyist would be put in charge of the FCC and then immediately destroy net neutrality.
—Nikolas Sanow, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Do not let corporations rule over the people!
—Jennifer Malanchuk, Mulvane, KS

Internet Neutrality is the only way to keep the internet from becoming just like cable TV. Without it you'll only be able to access the sites and post stuff that is "approved" by the ones who control it, and only the people and businesses that can afford it will have "FAST" internet. The rest of us will be stuck with slow down loads if we can get on at all.
—Earl Grove, East Canton, OH

I live on social security and the money I make from my graphic design on sites like Etsy. I am hanging on month to month with no savings, as medical bills and unemployment wiped them out. I need an internet that is equal for all to access at equal speed, without favoritism. Net neutrality is important to me keeping a roof over my head. ISPs must be common carriers.
—Alice Flynn, Bozeman, MT

Corporations should not be able to control the internet. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Pongratz, Denver, CO

Please do not let our country become one of the growing number of nations limiting internet access to its citizens.
—K Gass, norwich, CT

reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Osmaira, east elmhurst, NY

Destroying net neutrality is another case of our corporately owned government selling us out. Please stop these digital robber barons from extorting more of the American people's ability to compete a level global marketplace.
—Harry Douglas, Wappingers Falls, NY

The internet is much more than entertainment and convenience: millions of people rely on it for facts and research, especially when it comes to politics. Free speech and free voting are only meaningful when people can learn the truth and arrive at informed views. If, instead, uncomfortable facts and competing opinions are shunted aside and drowned out by spin and manipulation created by the highest-bidding "unelected corporate government", it is not hyperbole to say that our democracy itself is in danger. Internet service providers MUST be classified as common carriers (analogous to the postal service or telephone service).
—A Waksman, Philadelphia, PA

EVERYONE deserves to have EQUAL access to the internet.....to have equal access to information without prejudice. Money should never be the deciding factor for who gains access and who doesn't! NEVER!
—Richard Snook, Vancouver, WA

Throw out the current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, which is essential to the US economy and to free speech.
—Anne Kathryn Kloimwieder, Weehawken, NJ

The internet should be fair and equal
—D Myers, Watertown, WI

I've been online since before the internet. The early form of computer use enabled university researchers to exchange information and promotion academic freedom and research. In its current form the internet has its problems, especially spam, but it provides an open environment which encourages the relatively free, fast exchange of current information by both researchers and 'joe public'. Allowing a small number of for profit corporations to control the 'fast lanes' on the internet changes this open highway to a (potentially prejudiced) toll road that will only be available to wealthier individuals. This action on the part of the FCC strongly suggests that these corporations have successfully lobbied for control of take over the FCC. Therefore, I strongly oppose this change.
—Roe Roberts PhD, Wichita Falls, TX

To anything else would mean extreme discrimination against all but the wealthiest "players". Net neutrality means an even playing field.
—C Zawadzkki, Schenectady, NY

For the nation's and citizens' long-term good, we need net neutrality. Keep isps as common carriers!
—Shanti McKinnie, Asheville, NC

It's in conceivable that anyone would put corporations ahead of people. NET NEUTRALITY MUST REMAIN!
—Raymond Ireland, Northfield, NJ

The Internet belongs to the people, NOT to corporations. I don't want/need Comcast in control of what I see and hear. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet safe from those who would use it for their greed.
—Chris Gambrell, Jonesborough, TN

ISPs' are by their very nature common carriers (public utilities) and must be regulated as such.
—Dorothy-Anne Johnson, Centreville, VA

The internet is fine as it is - the last thing we need are further Government controls and multinationals corporations trying to monetize conent evn more.
—Clive Woodman, Perth,

The Net is a unique public resource, that allows anyone to broadcast, and anyone to hear whatever broadcast they want. In the world it is now an essential tool for democratic movements. It must be administered fairly.
—Michael Trupin, Nashville, TN

Net neutrality is absolutely essential for a functioning democracy in the 21st century.
—Rosemary Agonito, Syracuse, NY

why should major companies decided what traffic i use. im already paying my isp for the use of the bandwidth with a set cap. what i want to view with that should always be on thw fast lane, a priority. content provides should not have to pay more just so i can view it and i shouldnt have to pay more to connect with any one i want to on the Internet. please leave the Internet alone, youre just going to mess it up if you allow the interests of a few companies control the communication, information and news of so many people. you have no right to let them .
—Marianne Kochan, edmonton,

net neutrality protects fair, equal access internet. Vital for economic leveling and for our democratic system.
—Phillip Glenn, Natick, MA

Equal access with equal speed for all. The internet allows everyone to have an equal footing and discover the world for themselves.
—Molly Rodden, Normal, IL

I am a 70 year old woman who worked her entire life. I live on Social Security. It doesn't go far, and I cannot afford much. Now big corporations want to discriminate against me because they have more money than I do. How is this fair? I depend on the internet for many things from staying in touch with family, to shopping (I can't always get out easily), to news,etc. You know, quality of life stuff, not bottom line corporate profits. I am furious that net neutrality is even an issue.
—Nancy Woolley, Stoughton, MA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality!!!!
—Tina Gallaway, Harrisburg, PA

I pay for my internet uaage and the free will to explore and use it for any thing i want (that is legal of course).
—Christopher Holland, Austin, TX

A level playing field is essential to keeping the internet a forum for free speech and innovation. Real net neutrality provides this level playing field.
—Ross Rhizal, Ann Arbor, MI

DO NOT enrich any more huge corporations or companies! DO NOT erase our freedom to access. KEEP internet access available and affordable to everyone for the betterment of all!
—Kimberly Joy, Milwaukie, OR

I am completely amazed at how blatantly the US government, in all areas, despite being elected to represent the majority of Americans, continues to weigh the game in favor of the corporations. Now the FCC wants to give them our internet freedom in a tiered approach to service. Add this to the revelations that you are openly spying on all of us and the whole thing is ridiculous. We aren't buying your garbage anymore! Keep net neutrality and vote with us for a change. After all, Warren Buffet ,the Koch brothers and Wall Street didn't pay to research and develop the net. Lowly and middle class taxpayers coughed up the money and then you gave it to the telecoms to make a profit and charge us yet again for the privilege of paying to use what we already paid for to develop. Democracy in the US is a sick joke and getting more pale each day. How tired and angry most of us are at being patsies to your corporate biases. For once, GET IT RIGHT!
—Kathy Kramer, Prineville, OR

The public deserves universal access and fair regulation, not exploitation!
—Wayne Godbout, Boston, MA

Creating this type of monopoly would kill the average person's chance at the American dream. And the average person will be paying the highest cost.
—Laura Taylor, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is the largest body of information available, and there is no substitute for it. If internet access is restricted and stratified based on economy, systemic issues tied to educational inequality will worsen more rapidly, leading to further intellectual pitfalls in the United States. Rather than spending our time to promote an economic idea that pushes us further behind in education (benefitting no one and only contributing economically to a few), we should be tackling real problems associated with the FCC.
—Mackenzie Cremeans, Grove City, OH

Freedom of speech must be ensured for future generations
—Amanda Taylor, Danville, PA

Net Neutrality is a safeguard of free speech. The internet is not a commodity owned by the government that can be sold to corporations.
—Kevin Pfau, Bethel, CT

It is is vital to protect real Net Neutrality! ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. Freedom is what makes the internet great - please, do not ruin the internet for everyone. Don't give in to greedy cable corporations that already don't care about their customers; take a stand - keep Net Neutrality!
—Adena Hockaday, Advance, NC

Please keep the internet free from big money corporations.
—Eva Martinez, Castro Valley, CA

I'm writing to urge the FFC to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and keep the internet as a level playing field. I stand with the majority of Internet users who demand that Net Neutrality be the guiding principle for how we communicate on the Internet. As our representatives, please know that we look to you, the FCC, to keep the Internet a place that isn't based on monied favorites but is, instead, a fair and even-handed marketplace of ideas for media content providers, consumers and for a vibrant democracy. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rui Ribeiro, West Hartford, CT

To create a monopoly is, as far as I know, against the law. So allowing corporations a monopoly over the Internet breaks that law. Furthermore recognizing corporations as people and giving them rights is idiotic, and in my opinion, taking another step towards ruining what America is supposed to stand for. Fredom of speech will cease to exist if you allow this.
—Amber Caldarelli, Brockport, NY

Money and special interest should not determine my 'free' access to the net and content/applications.
—Michele Meyer, Vallejo, CA

'Network neutrality is the idea that your cellular, cable, or phone internet connection should treat all websites and services the same. Big companies like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast want to treat them differently so they can charge you more depending on what you use.'- http://www.theopeninter.net/ The reason I am against your proposal are simple- Net Neutrality ensures that everyone with internet is able to access certain sites without having to pay more. This entire idea is ludicrous! It is clear that the only benefactors of your proposal are the companies of Internet Service Providers. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but this does not help anyone else. If it doesn't help the world, in any way, just don't do it? Why waste time on something that everyone disagrees with, benefits few and allows for rampant discrimination? Honestly. Your job is not this. Please, throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The world is looking to you.
—Juliet Hope, Lismore,

Everyone should have a voice...listen to ours!
—Nancy and Tom Vevea, Rhinelander, WI

Net neutrality is a vital part of what makes the internet the unique and wonderful place from which new content, new ideas, and innovation comes. A neutral internet is the last bastion in America and the world where corporate greed has not squashed free speech out of existence. ISPs have NO RIGHT to dictate who has the right to bring their views to the world by restricting bandwidth to "less profitable" websites.
—Joe, Grove City, OH

Please do not allow the big internet providers to put a stranglehold on our freedom of internet. Agents of stagnation already control much of this country's media and what is allowed to be said. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gb, Wainscott, NY

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Gerald Thompson, Granite City, IL

When the internet (www) first began, it was free, wide-open and unencumbered by any government, individual, corporation, or regulatory agency. It has been in use for what, 30 years or more? It has functioned without an regulation. It has been truly autonomous. Now, corporate america wants to control access to the internet. They want to charge people to use the internet! I wonder how the FCC stands to benefit by giving the internet to corporate america?
—Bernard Wooldridge, Clovis, CA

Throw out new rules and make ISP's common carriers.
—KA James, Detroit, MI

This issue is so important to me that I took time off from work (and I'm paid by the hour!) to go to my local FCC office and turn in hand written letters to the FCC and I'm here to say something again. The internet has become a utility. It is in the same category for many people like me who have no TV service to the home and rely on the internet for news about weather and other daily needs. I use the internet daily on my job at a non-profit. I know we can't afford to pay more for internet access. We use the internet for email, to communicate with missionaries while they are out of the country, to send money, etc. I support my disabled son clear across the country and it is quite helpful to use the internet to stay in touch, to share money, etc. You need to reclass the internet as a utility and then many arguments go away. Then we can deal with promises these companies made to have our nation fiber-optic enabled, a promise they've reneged on for the past 12 years. We can then address the fact that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act hasn't be repealed but is being violated every day!
—Ann Catherine Keirns, Castro Valley, CA

America is a free country, therefore people in America should be able to do as they please on the internet, as long as what they are doing is legal.
—Tyler S., Juniata, NE

Net Neutrality is free speech. If you don't believe in that then you are not a good American.
—Nancy Smith-Watson, Wauwatosa, WI

You know what you're agreeing to is wrong FCC. Keep the internet open and far away from digital monopolies.
—Gavin Kendall, Brooklyn, NY

Abandoning net neutrality paves the way for a few large corporations to become richer and able to unduly influence Internet content, while greatly diminishing the internet experience of a large majority of its viewers.
—Ann Eastman, Littleton, MA

The internet is the only place that treats everyone equally. Whether you are a rich white politician in Washington DC or a poor hispanic kid in Texas we all have equal access to the internet. What you propose to do, allows cable companies to charge companies, like Netflix and Google, money in order to reach their users on a fast connection. While they can probably pay for it, smaller companies won't be able to afford it. This is an unfair monopoly that does not allow for this country to grow. This will stunt our nation and its people's ability to be innovators and reach new audiences, essentially throwing us back to a time when we didn't have high speed internet. We can all agree that the internet is awesome, but you know what isn't awesome? Having glorified bullies putting a gun to our head and forcing us to make decisions that are only good for their profit and not our best interests. Please keep the internet open and free for everyone. Thank you for your time.
—Asia McClain, galveston, TX

Make the net a utility. Stop making us the laughing stock of the world in order to line the pockets of a few ceos
—Lance McGill, Monteagle, TN

Reclassify ISP's as common carries and while you at it make some changes as to regulations for satellite carriers. Give us a choice as to what local changes we want. We live in a rural area and are forced to have local channels that has nothing to do with our state or weather. How would you like it? We don't care about Missouri's politics or what their weather is. Our weather comes from Wichita but we are the last to hear about it. That makes us in danger. Thanks FCC for caring about the people, HA!
—Linda Clark, Toronto, KS

The government already knows everything about us. ...why should the internet!
—Rita Meuer, Madison, WI

NO FAST LANE FOR THE RICH!!!
—Mark Peters, w, WI

I am sick of the federal government supporting only causes that benefit corporations. How about doing something for the average citizen for a change? You can do this by enforcing Net Neutrality.
—Donald Allard, Warren, RI

You CANNOT allow this monstrosity of a bill to go through! The only people to benefit from this is the ISP companies - and for them its all about the money. This will have a worldwide backlash. Please, please let common sense prevail and do NOT give the go ahead for this bill. Instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Pam Meredith, Perth, Western Australia,

With corporations in control of the government, the internet is the last place where free speech exists. If that goes away then we might as well be North Korea, we cannot let that happen. We cannot let money rule! Please!
—Dominika Rainey, Winchester, CA

two-tiered system is un-American; don't allow it.
—Frances E. Blair, Steilacoom, WA

Net Neutrality is SO important. Just think of all the schools throughout the country that use the internet in their classrooms, how many students use it to do research, how many unemployed people (who can't afford to spend any more on their internet access than they already do...because the are unemployed) use the internet to search for jobs or how many non-profit organizations use it to get their word out and do good in our communities. Keep it as is; for once, think of the greater good and stop trying to make a buck, especially off those that can't afford it.
—Amy Clough, Duxbury, MA

The service we already receive costs more and is by far substandard compared to any other place in the advanced world. Now, you want to allow myopic corporations to make the service slower and cost more. My God, who the hell do you represent, and seek to protect the interests of?
—Matthew Goheen, Plano, TX

This country from its very beginning has stood for equality. The First Amendment was placed in the Constitution to assure that government would not interfere with speech and press. I have no doubt that the Framers of the First Amendment would oppose the rules that you have proposed that would have government create classes of users of free expression. I support Net Neutrality as I'm sure the Framers would. I have Ph.D. in Political Science with my concentration in Constitutional Law which I have taught for 37 years in one private Liberal Arts College and two Universities.
—Ronald E Dean, Richmond, KY

Allow companies to slow down the speed of information. Okay tell me this how many slaves did not know that they were free until the information was slowly delievered to them. So if you successfully want to slow down American progression then by all means.
—Debra, Robbins, IL

The Internet has proven itself to be an open medium and format for both innovative and democratic ideas. It's neutrality must be maintained in order to maintain both possibilities.
—Ivan Rhudick, San Francisco, CA

Do the right thing
—Raymond Collins, Miami, FL

I live in the state of Maine, in a remote area, and run my business by Internet. We have crappy service generally in Maine - could use improvements to the infrastructure - and I don't need anything to marginalize me more than I already am - such as a "slow lane".. besides, giant corporations are fat and spoiled enough and need no further inducements to crush the consumer.
—Susannah Sprague, Standish, ME

why are you the FCC, letting the Service providers attempt to monopolize the internet for their own benefit??the NET has become a voice of the people in many countries WHY are YOU allowing the corporations the opportunity to manipulate,and most likely stifle our freedoms represented by an OPEN INTERNET! This borders on CRIMINALITY what a POLICE STATE would make as it's first priority HOW DO YOU THINK HISTORY WILL LOOK UPON YOU ???as a preserver of FREEDOM, or asaa FASCIST???
—John Mitchell, Conway, MA

We want real net neutrality. Having an open, fair, and level playing field is the only way to spur on innovation and advance the county.
—Shaun Kneher, West Babylon, NY

If continuing to be a leader in information technology as a country is a real goal here, the protection of net neutrality is of paramount importance. If the goal is to keep the current corporate information industry leaders perpetually in the lead, don't protect net neutrality. It really is that simple. So what's your goal?
—David Farr, Stone Mountain, GA

Corporations are not people. They do not and should not dictate internet access.
—Kristina Linzer, Longmont, CO

In a democracy, the internet should be like a public utility - readily available for all.
—Ellen Baumgartner, Worthington, OH

Is it actually possible for Tom Wheeler and his staff of ex-cable company hacks to rule in favor of middle and lower class folk who need access to a UTILITY like the internet?? I doubt it. What's in it for them? Why did Obama go back on his promise to keep the net neutral in no less than 3 campaign speeches? GEE Campaign $$ according to Moyers & Co. report. FCC needs to start representing The People not corporate cable/telecom contributors.
—Deb Allen, West Simsbury, CT

Net Neutrality has made so many things possible for so many people. Old age will never be the same (I say that because I am old and I know). Education has been changed forever on ALL levels and I say that because I am an educator and I taught and also learned in on-line classes. Friendship will always be available and families can always communicate. Don't change anything about this wonderfully human and wonderfully technical thing that we the people have created. I firmly believe at this point that the FCC is not evil and that President Obama is a good guy - but all good will will be out the window along with my computer if you give the marvel of the internet to BIG BUSINESS - which ,at this point, you are planning on doing. Mary Latham
—Mary Latham, Amherst, MA

Please protect our net neutrality.
—Heidi Stauder, El sobrante, CA

The net is functioning optimally. There is no need to change it and screw it up.
—Gary Kwilos, SD, CA

It's really quite simple: The internet needs to be free. Not free for those with money, not free for those in authority. Free for everyone. We live and breath in a country supposedly built on Freedom, letting the internet become a walled prison is against this very core.
—Jorge A. Bardisa, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dear FCC Chairman, Net neutrality is important to me because I am a consumer and a business person and believe Internet belongs to every one and should not be controlled like telecommunications or Cable by just a few companies. Regards, Alex N.
—alex N., ann arbor, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because it ensures that all sites have equal access to the same internet speeds. The web needs to be thought of as a utility. It's worldwide value cannot be understated and the U.S. must set an example for others. Don't let fast lanes go down in the history books as the beginning of the end.
—Jordan Harrison, Tacoma, WA

Everybody should have equal access to the internet. Why should big, rich companies be able to effectively block small, new companies and less wealthy customers from having equal access? Why is the FCC proposing these new rules?
—Pam Wetzels, Austin, TX

Why mess up what is working so well now? Just for the sake of some Netflix users, why destroy net neutrality? Reclassify all ISPs as common carriers. The current internet service providers, like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, whom you lobbied for, I think, in your past, Mr. Tom Wheeler, with your help now, will destroy the free flow of ideas which currently exists. This will create a frustrating, two tiered system. You are supposed to be looking out for "the people" and not lobbying, or now setting the rules, to only benefit the wealthy and the large corporations. Our cable bills are large enough now. I hope you have a conscious and do the right thing.
—Barbara Wilks, Ossining, NY

Everyone deserves the rapid access, and internet speed that would be accessed by the privileged under the plan FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing. To deny a fair and affordable access to underprivileged, and economically challenged, is a short sighted blunder that will only serve to perpetuate such inequality, and an opportunity for upward mobility.
—Ralph Sanchez, Santa Cruz, CA

Freedom of Speech is in the Constitution!!
—David Clifford, Douglas, MA

To even consider making the web a party to play service is horrific and wrong. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.
—zeb Sanders, Basehor, KS

The internet has proven to be a dynamic force in global commerce. An open market place of ideas and products, a global commons. It is counter productive to the interests of all for restrictions to be placed on access and speed with special consideration given to only those few who seek to profit at the expense of everyone else. The wave length bands belong to no one, they belong to all.
—Michael Wild, Marion, KS

The internet should be about the free flow of ideas not the limiting access to the highest bidder. I support net neutrality protecting freedom of speech for all
—James D. Partin, Ludlow, KY

Democracy is a pillar of America. The American government is taking action that is limiting this fundamental 'American' ideal of democracy. Because corporations will make more money? Government should represent the people, not corporate interests. This case shows the wrong direction government is going.
—Nathan Van Beilen, Oakville,

Everyone should have equal access to the Internet. Classify ISP's as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality for all. This is your duty - not catering to the "Big Boys."
—Joan Lawrence, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is crucial for growth of new business in this country. Even more important is that a free internet is a key component of modern democracy. Please do the right thing and classify internet as a utility. Thank you
—Norma L Ginsberg, Woodbury, CT

Net neutrality is vital to keeping the Internet available to all Americans regardless of income. The new rules will not only increase the opportunity gap for individuals, they also allow Internet providers to engage in monopolistic practices to block competitors in providing services that require fast download speeds, such as movie streaming. Please hold the rights of ordinary citizens above those of corporations. Please act to preserve Net Neutrality.
—Carmen Vendelin, Philadelphia, PA

protect REAL net neutrality for every person.
—Illisa Kelman, new haven, CT

THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MY RIGHT OF PRIVACY.
—Sheila Mandell, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Net neutrality (also network neutrality or Internet neutrality) is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging deferentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Keep the internet OPEN to all!
—Tracy Wehr, Twin Lake, MI

where is your pride in defending American Freedom! We already have cable tv, is that what you are pushing for. a way to keep Americans in the dark.if so how dare you.
—Shawn Mains, spokane, WA

The FCC is making a huge mistake if this goes through. You are no longer working for the people but laying down and personally screwing over 99% of America. This will further ruin the state at which this nation is in already by handing it over to corporations
—James Davis, fort worth, TX

The Internet belongs to the People, not the telcos and cable companies. It was built with OUR TAXPAYER'S MONEY. Throw out these new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tony Patti, Irving, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I use internet traffic vastly more than telephones - telephone carriers are regulated and so should ISPs be. Also because companies are motivated by profit and the usual balance for the consumer is competition. There is no meaningful competition between ISPs where I live.
—Mark Bartosik, Bay Shore, NY

Keep the Internet as is. THANK YOU
—Peter Cook, Andrews, NC

We're at the tipping point of ending corporate suppression of the majority, we can't hand over the one basic freedom that already is being charged too much for.
—Jenn Viola, Lee, MA

The internet does not need to become like the rest of our government: two-tiered depending on your income.
—Elizabeth Patton, Snohomish, WA

Without question, once net neutrality ends, so too ends the ordinary citizens right to equal time, equal cost access. The largest Internet provider will prevail and shape the cost structure as well as the speed of access to suit their business preferences to the detriment of all single users.
—Charlene Breedlove, Chicago, IL

I believe ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers because the corporations do what is best for them, not what is best for the people. Right now the internet is a huge haven for people to gain support, whether it be for start-up businesses, social justice movements, environmental initiatives... the list goes on. It allows people to access educational tools to better themselves and our world. It is too important to trust to corporations whose sole purpose is to survive and profit.
—Renee Metzger, Fairport, NY

The internet should be a free and open system for the exchange of ideas, goods, and services. Any measure that would allow service providers to limit choice by controlling access and/or speed would detract from an open system. As it currently stand our internet access is the slowest in the developed world, further attempts to slow access for the majority of users is a further degradation of performance.
—Arturo Pena, North Stonington, CT

Please protect net neutrality so that consumers can be equal opportunity users and not be penalized by the 1%.
—Nancy Blastos, redlands, CA

Without Net Neutrality, the ISP's will be allowed to dictate my internet surfing by choking and throttling websites that will not be able to pay to use the "new highway", killing off competition.
—Justin Hurd, Alexandria, KY

Net Neutrality is important because the little guy is due a win. In an America that's looking more and more like a corporate sponsored stock car, this last piece of political real estate is all the more important. THIS will be Obama's legacy if it passes. How disappointing that would be.
—Larry Lambert, Columbia, MO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Estes, Birmingham, AL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julia Estes, Birmingham, AL

I think we should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't agree with letting internet service providers charge fees for internet access at any speeds.
—Paul Hatch, Belmont, NH

Net neutrality is essential as an educator who teaches web design and other forms of technology-based education. Without a free and open Internet, I can't prepare our students for a knowledge economy.
—Guiseppe Getto, Greenville, NC

The corporations of America do not need more control over the lives of the people it has been trying to brainwash for decades. The Internet has already become so populated with advertisements and corporate sponsored google searches that it has become extremely hard to find and enjoy the information that we seek. Also, this proposal will make it harder for small businesses to start. That puts a halt on free enterprise and that's unconstitutional.
—Joshua Forney, Panorama City, CA

The FCC should have nothing to do with the internet. When did we start policing what the rest of the world sees as free speech - plus give corporations a leg up on its use?
—Jeff Gibson, Cypress, CA

It is important because it only benefits the bigger companies and greedy lawmakers in Washington.....IT"S NOT FAIR!
—Nicole Hauser, Maplewood, MN

The Internet should be accessible to everyone.
—Becca Greenstein, Minneapolis, MN

Protect Net Neutrality. In the end, what the people want is what matters most.
—Daniel Eng, Oakland, CA

We need the Internet to continue to be an open, nondiscriminitory forum to spread the ideas of the world. The creation of the Internet, largely due to research funded by taxpayer money, should not be exploited by the corporate telecom companies who are more frequently representing monopolies.
—Tim Kenny, Fairport, NY

It's truly unbelievable that the FCC would even think it was ok to allow discrimination like this. This is one of the most obvious of examples of payola and corruption that I can remember in my life. This is sick and wrong and I pray that we will make this right with or without the FCC!
—Garrett Wysocki, Oceanside, CA

The internet has been a free and open forum, continuing the democratic tradition of free speech in this great nation. It needs to stay that way. Maintain Net Neutrality.
—Ellen Kenney, Philadelphia, PA

FCC! Do the right thing and keep the Internet neutral. It's important to hundreds of millions of people that use it, everyone. Please listen to the people and respect their choices. This is a Democracy!
—J Paul Axtell, Waxahachie, TX

Keep freedom in the hands of the public and not in the pockets of big businesses!
—Daniel Quilty, Bluffton, SC

NET NEUTRALITY: OPEN AIR SPACE IN A NEVER ENDING SUPPLY PRESENTED AS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE DIVVIED UP CAREFULLY FOR FEAR OF DEPLETION, UNDER THE FALSE PRETENSE OF INCREASED LABOR AND MATERIALS EXPENSES, WHICH WOULD THEREFOR JUSTIFY AN INCREASED OR MULTIPLE OPTION FEE. THIS IS A FARCE, AND IT IS UTTERLY DISDAINFUL THAT, IN ADDITION TO OPERATING IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ALREADY DO, AND TO MONOPOLIZE WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY AGAINST OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RITES BEFORE DOING SO, THAT WE AS A NATION HAVE NO ONE BUT A FORMER LOBBYIST IN THEIR FAVOR TO DEFEND US. THE PRESIDENT IS FAST SLIPPING BEHIND ON HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS BREACHING HIS SPOKEN CONTRACT, THE CONTRACT BEING THE PROMISES HE MADE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PROMISES WHICH GOT HIM INTO OFFICE. THIS IS WHY WE ARE FAST FALLING BEHIND THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD ON SO MANY PLANES. IN CLOSING, LET ME SAY THIS: BETTER BEEF UP ON YOUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS; PREDOMINANTLY THOUGH NOT SINGULARLY, CHINESE. OH, AND IT'S A BIT SLOWER THESE DAYS, SO I'D SKIP THE ONLINE APPROACH AND PICK UP SOME SECOND HAND BOOKS... AND YES, THIS IS, HOWEVER DISTANTLY, RELATED. IT IS FOUNDED ON SHEER GREED, WHICH IS WHAT IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN DESTROYING THIS COUNTRY, BIT BY BIT, BUT AT A FAR MORE RAPID AND BRAZEN PACE THAN IN THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS. OR SO, DURING WHICH TIME THERE WAS AT LEAST SOME SEMBLANCE OF EVOLUTION, REDRESSING OF SINS PAST AD PROMISES TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. (SAID SINS: SLAVERY, INDENTURED SERVITUDE, RACIAL BIAS AND LITERAL ABUSE...) WE APPEAR TO HAVE FOUND OUR WAY BACK INTO THE CAVE....
—Rachel Burnett, Vashon, WA

The self-serving nature of the suggested changes in policy is so obvious I find it remarkable it is being considered. I don't think this method of supporting large and the established corporations is the way to advance your economy! Please do not make this mistake and hamper the progress of our global society which depends in no small part on many good American internet-based services/businesses.
—Bjornar Meling, Tananger,

It is important to maintain net neutrality so innovation will not stifled. If my favorite sites are slow, why should I even continue to purchase internet access, and I assure you many will cancel service if it becomes slow and inconvenient, so it also hurts the very companies that want to do away with it. As Americans we spend far more than almost every other people in the world for internet service, you don't think this is the companies being greedy, don't allow it.
—Zebulon Stevens, Virginia, MN

Dear FCC: Please throw out these new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet neutral for all of us. Thank you, James Fie
—James Fie, Durham, NC

reclassify ISPs as common carriers - protect net neutrality
—Valery Keramaty, Katonah, NY

FCC is meant to regulate, not be subservient to, the telecommunications industry. I don't want to hear words about protecting net neutrality, I want to see action to do so. The internet has become too essential to everyday life for the ISP's to be granted ability to set up fast lanes for the wealthy and corporations, and slow lanes for everyone else. They should not have such power to discriminate (by speed management) against online content and applications. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY -- REALLY, IN TRUTH.
—Mary Wollitz-Dooley, Plainfield, IN

Throw out your current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Don Hon, Minneapolis, MN

Equal access is imperative when it comes to doing business and interacting in our world. Unless there is true net neutrality, the digital divide will widen even further with eventual negative consequences for all. Please do not support this kind of discrimination. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers!
—Rachel Schlafer-Parton, Luttrell, TN

I want to connect ith real people, and find out about the rest of humanity, not be a "consumer" to the greedy corporations.
—Leslie Bender, New Paltz, NY

Internet is modern communication. Access should be available to all equally.
—Robert H Trickey, Sapulpa, OK

Amazing things are happening within the internet, as well as bad things, but we should have freedom of the airwaves, just as we should have a right to our own freedom. Not best with words here, but I believe that just as we should be able to design our own garden in front of our property, we should be able to have our own property online and tend our garden without interference from other growers (metaphorically). People, as well as myself, have donated and made a lot of money online to donate to charity and create incomes, so If you, the FCC, take away these certain rights, that you know about, then it will be one step closer towards completely taking away our hope. The dragon of Rome and Italy may be angry with the decisions to keep our freedoms, but we gotta remember what James Madison said, to stay away from the bloodshed and tyranny of Rome. This isn't about Rome, but about the logic used. Allowing these rules to take affect will take away from our enjoyment and freedom of the Internet, letting the system in to ruin our lives in another way, just like our Food, our tree's, our animals. Please do what you know needs to be done, and find another way to let money be made and for it to be saved, if that is the only reason behind this. There are true riches, and those riches are nothing to be compared to money.
—Trevelyn Hookes, Emerald Isle, NC

As you may call the poor, the little people, those people have no one to turn to but each other. What would happen to our country if only the one percent were allowed to reign on the internet? I would think that in the not too distant future a revolution will occur. And not a pretty one.
—Donna Patton, Austin, TX

I am a stay-at-home mother of 3. I have barely enough money to pay for our internet as it is. And now you are proposing that if I want a better, faster internet, I'm supposed to pay more? I think it's disgusting how much greed is evident in every bit of this plan. I'm supposed to fork over extra money to use something that was supposed to be free in the first place? The internet is a place where I can look up information for my kids to learn. We just did a project together the other night on the lesser-known animals of the ocean. My kids learned so many new things they never knew before. What am I supposed to tell them when it doesn't work anymore? When the videos they want to watch take forever to load just because, once again, "Mommy can't afford it". What is wrong with this country? Why is it ok to charge for this? Why is this even being considered when everything is so outrageously priced in the first place? Do you really think these companies need my extra hard-earned money? Really? This whole issue makes me sick. And makes me ashamed to be an American.
—Renee MacCrea, Hiawassee, GA

It is our voice. We the people!
—Marta Garcia, bountiful, UT

an isp is not a gatekeeper on human knowledge. the internet belongs to the people. remember how the french solved their problems back in 1790, its relevant.
—Robert Williams, Queens Village, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Sylvester Shaw, Saint louis, MO

Please preserve net neutrality. It is essential to preserving the internet as we know it. I would like for you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ann Melton, Astoria, NY

The internet belongs to the people, not the cable companies.
—Matt Ledder, Minneapolis, MN

Without Net neutrality the internet will become a shadow of its former self. No longer will we see innovation in the field with ISP's acting as content police preventing any access to a competitor's website & double charging consumers to access content they've already paid for.
—John Allen, South Bend, IN

Net neutrality is important to me so that I can better find local venders and services. Please do not allow the ISP's price the smaller folks off the internet!
—Terry Rickel, Burbank, OH

Dear FCC, Please get on the right side of this. Corporations are not people, Money is not free speech. Keep the internet accessible at all speeds for all people equally. Thank You.
—Andrew J McElvaney, Spokane, WA

Keep the internet free and equal for all. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Larry Moss, Greenville, MI

It's my understanding that right now the U.S. has the slowest Internet service in the industrialized world. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Mr. Vance Lausmann, Rancho Mirage, CA

Do your job as a government regulatory agency. Do not rubber stamp the corporate agenda.
—Karen Thaw, Boston, MA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Maury Schindler, amelia, OH

So I can get the information I need to make important decisions, and not be bombarded with the propaganda of the rich.
—Martha Badgett, Kendalia, TX

What ever happened to the "level playing field," the bedrock of the capitalist system.
—Tom and Helen Sager, Rolla, MO, MO

Our internet is a utility of communication. This communication network needs to be open and free....not depending on money, to enable people to be informed. Let us LEAD the world, with our example. This Country cherishes freedom of speech. This would affect my ability to get information....and share it. Thank you, Patricia Eaton
—Pat Eaton, Rollinsville, CO

Save true net neutrality! Nothing less than classifying ISPs as common carriers will do!
—Josh Taylor, Dallas, TX

The net belongs equally to ALL people, not a miniscule elite of corporate bullies. 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.
—Peter W Richardson, Castlemaine,

Net neutrality is vitally important to a free and open internet. Let's make sure it stays that way!
—Francis James Roberts, El Cajon, CA

how soon until corporations control our lives completely?
—Steven Meyers, florence, OR

I am speechless with anger that we have to defend free internet. At one time we could watch TV without a monthly bill but no more- thank you very much. From the video I just watched I guess someone may show up at my house and try and arrest me for my dissidence-.
—Connie Weech, Mount Vernon, WA

Please do not allow internet service providers to leave the middle class behind.
—Kathleen Pecora, Seeley Lake, MT

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers
—Kevin O'Brien, Vancouver, WA

All citizens of planet earth have the right to communicate openly and freely and legally. We The People of this world are 'in charge', NOT BIG BROTHER!!!! NOT the oligarchs, NOthe dictators! The Internet must remain open for business, equally, for everybody.
—Mary McGaughey, GrEsham, OR

Putting a price on internet communication is unnecessary, unreasonable, and unfair to users. It destroys the very meaning of "FREE speech" and "OPEN networking". There's a reason why Facebook doesn't like the idea of us paying for social media, or why Google is against us being charged for our search for answers: it takes away our internet freedom! Do you seriously want us to accept websites blacking out; tweets, email, and social media being sabotaged; or YouTube usage being charged with ridiculous fees nobody will be willing to pay, thereby turning the most successful video-sharing website into a digital wasteland? Not to mention that NOBODY will have ANY sense of privacy in anything they do, should Net Neutrality be shut down, because ISPs will be watching everything we say and do (as if the NSA's efforts weren't annoying enough). Listen to the people: let the internet stay the way it is. Nothing is broken, except for the minds of those who are trying to demolish everything that Net Neutrality stands for.
—Marshall Ragsdale, Santee, CA

The Internet is not a luxury, but a necessity in today's world. Having a fast, unbiased internet allows a person to do research and reach a accurate decision, interact with others (I am disabled and some days my only contact with people other than my wife is via the internet), and have multiple viewpoints on the news and current events. All data and all individuals need the same speed and access to information and entertainment. The Internet is replacing the phone and deserves/requires a public utility status. Steps should be taken to ensure access and speed (The USA has among the slowest speeds among developed countries), and eliminate data caps and over-age charges. Thank you.
—Michael Watson, Hickory, NC

FCC - throw out these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. We need to protect REAL net neutrality. Don't bring class/wealth based hierarchy to the internet. Protect our freedom of accessing public information.
—Kim, Englewood, CO

it is one of the few things in our lives that put us on equal footing with the richer people, more connected people, people who pay to play in this world. With equal for all internet, my children have a much better chance of succeeding in this world. it provides them an education on any topic they choose. It provides them with the information about the world around them. It provides them information about those that are in power, those that wish to be in power and the international stage. Mega-corporations don't need one more single handout from us average but struggling middle class. They have enough. You have enough. You don't need more.
—Lisa, Austin, TX

Above the space where I'm typing a it states, "...tell the FCC why Net Neutrality is important to you:" -To me, the average Jane - and I sincerely hope by the time this comment has been registered that there is not one person at the FCC who DOESN'T know the answer to that without even asking, particularly Chairman Tom Wheeler. I do not favor a two tiered Internet with less of everything allowed because of a persons inability to pay. ISP are not and SHOULD NEVER BE common carriers! This is an idea based in greed, and it will not prove to be good for this country's citizens - individual educations in particular, which are the foundation of our very future. To implement this change is both selfish and short-sighted. Another example of profit for the few being more important the the well-being of an entire country and it's future status in the world. Keep the internet neutral or you are also selfish and short-sighted, and no patriot as well.
—Jan Rose, Portland, OR

Preserving net neutrality is extremely important for our democracy and economy. I find it disappointing this is even a debate our government is considering.
—Elizabeth Payne, San Francisco, CA

Don't let the corporations influence your decision. Please do what is best for the people!
—Stephanie Smith, Lakewood, WA

Most internet content providers cannot compete financially with verizon and other wealthy corporations who would benefit from "fast lanes." The livelihood of a vast number of Americans, myself included, depends upon the prompt, reliable service of independent websites, search engines and other online content. Please don't fuck us all over.
—Rheanna Haaland, Minneapolis, MN

Cable is more or less a luxury. There's a reason as to why modern cable companies have paid their way to monopoly status. The internet, however, is more important. I'd even argue that it's a necessity. Hell, I'm a college student and I'm assigned online homework on a regular basis. Moreover, I'm not new to the internet. I'm well aware of how companies grow and buy out other companies and how ISP monopolies allow customers to be discriminated against and throttled without control or regulation. I was vehemently against the passing of SOPA and PIPA and it's fucking infuriating that this bullshit isn't ending. Net Neutrality is important because it helps to preserve an open network for all ideas to be shared on equal footing. Anything else is fucking worthless. If the ruling passes that it's reasonable to establish a two-tiered internet, I can't say that I'm being represented in the slightest.
—Joshua Brown, Seattle, WA

This should not even being discusses. The Internet/bandwidth needs to be left open and free to be used by all companies on a level playing field. The Internet is NOT broken...and does not need government help breaking it. If the government wants to help fix the Internet then prevent the telecom companies from gouging us on Internet connectivity. It is sad that here in America we pay so much more for bandwidth than most foreign countries. Stop accepting the bribes from telecommunication companies and listen to the American people...the people you all have sworn to represent.
—Keynon Lannom, San Angelo, TX

I get nearly all of my unbiased accurate news on the web. I also take free online classes. I buy from small business vendors on the web. The demand for these types of services from the web will only go up. None of these websites should have to pay more for the same service. They will get crowded out by corporations that can afford to pay the fast lane isps. This violates everything the internet stands for.
—Chelsea Miller, Plymouth, MI

Net neutrality is absolutely vital to preserve a democratic society. To not preserve net neutrality would be to openly sell the control of information to the already rich and powerful. Our freedoms should not be for sale; many of us have been to war to preserve those freedoms, and many have died for them. Do not sell them to corporate interests.
—Richard Young, Albuquerque, NM

Because the Internet is a common space that should not be owned or manipulated by corporate entities.
—Matthew Richmond, Charlottesville, VA

FCC, I must admit I have little faith that you are truly listening to me or to anyone else taking our time to address this issue. It seems like such an easy question of preserving net neutrality or selling out to rich companies like Verizon and Comcast to destroy free speech on the internet. Please, please preserve a free and open internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Your children and grandchildren will either resent your lack of courage and commitment to free speech or respect your courage and unwillingness to cave into big business and the power they wield with their offers of money.
—Brian Anthony Kraemer, Chico, CA

We don't need corporations controlling the internet by charging extra fees for speed. It is time to throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Eddy Ridgeway, Paw Paw, WV

Freedom of Speech
—Liz Jackson, North Liberty, IA

Please allow for fair competition for the internet. A two-tiered internet would result in discrimination of the poor and allowing ISPs to discriminate against select online content. Please do not allow for net neutrality to end.
—Martin Reinsel, Seattle, WA

I'm not entirely sure if you've ever read George Orwell's 1984 but I'm going to assume you haven't if you are even considering the removal of Net Neutrality. For the sake of brevity, Net Neutrality is the embodiment of freedom that our nation stands for. We are not China or Iran or Pakistan, but if corporations are censoring our medias just like the governments of these aforementioned countries how does that set us a part from these countries which hold ideals so vastly different from our own. Net Neutrality isn't just important to me, it is possibly the most important and astoundingly wonderful thing in our world of instantly sharing information with others. Net Neutrality has brought dictators to their knees in the Arab Spring and lack of Net Neutrality has made sure oligarchical governments that stand against everything it means to be a democracy stay comfortably in place.
—Gabriel Gallagher, Denton, TX

The Internet was created with public funds. It is part of the commons and needs to be treated as a common carrier.
—Matt Markert, Marietta, GA

You are violating our constitutional rights! Net Neutrality is important to prevent bias between the rich and poor, its dangerous to not allow access equal to everyone!
—Kendra Zenteno, Memphis, TN

Net Neutrality is easy to obtain. Simply change the classification of the Internet to a Telecommunications Common Carrier. The Internet has become the Town Square for Democracy and keeping it Open and Free is essential to a Vibrant and Working Democracy!!!!!
—Jerry Melton, Corvallis, OR

I'm against ending Net Neutrality. Please don't allow internet providers to create tiers of speed. Very bad idea.
—Carra Leslie Stasney, Portland, OR

The net is our right to free speech and should not be allowed to be taken over by corporations.
—Steve Cromwell, Aiea, HI

Please do the right thing. The internet is a public good, treat it as one. Maintain net neutrality. Thank you, Claud Gilbert
—Claud Gilbert, Portland, OR

Stop giving cable companies what they want. We the people demand Real Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Jaison Bechar, Spring, TX

I work at home over the internet. By allowing an ISP to have the right to slow my service down would destroy my income source. If ISP's were to be permitted to pick and chose who had faster speeds this would mean that they would hold power over smaller users. ISP's already have control over the price of speeds for end-users, to give them control over how fast information could reach the consumer seems unfair and overly restricting. It seems to me that by doing away with net neutrality we are giving more power to ISPs and less to the end users.
—Susan Cabany-Ward, Savannah, GA

Please stop this madness! Let's us keep our internet free from money grubbing companies that can't stand to see a buck go to waste!
—Julianne Restani, saint joseph, MN

The internet is a forum for the free exchange of ideas. By allowing ISPs to regulate which sites are given preference over others it allows them to control what information the public can access. The internet would no longer provide a neutral ground. Instead voice would be given to those with affluence and taken from those who have little. By allowing ISPs to treat data with bias it also sets a precedent by which these companies could suppress information. News outlets reporting negative stories of the various ISPs or their affiliates might suddenly experience a drop in bandwidth. If a company holds a political stance it could easily use its position to push politics on its users. Net neutrality must be maintained. All data is equal and needs to be treated as such.
—Steven Davis, Middletown, DE

We are already so far behind other countries in our average internet speeds. It's embarrassing! We're supposed to be the greatest nation in the world? I'm really starting to doubt it! I wish I wasn't just born with German blood. I wish I was born in Germany! Stop making the US suck! Do the right thing here FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT THE CORPORATIONS!
—Sarah Adams, Phoenix, AZ

Democracy needs free and fast access to all information. Our government agencies should not be in the business of making it more difficult for less wealthy groups to communicate with others by creating a so-called "fast lane" for wealthy businesses. Please demonstrate your commitment to Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Edward Potter, Mississippi State, MS

Because the Internet should be considered a public utility…
—Ted Voth Jr, Madison, WI

The internet is the virtual world of free speech and press, but now it is almost the ONLY place where speech isn't regulated. It's the medium that the people use to communicate and express themselves and limiting that for only certain people is another step AWAY from Democracy and what this country stands for. Read through some of those Amendments starting with the first one.
—Spencer, Madison, MS

Net Neutrality is important to me personally because slower internet to those who can't afford it isn't fair. Information should be shared equality
—BreAnne, Freehold, NJ

PROTECT REAL Net Neutrality!!!!!!! NO two-tiered internet!!! I do NOT want it!
—Anji A., Verdugo City, CA

A two-tiered internet system reflects a two-tiered society. Ours is a democracy where all are supposed to be equal. This plan makes a mockery of that idea and a mockery of our method of government. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers now and prove that we do live in a democracy. Thank you.
—Robert Harris, Everett, WA

The Internet provides access to information to people from all over the world. Keeping it neutral is essential.
—Christine Fluor, Corona del Mar, CA

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE YOU SONS OF.....
—Mr. Jon McFarlane, Queens Village, NY

All citizens in a democracy should have equal opportunity to access information and to create new businesses without hiking up prices for speeds which are currently functioning at much slower and costlier rates than most foreign countries. The elimination of net neutrality is wrong and private industry should not be allowed to monopolize for even more profit and control.
—Mary Georgiton, Columbus, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect Net Neutrality.
—James Vollaro, Lake Elsinore, CA

Net neutrality is truely democracy in action. One of the few places--perhaps the only place lef--that is not owned, controlled and monopolized by a few huge corporations. Please please please let us keep net neutrality. Please don't be pressured or bought out by money and greed.
—Carole Lee, Austin, TX

I believe that internet should remain the way it is. You should not allow major corporation to do what they want with it because they have the money to do so.
—Preston Wells, Enola, PA

Net neutrality is important because without it innovation is trampled and free speech is destroyed please reclassify isps as common carriers
—Micah Carreon, delta, CO

I have been waiting for the Internet all my life, and it would have solved my health problems years ago, if it had arrived earlier. It is great as it is. Net Neutrality works. The old system does not. Change it for something worse, and you will deeply regret it later. You and your family will suffer, not only me. Do all you can to make sure this does not happen. Keep the flame of Net Neutrality alive, and regain some respect for the US in the world. It is very low at the moment, and will go even lower, should you allow this precious gift to the world fall into the wrong hands. Keep the American dream alive.
—Robert Eversfield Manley Francis, MARLBOROUGH,

Tom Wheeler, Please throw out your rules against net neutrality and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please don't destroy the internet as we know it.
—Adam Weeg, San Diego, CA

Do not segregate the internet; preserve net neutrality.
—Jacqueline J Szikszoy, Seattle, WA

I want Internet to be free of limits. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Piero Giorgi, United States, CA

The internet must remain unbridled.
—Maury Jackson, College Station, TX

Net neutrality is what makes the internet a potent force for democracy, and it supports small businesses.
—Noura Howell, Cary, NC

It'a important for everyone!
—Anjane McGrath, San Clemente, CA

My wife works from home and my three members of our family go to school online to become a teacher, a public health professional, and a professional programmer with high end programs. Our grandchild, who lives with us, is home schooled and goes to many of his classrooms via the internet. He was physically attacked on several occasions at his local public school and fears returning to public schools. We do not make much money. Our home is an old one from the 1950's and still needs a lot of work. It was a foreclosure than someone who bought it re-sold to us just to get it off of his hands. Our incomes and our future livelyhoods all revolve around the use of the internet. We pay Comcast for business class speeds because my wife, who is 50 years old and doesn't have many options for new jobs when a 20 year old who "has more talent", needs her job and needs her connection to her job to be stable and strong. We spend a good amount of free time on the internet as well. My wife uses facebook throughout the day to talk with her co-workers and family and friends that she cannot call on a day by day basis because of long distance fees, but social media like facebook, twitter, and even checking our bank accounts or our work schedules will become a nightmare and a fight to get through the lines if net neutrality ends. ISP's should be known as common carriers. I cannot say in any more emphasized terms: please do NOT end net neutrality by allowing FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to have his way and make the rich richer and forcing people who whose lives truly "require" fast speeds that we already pay huge amounts for in order to survive in todays business world. We and many people that we meet in our business lives are all giving up, or have given up in our case, cable and satellite television in favor of roku, and Netflix, and amazon.com internet feeds because we cannot afford television and internet so we give up our television shows and their ads and the messages they want us to hear, and the news, and channels like paid for television shows just to be able to afford the internet which we Need to work. Yes, our family also plays a lot over the internet too. Our son, who online games with approximately 30 of his friends on a nightly basis across several online games, sometimes 50 friends all playing with him at the same time; is an avid gamer and it is his release from daily work and school stress. It gives him the chance to "get away" for a while. I play online games with my grandson via two personal computers that we've had for years, a playstation 3, and a wii u. I sold the playstation 4 that my family bought me last year as a birthday present to pay some of the bills this month. If net neutrality is allowed to end, this will impact so many more facets of life for the people of the United States of America than most officials and business moguls seem to understand.
—Jeremy Miller, Savannah, GA

Please, no fast lane/ slow lane traffic on the internet we all deserve to keep it the way it is. Thank you Sue Bowser
—Sue Bowser, Coeur d' Alene, ID

Net Neutrality is fundamental to a future healthy democracy and economy. Without net neutrality people will not even bother to innovate because they'll know there's no way their ideas can compete (even if they're better) because the oligarchy will be too powerful.
—Hari S. Khalsa, Santa Cruz, NM

Large corporations are not the only things that have value. The internet should reflect this. There are already too many parts of life where money means the difference between preferential treatment and poor service. Money is not, and cannot be, the only factor determining a person's value.
—Ryan Moore, Effort, PA

We don't believe in a two-tiered system for the internet. Preserve net neutrality!
—Steven Ramels, Seattle, WA

Throw out your rules and, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. OR your showing blazon FASCISM!!!!!!!!
—Billy Daniels, c.b., IA

A free press is essential to a democracy. New Neutrality has ensured that new media and the digital world could be an arena where every member of the online community had equal standing. Net Neutrality ensures that we can have a democratic internet free from inequality and corporate interests. A free internet ensures that the American Dream can continue.
—Daniel Azneer, Safety Harbor, FL

Are we going to take away another free and very important thing from those who can't afford to pay? This is just wrong. Everyone - rich or poor - should have the same access. Throw out FCC's rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet ought to be as free as free speech.
—Carol V. Tolle, Everson, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because having equal access to EVERYTHING the internet has to offer allows for growth, new ideas, and knowledge to be spread. This is incredibly important considering how uneducated we, as a nation, have become compared to other first world countries. We must keep allowing the access to the internet and, thus, knowledge to be equal or face falling behind at an even greater rate.
—Lynn, Cedar Grove, NJ

Please leave the internet neutral! We have the right to have freedom from corporate influence. If we all function under the umbrella of those with the most money, our world will become an even darker and more limited place. It is often those without the means that have the most creativity to offer. Please keep the internet neutral!
—Tara, new Orleans, LA

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do the right thing for competition and the people whose interest you are here to protect.
—Paul Bennett, Long Beach, NY

"My unfettered access to the Internet is my access to the world; I need it for business, communication, shopping and entertainment... Without vital Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast have a commercial incentive to muzzle my voice online. These companies should not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet."
—John Petty, New Windsor, MD

It's not broken. The playing field is even, Keep the internet the way it is.
—john Henbest, Calabasas, CA

Not classifying the primary communication infrastructure of the modern age as a common carrier infrastructure is ridiculous. Do it and protect commerce, expression, and invention, and not corporate greed.
—Peter Ballinger, ,

If you're reading these comments, stop. Think for yourself. Think for your children. The internet needs to remain free. This much is obvious and if you need convincing of that then you don't deserve to be in a position of responsibility for the people of this country.
—Jake, Austin, TX

Please stop kowtowing to corporate interests.
—Shona Taylor, Alameda, CA

FCC -- it is time to throw out your rules, and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. The ability for anyone to access information freely without interference has been THE thing that has enabled technological innovation! Your rules would restrain development and innovation, as well as giving those with more $$$ better, faster access. That is WRONG!! Already, the big providers 'slant' what you receive, based on previous searches. That is wrong!! If I put into a browser search the words, "macaroni and cheese," I should come up with the SAME results as you would, searching on the same terms. THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN. They alter the results, based on what they perceive to be your 'interests.' And that is WRONG! I say "Save Net Neutrality!!" AND return to the practice of universal results that have not been tampered with! DO NOT allow big companies to 'slant' search results! Thank you for allowing this comment!!
—Katherine Miller, San Diego, CA

It shouldn't even be a possibility for you to decide. The Internet is worldwide. Do you want the US to slow down progressing while the rest of the world zips around?
—Abraham Lincoln, New York, NY

Because as a single female senior citizen I am as important as a huge corporation.
—Cristy Passman, Glendora, CA

Stop the monopoly! The internet was created for free speech, let it continue!
—Ana Cruz, Austin, TX

An indiscriminate internet equal to all participants is as fundamental to a citizen's life as is his or her right to basic services provided by the government. It is essential that Net Neutrality be preserved and protected from corporate "self-monitoring" and the appointment of the former head lobbyist for cable companies as the chairman of the FCC is a despicable, egregious offense to the American people.
—David Carrillo, Los Angeles, CA

As a small business owner/entrepreneur without net neutrality our business would have never succeeded. What we lacked in financial start up money was not a problem because we could succeed as legitimate competitors to companies that were 100 times larger and well funded due to net neutrality. The Internet is only great because of this. To ruin the Internet would be to destroy everything great that has occurred in the 21st century. Prior it the open Internet, we had to pay over $500. Dollars a month just on an add in the phone book to advertise our small business. Due to the pay to play system the phone book advertising was, we finally had to stop as it just was not feasible a price to pay for the revenue we made. Now you threaten to do the same to the Internet. It is plain wrong and will hurt so many on so many levels that it cannot believe it is even an option.
—Amanda Fisher, Hilliard, OH

Don't think for one minute that you are fooling the American people. This has nothing to do with better service. It has everything to do with money. What the consumer pays and the companies collect.
—Sue Locicero, Pomona, NY

Your two-tiered plan would in effect create monopolies that will cripple smaller sites/businesses because the smaller sites are less likely to be able to afford the premiums to the "fast lanes" which in turn means they will have less exposure to customers. To make matters worse, the public will be denied access to merchants and information because the providers will be denied full access to their customers. Please do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet equally accessible to all.
—Marni Wiebe Keogh, Edmonds, WA

It is as important as water. It should be free and protected from profiteers.
—Christine Lund, Houston, TX

Cable companies charging more money for fast internet lanes to consumers to who already have them? No thanks!!! The internet should and must have net neutrality to stop these greedy companies from taking over our freedom on the internet!
—Arturo J. Briano, Bryan, TX

It is important to maintain net neutrality to preserve freedom of speech and the ability of all people and companies who wish to create content on the internet the same ability to obtain an audience as anyone else who puts content on the internet.
—Patrick Nash, raynham, MA

Dearest FCC, I know I have asked you for many things in the past. And, I know that, even though you have never answered a single one of my prayers, I'm not supposed to think any less of you. So, I will try once more: Please enshrine and enforce Net Neutrality rules. I'm not sure what you require in return for this. I promise to eat all my vegetables, go to bed early, and do my homework. If I could take back all the wishes and prayers the past and trade them all in for this one, I would. I can't think of anything I've needed more. Wanted, yes; I want many things more than this, but I don't need any of them half as much.
—Paul DeStefano, Seattle, WA

It's not acceptable to allow companies to discriminate against money-poor content providers by setting up a two-tiered system to the detriment of all but the already-rich.
—Jacob Stai, Brule, WI

I'm tired of the growing inequality in the country, including being relegated to a second-tier business just because of the selfishness and sense of privilege of a bunch of greedy self-entitled parasites.
—Ellen McRae, San Juan Capistrano, CA

This country is supposed to be for all Americans not just the rich. An internet without net neutrality is yet one more way to price the those at the bottom third (perhaps more) of the income spectrum out of many services the rest of the population takes for granted.
—Nicole Gree, Shoreline, WA

The Internet is a land of digital capitalism. There MUST be free and open use for it to be competitive, innovative, and for new and exciting technologies to be developed and thrive. Open and neutral - where ALL users and providers are on the same playing field - is absolutely essential to keep the innovation, services, and content alive. Without this, the internet will be stifled and become a former shell of itself. PLEASE ENACT REAL NET NEUTRALITY LAWS!
—Paul Craven, Salt Lake City, UT

PLEASE throw out the new proposed rules from chairman Wheeler and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Lam, Atlanta, GA

I depend on the Internet for information every day in my work in freelance editorial. My quality of life is so much higher since the advent of the Internet. Allowing corporations to monetize the Internet and slow down sites that can't pay the fees or which those companies disagree with would actually impact my work on a daily basis. Internet is a utility that we depend on for survival, and it should be regulated as such. There should not be any way possible for companies to slow down disfavored traffic through their servers.
—Victoria Baker, New Orleans, LA

No one should have the ability to control our national debate at this level, and there may be a point of no return in this process.
—Dan Malooly, Morrison, IL

Do not get rid of net neutrality! Keep free speech, and keep the big corporations at bay!
—Gordon Harmon, Fruita, CO

let's not add more discrimination against those disadvantaged!
—Caroline Robinson, Mill Valley, CA

It goes without saying!! No monopoly!! It's a no brainer! How can one possibly think this will benefit anything other than executives pocketbooks?
—Katie Yates, San Jose, CA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important in order to speak freely online. If a source came up that was exercising his rights could then be filtered out by someone who pays isps enough. There are not checks and balances in this situation and it needs to be revised. Regards
—CJ Brown, Roseville, CA

I hate stealing my thoughts - and later they will be abused against me...
—Geir Erik Larsen, Tromsø,

Protect my 1st amendment rights!
—Michael Huarachi, NEW YORK, NY

Don't be on the wrong side of history. Be on the right side, and support ACTUAL net neutrality.
—Colby Skeggs, Portland, OR

You cannot allow the public internet to allowed for businesses only. We pour way too much of our taxes into the grid and it is not worth getting pennies back!!!
—Richard W. Thrower, Spokane, WA

You cannot allow the public internet to allowed for businesses only. We pour way too much of our taxes into the grid and it is not worth getting pennies back!!!
—Richard Thrower, Spokane Valley, WA

It's only fair. Anything less would be an injustice to the consumers.
—Tiffany, Columbus, GA

are you serious enough is enough. FUCK At&T comcast etc. Keep net neutrality! Stop letting yourself be bought & pressured by Big business
—Frank Estes, peoria, AZ

I'M ALREADY IN THE SLOW LANE WITH A DIAL-UP CONNECTION. I DON'T NEED A CORPORATE GATEKEEPER SLOWING MY ACCESS FURTHER OR DENYING IT ALTOGETHER. THE INTERNET IS A COMMUNICATION TOOL AND ISP'S NEED TO BE CLASSIFIED AS "COMMON CARRIERS".
—Kiwibob Glanzman, Seattle, WA

Please protect net neutrality. I want equal access to all information, products and companies at equal speeds. Especially the ones that don't have money. This is important on so many levels culturally, socially and morally.
—Nyxi Ires, Boulder, CO

I like the internet free and full of cats and not jerks
—Incee Netinai, Pensacola, FL

Why are the rich so consumed with getting richer all the time, & thinking the hell with the rest of us?
—M/M Harry Frey, Mechanicswburg, PA

The Internet is an important medium available to everyone with a good library nearby. Just because It COULD be reconfigured to make big money for the 98% does NOT mean that it SHOULD HAPPEN. more money for rich people and organizations who seem increasingly in control of the "debate," does mean it would be fair. It would not.
—Ruth Scheidler, Coldwater, MI

Corporate interests should not dictate individuals' rights and freedoms anywhere in our daily lives.
—Matthew Andrews, Niantic, CT

We need to keep the internet's freedom just as it is right now.
—Peter Podlovics, Szigethalom,

Keep the playing field level for American entrepreneurship !
—Roy Allen Wright, Orange, NH

I use the internet to keep up with politics and environmental issues. This makes me very unpopular with the Tea Party GOP in my county. Being knowledgeable is not something they appreciate. Without a free internet, we could easily lose more of the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and The Bill of Rights. Knowledge and open communication is the best defense for our country.
—Barbara Holcomb, Cadmus, MI

you're making a big mistake!
—Justin Francis, Twickenham,

reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Fri Hyland, Simi Valley, CA

At this point, internet access constitutes a basic utility. It is no longer a new-fangled premium option the way it may have been in the Nineties. By limiting and commodifying access to this (unlimited, inexhaustible) resource, the FCC would be putting a serious hamper on the way Americans go about their lives; for business, for communication, for entertainment, we rely on the internet as part of our daily lives. I understand that the ISPs who are pushing this change would make a fortune this way, but you could also make a fortune by monopolizing gasoline, or paper, or water. As a federal organization, the FCC has an obligation to the American populace to be unbiased in its decisions and to represent as wide a majority of us as possible, not to be beholden to an extremely small minority, however loud and wealthy they may be.
—Ian Mitchell, Edmonds, WA

We should all be treated equally with the right to content access and privacy. Corporations have bought enough power they do not need to gain any more to control us or become more greedy. Leave the internet alone so we can all benefit equally.
—Marilyn McClelland, Fanny Bay,

As a small business owner, my main concern, besides this proposal being completely unethical, is the effect it will have on technology companies and start-ups. The rising costs of starting and running a business in this country grow every day. Having options for online services to help run those businesses is crucial to keeping costs low. Putting limitations and extra costs on businesses that provide us with those services will put limitations and extra costs on our businesses as well. On the flip-side, you are discouraging entrepreneurs from starting businesses in fields where bandwidth is life blood and in order to provide those services they need to be able to pay reasonable fees to compete with existing larger organizations. Lastly, you're giving unnecessary power to corporations that are already barely regulated. Please do your job and look out for the best interests of the American people.
—Mike Graham, Morristown, NJ

The net is our best defence against the criminality that dominates governments throughout the world. This criminality is fueled by the lobbying of big corporations. The FCC must find the courage to resist it: reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Vic Norris, BOIS GUILLAUME,

Without net neutrality there will be discrimination throughout the internet. The little guy will be left behind while the corporations will take over. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is open to all and that is what makes it great. To take that away would deter it's development.
—Delana Gray, Willow Grove, PA

stop big money from ruling the internet. The internet is the most important means for obtaining knowledge, information & allowing the 99% access to means that counteract the extreme power of the 1%. Why try to change (fix) the internet--it's not broken.
—Adele Richman, Walnut Creek, CA

This willl not stand. Every one deserves a fair shake, and this law is unequivocally in favor of the powerful and the wealthy. Stop this now.
—Joe Edwards, Covina, CA

Net neutrality is not an option, or a luxury. Without it, there is no hope for democracy.
—Joseph H. Rowe, Georgetown, TX

With no net neutrality There will be less room (if any) for the little guy. The Internet is not just for the big corporations. Don´t take away the little guy´s voice.
—Pontus, Gothenburg,

Corporations are not people. Protect people's rights.
—Peterson Peter, Mumbai, NY

Net neutrality is important for democracy to exist.
—Terri David, Venice, FL

It's time to break up the Internet service providers into dozens -- or hundreds -- of small regional companies that will have to compete against one another for customers by providing the best service, and not by simply bribing government officials and political parties. The fact that Tom Wheeler is FCC chairman is a disgrace. The president and his White House team should be ashamed of themselves for putting the cable and telecommunication industry's top lobbyist in charge of the Federal Communications Commission.
—Edgar Meza, Granada Hills, CA

Net Neutrality must remain intact. The system is not broken and does not need to be fixed or changed in order to increase the profits of monopolistic cable and telecommunications companies to the detriment of American consumers. It's time to break up the Internet service providers into dozens -- or hundreds -- of small regional companies that will have to compete against one another for customers by providing the best service, and not by simply bribing government officials and political parties. The fact that Tom Wheeler is FCC chairman is a disgrace. The president and his White House should be ashamed of themselves for putting the cable and telecommunication industry's top lobbyist in charge of the Federal Communications Commission.
—Edgar Meza, Granada Hills, CA

Net neutrality protects consumers and keeps the internet open to innovation. Don't cave in to special interest groups. Protect the internet and consumers.
—Robert Parlett, Endwell, NY

IF IT ISN'T BROKEN, DON'T "FIX" IT.
—Juan A. Zamarripa, LOS ANGELES, CA

The internet has become such an obligatory part of the lives of most of the world, it is essential that it remain fairly available. The proposed plan will ensure just the opposite. There is no justification for the move beyond giving propriety to selected companies and individuals. This is not the internet people want or deserve.
—Emily Stallings, Asheville, NC

Please scuttle your planned rules and make the internet open and even ground for all by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Walter Zurko, Wooster, OH

I do not want to be relegated to the "slow lane", just because I don't have big bucks, so cannot afford to "pay to play"!
—Janet Borelli, Lakewood, OH

The Internet is a tool of freedom of speech for everyone, a vehicle of world human understanding and ideas. Hand it over to profiteers, and soon the only voices will be of the rich who can afford to buy into the plans. Stop this. Please do not proceed with the proposed rule changes.
—Frances Webb, Tallahassee, FL

What can I say to the FCC when it is headed by a corporate lobbyist? It seems rather pointless to even attempt to reason with you. You are supposed to be protecting the interests of human beings when in fact you are protecting the interests of corporate monopolies. You should be working for me and for all Americans, but you are in fact bought and paid for by a few corporations. It's a done deal as far as you are concerned, isn't it? But be forewarned. That additional wait time that you will force upon us as we wait for a website to upload will remind us over and over again how corrupt you are and will give us a little time to meditate on what to do about it. So thank you for that.
—Daphne Calvo, Jackson Heights, NY

i do not want to be chained by big fat corporations to control my access to net. they should not be given more power.
—Dinmani Savla, mountain view, CA

Because we have rights and not every thing in the entire world has to be based on greed...pure and simple greed! That's all this is!
—Nicole Webster, Norfolk, VA

You need to protect net neutrality. We can't let bit corporations take over our internet.
—Zorina Weber, Montclair, NJ

The net is one of the few places left where American citizens still have acess to free speech and free access to all sorts of information and opinions. Corporations and the mega rich control most of our other media: television, newspapers, cable, radio stations. They heavily influence our political process and are destroying the American dream. Information is power. A free neutral net is one of our few remaining paths to maintain our freedom and reclaim our political power.
—Paula Millet, Baltimore, MD

The arguments "for" the end of Net Neutrality are simple... greed. Please do not allow any further online discrimination!
—Rose Diaz, Fayetteville, AR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be considered infrastructure, not a profit center.
—Jerry Brees, Marysville, WA

Everyone should have equal access to an equal (and open) Internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sara Lerner, Flemington, NJ

Please do not allow the monopolizing large corporations the power to discriminate. Tell Tom Wheeler: act in a way which better serves the people of this country or face resignation.
—Scott Hackney, Winston-Salem, NC

Free and accessible internet has become as integral to society as telephone and television communication and should be open and available to all citizens, without unfair taxes and restrictions by monopolies.
—Josephine Monaco, Delhi, NY

Please reclassify ISP as common carriers to keep the net neutral.
—gurudaya khalsa, Santa Cruz, NM

Reclassify the Internet as a public utility
—Earl G Bley Jr, Aurora, IL

the internet should not be controlled by anyone.....throw out the FCC rules proposal and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—John Holder, Roswell, GA

I refuse to drink corporate koolaid. No net neutrality? No net at all is better.
—Patsy Shafchuk, New Port Richey, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me, as it helps prevent cable companies from screwing me and robbing me blind.
—G Moritz, Schaumburg, IL

Please keep the Net neutral. New proposed rules would allow big companies to have more control than smaller ones. Dollars should not determine what is allowed. I am tired of the rich and powerful determining how everything works. I am sick of comcast and it's monopoly. Their service is not better, not more consumer friendly. They have made it so I must PAY to ask a question to solve a problem with their service or ask about a fee charge with no explanation. I want more competition not less and better service for the individual not worse. Keep the Net neutral.
—Carol D Cotter, Lebanon, NH

Net neutrality is a matter of free speech. When corporations are allowed to control speed and access, they effectively control who and what can effectively communicate. It is the job of the FCC to make sure that the rights of individuals are protected, not corporations.
—Curtis Eckstein, Green Bay, WI

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. My fear is your proposal will significantly impact the American dream. Everyone should have the same ability to start a business online and have anyone, from any place in the world, fair and even access to the website. Place your fellow human beings before profit.
—Michael MacKinnon, Boston, MA

Net neutrality is important because currently the internet represents the only forum in our society that still possesses the possibility of equal achievement. This means that any individual with an idea can implement their concepts through the use of the internet without any large roadblocks. By removing net neutrality, the giant monopolies that have been created in our society by large corporations will also become part of the internet. Another problem with the creation of a new system for large corporations to gain access to fast internet is the fact that the rest of the internet will slow down. Coming from the perspective of a college student, a slower internet represents more problems for the development of ideas and the completion of work. The removal of net neutrality would promote the ignorance of society and the destruction of any type of equality for small businesses or people with ideas.
—Shane Prijatel-Spare, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality NOW!
—Cr, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Corporations' interest is not our interest. If people want to download movies they can pay for a higher bandwidth account. Services like Netflix should not be able to pay for the internet providers to improve their stream. Net Neutrality is critical to the spread of democracy, freedom and equal access to information throughout the world. We need a new rule which truly protects this right for all.
—Mr. Dale Gilman, Beverly Hills, MI

Most important - freedom of information. If this law passes the real worry I have is the provider limiting access to information only they deem acceptable. Aka propaganda on steroids! Please don't pass ths bill!
—Nick Arfaras, Southbury, CT

Everyone deserves the right to equality, off and online.
—Merrill H, Harrisonburg, VA

We have enjoyed net neutrality since its inception. There is no reason to change that now except to pander to AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, pure and simple.
—mary Cornick, centennial, CO

It is typical of big business that it wishes to take over a free and readily available facility, as if they had a right to. Their motivation for this is not to benefit the public good but to make money out of it and if this means restricting access to those who cannot afford it, tough. The bottom line is it is not yours to give away, or even regulate, it is ours. The net neutrality we enjoy is one of our most important democratic freedoms, and introducing a two tiered system will be another step along the path to a big brother state.
—John Thompson, manchester,

No advantages for the big spenders.
—Glenn Krakower, Greenfield, WI

Putting Verizon's, Comcast's and AT&T's interests above all is bullshit at it's best. Any person or persons contemplating throwing all of us under the bus should be jerked out of office and placed on a podium in a public place so that we might all show you how much we disapprove of your stupid idea. NET NEUTRALITY WILL BE THE LAW OF THE LAND. Wheeler, go F*** yourself and the people you work for..which certainly is not the vast majority of the population.
—David Linnane, SALISBURY, NH

I am an American citizen. If you take away my freedom to the internet, you will be stifling my ability to learn and grow! This is how I receive my news and current events locally, nationally and worldwide. This is how I stay connected to my family! I have a son in the Airforce stationed in japan! This is the only means of communication! I am low income, I am isolated. I live in a very small town that is 30 miles from the next nearest small town! Population 5,000! You have to drive 65 miles to get to the nearest walmart! I do my shopping online! All my family lives elsewhere! I keep in contact with them online! I NEED internet! Places like this city should have free internet city wide! The internet should stay in public access! It has become a new source of everything! Let me have a chance to see what I can discover about new ways we can use the internet! Or my children! Or their children!
—Lisa Camp, Alpine, TX

I have no need or desire for service providers to gouge users out of more money for something that isn't even really a service, while repressing everyone else's content.
—Vierre Weathersbee, Morrow, GA

I demand true net neutrality because the President promised he would support it, because the internet should be equal for all.
—Chris Velasco, St. Paul, MN

As a New Jerseayan, I have been held under survillance BY MASS MEDIA since 1987. I know first hand how cartels control the right to free speech for individuals and the right to know for the public. DON'T let this happen to the Net.
—Anne Hiltner, Hightstown, NJ

the internet isnt something that needs changing it is fine the way it is please don't ruin a good thing
—Connor Paull, Redruth,

Please: reclassify ISPs as common carriers--please don't use the new rules.
—Jonathan Dale Walker MD, Fort Wayne, IN

A neutral internet, a level playing field, is important to the free flow of ideas and information that is a hallmark of a free society.
—Gary Albright, s, WA

If it's NOT broken why try to fix it.....We have enough rules and regs already !!!!
—Lynne Hendricks-Carlson, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL

Stop discrimination! The internet should be available for everyone, not just those who can afford to pay for it.
—Ellin Ray, Columbus, OH

Free flow of information - for everyone - is vital to our society. Putting it in the hands of for-short-term-profit corporations would destroy the qualities that makes the internet great. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!
—Frank Lanter, Houston, TX

End cable company monopolies. Preserve our freedom of speech and communication. Allow the internet to be free and equal to all. Don't allow coercion and dominance of the lower socio economic classes. Might does not make right. Absolute power corrupts. Let's get freedom and democracy back in America.
—Linda Badorek, San Juan Capistrano, CA

I understand that we are a country run by the profit motive, and I understand that eveyone's entitled to make as much as they can. But this? Please. The small consumer who can't afford to hire mega-lobbyists needs some protection. Please preserve net neutrality.
—Larilyn Pittman, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality levels the playing field. Internet access providers must be declared Common Carriers.
—Ms. Martha Gunnarson, Oxford, MA

What's the problem with reclassifying ISPs as common carriers?
—Juan Altmayer Pizzorno, Wilton, NH

Without it the internet will be destroyed.
—Katherine Gault, Preston,

Total Internet Neutrality is the only thing holding small privately owned businesses together online right now. If you start putting in a bunch of middle-men to access our information, then provide us with a toll-bridge fee, just so we can get things done in our area, or anywhere in the world, you (the FCC) are basically creating a bunch of thugs with goods to sell to dark alley scum in need of a quick fix. Those scum that are Jones-ing for a speedy way to get their information to anyone in the black market will be using these thugs as bookeys and all fingers will be pointed at you (the FCC) and the Government which employed such a foundation. Talk about how much you want to bring back a soldier and never leave anyone behind all you want, but the citizens know exactly what you're up to, and since this is our home, we won't back down.
—Anthony Torres, Salinas, PR

A free and open internet is fundamental to economic competitiveness in the 21st century. With more business being done and livelihoods being earned online, it is unfathomable that the FCC would essentially jam the gears of this engine of present and future prosperity by kowtow-ing to the big cable companies. The sheer idiocy of this decision is only made more understandable by the wheelbarrows ("Wheeler"-barrows?) full of cash being dumped at the FCC's doorstep by the telecom industry. It might be funnier if such an essential part of American life wasn't at stake.
—Matthew Buccelli, Washington, DC

Changing the current Net Neutrality to a two tiered system is a terrible idea due to expanding even further the division between lower and upper income users. It appears to penalize the majority of users with slower internet, giving a few companies even greater control, when the FCC should be doing everything they can to level the playing field. Dale Payne
—Dale payne, Brighton, MI

To allow the free and open exchange of ideas and information - without ridiculous pricing tiers.
—Michael & Jan LaBrecque, Amissville, VA

As the co-founder of a small tech company, the internet is my lifeblood. If ISPs are allowed to extort businesses for access to bandwidth, it could have a devastating effect on my and other small tech companies.
—Allen Reed Tomlinson, Chattanooga, TN

DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY. Moreover, I think it's time to reclassify ISPs as common carrier. At this point, it's clear that the cable companies are colluding to divvy up territories so they never compete and keep prices high. Now they want to set up tollbooths to impede our ability to get to what we want to on the internet? I am paying for service already. This is ludicrous, and to even consider allowing these tollbooths is even more so.
—Melissa Saltzman, Coloma, MI

These carriers cannot be allowed to create unequal internet pathways. It is absolutely unAmerican! The Internet is a utility, like telephone, gas, and electricity. It is a basic service for ALL people, not just a few. The access must be free and open to ALL. If something online is not open to all, there is a fee charged on the Content Provider's end. That is different than allowing a Service Provider to make ACCESS even more uneven, unequal, and unfair. They are provided with high fees for simple service, and you already allow them to charge for minimum one year or two year contracts. Do NOT let them make the Internet a tool for the wealthiest or clout-heavy only. The Internet is a great educational tool for students from grade school through graduate school. Why would you eliminate access for students whose families or school systems cannot afford so-called "premium" access that is run over the very same cables and signals as "non--premium" access - this is a dirty deal worthy of the decrepit Soviet Union that you are making yourselves party to. It is unconscionable to allow providers who are only signal carriers to restrict access based on so-called premium speed access for more money. That is like putting extra toll bridges on the highways for the road maintenance contractors to collect extra money in addition to what they have already been paid and the state collects. This is a Bad Idea for America and the world!!
—Demetria Nanos, Chicago, IL

No matter what language you couch it in, allowing communication companies to treat internet traffic differently based on paid arrangements is nothing less than legitimized extortion. Please don't be an accessory to crimes against the american people. Treat internet service as the public utility it is.
—David Jacobitz, Phoenixville, PA

Corporations already wield way more power than the average citizen wants. Allowing Internet to providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet is just another way to make everything about the have's and have not's. Enough...Keep the Net Neutral!
—Rachel Onstott, Louisville, KY

Net Neutrality is important for many reasons. It fosters innovation, any one with an idea worth pursuing can implement it and compete in the market. But more importantly, information flowing through the internet should be paid for by the amount of data, not the type of data. Both content providers and content consumers are already paying for their data to be transported. It is just ridiculous that data carriers ask to "prioritize" data depending on type. All they will do is create a false value over nothing. I realize they need to pay for infrastructure, fine, let them price their services according to their needs. Is some content more demanding that other, yes, and it should pay more to carry more data, and it should even pay more if that data needs to be carried in a time sensitive manner. That is all fine. But to have to pay more just to have access to the "fast" lane is just full of nonsense and is ripe for all sorts of future complications and corruption. No, just keep it simple. Charge fair prices to transport bits from here to there in a timely fashion, and that is it.
—Jose Vazquez, Vienna, VA

As a member of the public, I'm formally requesting you stop molesting us at every turn. You kill net neutrality, you kill the internet along with this generations free speech.
—Kadn Butler, Clarksville, TN

STOP THIS BS. KEEP THE NET NEUTRALITY !!!!!
—Luiz Paulo, Miami, FL

Net neutrality is why the internet is so awesome. Openness is something that everyone takes for granted, its too bad most people don't know what it is. Please protect the internet prevent the big corporations from controlling the internet taking advantage of people.
—Hunter Hills, Solon, IA

We are all sick of the government trying to run our lives and our freedoms.
—Lynn Tyler, Odessa, FL

Having equal access to content. Having equal access to services, even those that are free. To allow all people to communicate without risk of being limited. And I just don't trust the cable companies to not purposefully slow down internet access for companies like they did with Netflix.
—Andrew Malovrh, Winona, MN

Net Neutrality is critical to maintaining an open Internet for freedom and competition.
—Matthew A Koch, Boulder, CO

This is horrible. You're screwing small businesses and/or individuals with websites over hard. Please don't do this.
—Matthew Kaufer, Vienna, VA

Cable companies have a history of fleecing their customers with high prices and not giving their customers enough options. A "fast track" lane gives them a legal way to create an internet class system. I am completely against this. I believe that Internet is a Public utility and should be classified as such.
—Swati Srivastava, Playa Del Rey, CA

I want to have access to all information available on the internet, not just those who pay for the privilege.
—Kathleen Bentley, Baltimore, MD

Net neutrality is the key to a democratic internet. If only wealthy people or companies are able to afford fast internet, the average user loses. In addition providers (who are monopolies) would be able to squeeze out competition or any person or company they want by not providing faster internet access. Please don't allow "Internet Fast Lanes" that put the rest of us in the slow lane.
—Miles Hickok, Hinesburg, VT

A free democracy needs a free, equal Internet without bias and censorship! Keep the Net neutral and equally accessible for all people!
—Brandon Bryn, Berwyn Heights, MD

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. It stimulates ISP competition, which is very important in a capitalist society. It helps prevent unfair pricing practices, and drives entrepreneurship. It promotes innovation, and protects free speech. I should not have to be telling you this--net neutrality is a key foundation upon which the internet was built, and should be protected at all costs!
—Cheryl Anderson, New Albany, IN

Net Neutrality is extraordinarily important for American society. Removing net neutrality will stifle America's exemplary ability to innovate - one of its most prized and core competencies. Net Neutrality benefits the few at the expense of the most, contributing toward the erosion of the American Dream. Net Neutrality is integral toward America's well-being, and this is the exact reason why it needs to be protected.
—Raymond Edgerly, Manchester, MI

Keep it common carrier!
—Mr. Brian McCulloch, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is crucial to innovation in this country and that is why it's important to me. Discrimination is discrimination. Period. Whether it takes place in schools or online, it's discrimination. Limiting content and education based on someone's ability to pay extra fees or not ...is discrimination at it's finest. The internet is amazing because it gives access to tools and content for education that would otherwise be unavailable to many people. Take Jack Andraka, the kid who invented a test for pancreatic cancer using the internet. His school didn't provide him with the education he needed to invent this life saving tool. The internet did. There is nothing more disgusting then the violation of our constitutional rights. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH...."Restricting the freedom of speech to those who can pay for it abridges freedom of speech. What the FCC is planning on doing is totalitarianism. Last time I checked, I lived in the United States of America, not Nazi Germany.
—Heather Dube, Knoxville, TN

Net Neutrality is democracy. Destroy it and you destroy democracy.
—Jane A. Patrick, Cedarville, OH

It is not up to you to continue to control every isue of our lives. Do me and millions of others and stay out of lives unless it is to our benefit. Because obviously it isn't!!!
—LindaSue Hope, Reno, NV

Yes, this is important from a moral perspective, in that the internet represents the greatest democratizing power technology has ever afforded humanity. I can't ignore, however, that this directly impacts my wallet as a member of the technological workforce. My employer is rapidly rising among the ranks in our industry. If our entrenched, innovation-stifling competition could simply buy their way ahead of us, it would be incredibly discouraging.
—Bruno Torquato, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

ISPs should not have the legal right to control internet speeds. This is a slippery slope that could cause damage to the average American citizen.
—Mr. Scott Volk, San Pedro, CA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon have already proven that they put profits before people. If allowed, they will exploit the internet for their interests and only their interests. Keep the internet open and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you, Frank Armato
—Frank Armato, Franklin, NC

I don't want to have to wait for information, that I deem important and at the same time get information quickly that someone else thinks is important to me. I don't want someone else deciding what's important and deserves a higher speed. everything should go at the same speed. The internet should be treated as a utility like the telephone. It should remain a level playing field. If it's not broke, don't fix it.
—Ken McKay, Springfield, MA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon have already proven that they put profits before people. If allowed, they will exploit the internet for their interests and only their interests. Keep the internet open and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you, Philip Walker
—Philip Walker, Franklin, NC

I believe the proposed Internet rules are discriminatory and compromise the democratic nature of our free and open Internet. This proposed "pay-to-play" model will silence the voices of the many and give preference to the voices of the few with the money and power to assert their influence.
—Dr. Dawn Francis, King of Prussia, PA

The Internet is the true last bastion of free speech and now they want to shut that down in favor of corporate greed.
—Eric Davis, CONCORD, NC

It is not right that after selling everyone on the idea that internet is a free and open place for all, then once we are all used to it being that way, you decide to let the big corporations limit our options for their profit. Don't sell us out.
—Diana Rutherford, Des Moines, WA

Please leave the internet alone.
—Phyllis Brennan, Desert Hot Springs, CA

I demand to keep our democracy safe and free!
—James P Parzino, Surf City, NC

Sirs: just as it is wrong (and I believe someday the supreme court decision will be overturned) to buy elections, I also believe that money SHOULD NOT be able to buy information or the speed of dissemination of information on the Internet. The chairman should be disqualified from participating in this decision. There seems to be an obvious conflict of interest seeing as he was so heavily involved with lobbying for the companies who are so vigorously pursuing to squash net neutrality. Thank You- Gary Fern
—Gary R Fern, Bloomington, IL

Its should not be up to big companies to decide what I can or can not see on the internet. How much money is enough? The internet was made to be free and open. Companies should not charge us more for viewing certain websites, or charge certain internet based services more than any other similar service.
—Kelly Webb, Birmingham, AL

Like nothing else in the past two decades, the Internet has spurred massive growth in our economy and innovation around the world. Please don't allow it to be hobbled in favor of a small short-sighted set of interests.
—Christopher Dellario, Nottingham, NH

Don't punish small companies and we're tired of seeing our leaders being bought.
—Al Martine, Morgantown, WV

Knowledge is power. Poor citizens need more power to get their needs in the face of politicians and corporations. I'm a low-income but educated senior citizen who has slow internet service, but I manage to get the information I need to try to protect the community I live in. Don't create further inequality for citizens who try to take on the greedy folks and improve our country and lives.
—Diane Marks, Bass Lake, CA

Do not kill the Internet.
—Mark Lucas, Ithaca, NY

This goes against everything this country was founded on. The Internet was never intended to be a commodity to be sold and control. Instead it's a place where ideas collide and world peace can be seen. Don't take our freedom and liberty from us, citizens of the USA and of the world. There is no way this cannot violate anti trust and anti monopoly laws. Put Comcast in its place where all other internet providers sit. Equality and fairness.
—Kara Tinney, Lubbock, TX

I have researched this issue and find that anything less than total Net Neutrality will have disastrous effects on the internet. The large media companies already have too much power, too many lobbyists, and too much money. In the long run, any plan to create "tiered" internet access by big media would both be a conflict of interest for the media companies, and would continue what is (at least for this taxpayer) a clearly transparent movement towards towards a media monopoly by verizon, att and comcast. I am confused, if I and my family and friends can see this trend so clearly, why can't the FCC. I, possibly naively believe that the FCC is meant to protect all the public, not only the shareholders of verizon, att and comcast. I hope I am not wrong in my conviction. I am asking that the FCC reject these new rules and to reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. Sincerely, Robert R. Whiteley
—Robert R. Whiteley, Fairfax, VA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ryan Pilcher, Chicago, IL

We need to keep the internet free to innovate and compete by preventing corporations from gaining monopoly control. This will be better for us all in the long run.
—Vince Linder, Fenton, MI

Net nuetrality is a civil right...do not give in to corporate pressure.....
—Steven Patarini, Old Saybrook, CT

Profit-focused special interests have already been permitted to control and clutter our PUBLIC radio and TV airwaves. The internet is already bogged down by commercial advertising. It is the duty of the FCC to clearly define and maintain ISPs as common carriers.
—Sam Sheffer, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Net Neutrality gives us all an equal voice on an equal playing field, and laws that undermine net neutrality are undemocratic!
—Stacey Faella, Hoboken, NJ

The internet is obviously a communication medium, and should be regulated as such. Please introduce legislation to protect net neutrality, instead of bending to the strong-arm tactics of the interested parties (Verizon, Comcast, TWC, etc...).
—Julian Kingman, Long Grove, IL

Allowing individual entities to decide what they think appropriate for it's customers to veiw is not Net Neutrality. Do not take away our freedom of choice. A Media Mogal once said " If you control what people hear and see, you control what they think". That is totally wrong and against everything that our fore father's stood for. Do not allow Monopolies to take over the free flow of information on the web.
—Jaime Olson, San Jose, CA

The internet is for everyone. Not just those with money. Keep it fair.
—David Kallechey, Atlanta, GA

Do not destroy what has come to be an essential part of our lives. Huge corporations already own our politicians, they don't need to own the internet.
—Maryann Rose, Orlando, FL

Net neutrality is a foundational principle of the Internet. With out it, innovative new businesses will never be able to succeed. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Benjamin Williams, Hyde Park, MA

A fair, net neutral internet is integral to our democracy.
—Kiersten Feldman, Atlanta, GA

Tell those greedy @#$%^&*!!! at the telecom companies to get their greedy, clawing paws of off OUR internet! This action would create a monopoly, stifle new internet businesses and innovation and would stifle our freedom of speech. These new rules would also hurt existing online businesses. Therefore these new rules should not go into effect. Nobody except a wealthy few in the telecom industry want this. Actually listen to the people for once.
—Jonathan P Decker, Baton Rouge, LA

It should be illegal to take some thing that is owned by all and started by us and manipulate it for profit while restricting or eliminating access to the people.
—John Bankston, Tacoma, WA

I support small business in America, the backbone of our economy. We need Net Neutrality in order to assure the net is there for their businesses.
—Deborah Mourey, Rochester, NY

Please protect the interests of the common people. Please take the necessary steps to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Jesse Usow, Tucson, AZ

There are a few things that we need to insure people have access to...healthcare, food & water, knowledge and information. The fact that you, a federally mandated organization, have the power to determine who gets knowledge and information is a powerful position. Stop the greed and keep the net neutral. All people have the right to the same knowledge and information... Your support of the Internet service providers is another example of the Feds on the take and eating from the palms of the lobby. Remember, you are in business because if us. Stop giving the the corporations who already charge too much money for horrible service. Focus your energies on cleaning up this monopolistic mess...
—Jeff Haye, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

By ending net neutrality, you are basically decimating the thousands of small businesses that rely on the internet for their revenue. No one is being helped by this act except for the rich who already have a pocketbook larger than the population of Texas.
—Christopher Warburton, Round Rock, TX

The Internet is free.... for everyone and if you take that away from us then everyone will be sad and bored of not watching youtube or playing games or have social friends
—Randy Neu, Syracuse, NY

Us little guys are getting run over right and left. We need federal agencies to look out for our best interests, and I can hardly think of a domain with a more profound, ubiquitous, and permanent impact than the internet. Please stand up for us. Prerserve net neutrality.
—Rachel Curtis, Oklahoma City, OK

I work for an internet startup as a Senior Software Engineer. My livelihood depends on an equal playing field between us and the more established competition. Without a clear and uncompromising Net Neutrality ruling my company would not be able to exist and I would not be able to provide for my family.
—Benjamin Grabkowitz, Holbrook, NY

I look forward to the next auto-generated response from Tom Wheeler thanking me for reaching out and voicing my concerns about net neutrality. Unfortunately I cannot believe that he really is concerned about protecting the open internet, given his endorsement of a two-tiered network and his previous employment record. Tom, if you truly gave a shit about the public opinion, we wouldn't even need to be submitting these comments. But I will submit comments pleading, imploring with you; berating you again and again for as long as I can until the FCC recognises that it cannot completely go against the will of the people.
—Rosemary Fritz Grabowska, Poughkeepsie, NY

"Two-tiered" or "two-lane" internet speeds is a disastrous notion and will only breed monopolies in everything. The result I believe will be the destruction of American values and the American Dream. Everyone needs a chance to succeed, don't allow these billion-dollar corporations to take even more from the American people. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Jessie McGee, New York, NY

Keep your grimy hands off the Internet.
—Robert Gula, NY, NY

We are already at the mercy of the cable & communications conglomerates who charge the most in the industrialized world for broadband while we have some of the slowest speeds. There is admittedly no competition and they need to be regulated like the public utilities they are since there is ONLY 1 OPTION for broadband in every area and people like me in historic neighborhoods can't even use satellite dishes. Please do not give in to their desire to further own communication by fast tracking the sites they like or pay extra and slowing down everyone else. This is critical in the world now that depends on the net to do business in so many ways.
—Camille Ellis Vickers, New Orleans, LA

Internet access should be fair and equal for everyone.
—Melissa Simmons, Cincinnati, OH

It is crucial to the future of humanity.
—Colin Smith-Hammond, Madison, WI

Please do not allow rampant discrimination online. Keep the playing level, not two-tiered. ISP's should be treated like common carriers...which is what they are.
—Melodie Martin, seattle, WA

Our tax dollars were used to build the infrastructure of the Internet, thus the companies who built it are COMMON CARRIERS. Those carriers now seem to think that the Internet is their own private network to do with as they please, and in doing so destroy Net Neutrality by giving preferential treatment in exchange for money. Unless fiber has been solely paid for by the company using it, then that fiber belongs to everyone who paid those taxes.Telecom companies who are COMMON CARRIERS have no right to prioritized some traffic over any other.
—Carol James, Dundee, OR

We are forced to choose between Comcast or AT&T for our internet, and it's already expensive and not great in quality. Allowing these monopolies to charge more money for their poor service serves no one's interests but theirs. I could not be less interested in lining their pockets for what should be a public utility. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. And it would be nice if we could get standard speeds at fees more in line with the rest of the world, rather than being over-charged for less service!
—Bonnie J Hurliman, Houston, TX

Rule out discrimination on the Internet!
—Carol Vallejo, Stockton, CA

Net neutrality is essential for a fair marketplace and equal internet access for all.
—Carrie Korb, Appleton, WI

For at least 10 years, the monied interests have tried to take control of the net. Yes, there are costs to provide band width, but protect the the little consumers who already pay high costs for Internet services.
—Jean Crawford, Santa Fe, NM

Absolutely not. The Internet belongs to the People, All of us, Equally. This 2-tiered internet proposal nonsense is based in greed and will not be tolerated. Corporations have had us all scurrying to serve their bottom lines for far too long and this must end now. Seriously, we've had enough.
—Jc, stonington, CT

Cable is being replaced by streaming content because it is not a subscription model that consumers are happy with. Do not allow internet service providers to recreate the same subscription model on the internet. Protect Net Neutrality and classify the internet as a public utility!
—Adam Kay, New Orleans, LA

Verizon, for one, is more interested in gouging its customers than in providing fast service. There's no objective reason internet prices should be so high in this country and speeds so low.
—David Amundson, Lebanon, PA

The internet is a free public comodity. Americans already pay way too much money for sub par internet speeds when you compare America to other markets. Don't let Comcast lobby $$$ mean more than freedom and equality.
—Tricia Martin, regina,

We need less corporate influence, not more. Keep the internet free, support REAL net neutrality. The internet is a forum for small businesses, entrepreneurs and start up companies. It is a level playing field. It is imperative to keep it this way.
—Wendy Dickinson, North Adams, MA

As an IT professional, I use the web all day every day. To kill Net Neutrality and to create "fast" and "slow" lanes would not only significantly negatively affect both my life and career, but the business operations and viability of my employer, a significant player in the advertising industry. It would effectively end both working from home and freelancing, both very significant staples of the IT industry. You'll break the internet by killing Net Neutrality- don't be stupid. We WANT Net Neutrality. We NEED Net Neutrality. Prevent cable company fu*kery and protect Net Neutrality!
—James Hudson, Boulder, CO

Innovation comes from smaller, nimbler organizations...the kind that can't afford to "buy" access to the internet. We need to preserve access for EVERYBODY.
—Stephanie Brock, Ferndale, MI

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Brian Porter, Madison, WI

The internet have a profound effect on society and it's a tool that's allowing society to evolve much faster than before. I believe the internet should not be controlled by anyone with certain political views. Interfering with the bandwidth to allow certain companies to have easier reach to users is basically putting other companies in a disadvantage (straightforward logic, you can't make one faster without slowing the other, it is not magic.) This idea is the beginning of allowing the government and politicians to have control over the content that's available on the internet. The idea itself is wrong and should not be accepted out of principles. Please, let the internet be free and not another form of controlled media loaded with certain political views. Have some decency, you won't live forever.
—Ahmed Hassan, Oxford,

Please revise your internet rules, the internet should have full net neutrality and have no "fast" or "slow" lanes.
—Matthew Gossage, Austin, TX

Although the U.S. is not a class-less society, Net Neutrality provides one of the few truly level playing fields where all Americans can participate. A 2-tiered Internet would not only be undemocratic but would also reflect the worst perversion of greed that capitalism condones. Such a system would create improvements for no one except the companies who will directly profit from it. In the best form of a free market, everyone comes away from a transaction feeling satisfied: producers are adequately remunerated, consumers feel that they have received their money's worth, and the world is a better place for all. American ISPs already have enough money and too much political influence. Please do not allow this proposal to become reality.
—Laine A. Scott, LaGrange, GA

Internet connectivity is considered a utility by most people. Five years ago, upon moving into our house, we were given a list of utilities like electric, water, gas, internet. In fact, there are more choices for electricity providers than internet. I am totally in favor of considering internet a utility and regulating service providers' actions as such. data is data just as kilowatt hours are kilowatt hours; it doesn't matter whether I'm turning on a lamp or a fan, why the quality of service change depending on what content I'm accessing? It doesn't make sense for consumers.
—Austin Sevener, Carrollton, TX

Protecting equal access under the law is a significant part of what central government is FOR.
—Alan Martin, Norcross, GA

Cable, internet and telephone bundles already cost too much when using these mega-corporation's services. Now, we are threatened with turning our internet access into the same model as cable service. I don't think I can justify the cost of having a tiered and bundled internet service charge. This is ridiculous. These behemoth corporations already have too much control and power over our daily lives and too much power to shape and censor what we see and consume in the media. Reclassify the corporations as COMMON CARRIERS!
—Richard Coffey, Concord, CA

Corporations already own the politicians and the judiciary. They are poisoning our air, earth, food, and water. They own the mainstream media. What's left for "We, The People"? A free and open Internet!
—V J link, madison, WI

Hi, I'm writing you today to express my serious concern with the recent actions of the Federal Communications Commission regarding changes in policies that could cause serious monopolistic issues with our current open internet. The internet is one of mankind's greatest accomplishments, and something that should be carefully nurtured and protected. It is one of our most effective platforms of free speech, and that freedom is in danger. Allowing any policies that could cause discrimination, promote monopolies, or hinder innovation would be a grave mistake with the potential of snowballing into monopolistic control of the internet. I, like many, run multiple web based services and rely on an open and fair internet for my livelihood. Please, use your power to protect mankind's freedom.
—Travis P Walter, San Diego, CA

End the unfair markets controlling my internet access. The internet should be regulated like a utility, not communications. We pay high prices for poor service because these companies have bought our government. Net Neutrality is a good start and MUST be preserved if the United States of America is to continue to prosper.
—Margaret Martin, Waukegan, IL

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Kristin Webb, Danvers, MA

Innovati
—Jeremy Schlosky, Arvada, CO

Net neutrality must be protected. The FCC's new rules are completely unacceptable. The creation of a fast lane for content delivery creates a barrier that will prevent innovation and prevent startup businesses from having an opportunity to take on the larger businesses that can afford to pay the premium for content delivery. We must ensure the longevity of treating every packet equally in order to keep innovation alive. The cable companies are a dying breed with an out of date business model. We cannot let them define how the internet runs. They should have to adapt to survive, just like everyone else. This is capitalism. Please, get rid of this fast lane.
—John Pinkerton, Greenville, SC

High time the FCC does the right thing for the people of this country. We already pay more money for poorer service than much of the rest of the world. The FCC has done some awful things in the past. Don't do it again.
—connie Burmeister, Waunakee, WI

The internet as it currently exists provides a wonderfully neutral and fair playing field for those who rely on it to advance their knowledge, skills, business etc. This attempt to privatize the internet is absolutely deplorable.
—Nicole, Dearborn Heights, MI

The internet is hugely important to me and my family. Both my daughter and myself use it for bill paying and work related uses. When they were in school, my children used it for school work. Today, my disabled son uses it as his "eye on the world." It keeps us informed, allows us access to the world and is our primary means of personal, commercial & other types of communication. The internet should be a utility. It is too important and diverse in its usefulness to allow commercial interests to limit & control access.
—K Schreiber, Durham, NH

We all die someday.At the end what we remember is how we lived our life, please leave a righteous legacy for yourself and all Americans. We would all very much prefer net neutrality.
—Sam, Renton, WA

Net Neutrality is truly our very freedom on the internet.
—Suraj Kumar, Chicago, IL

with net neutrality i can express myself online like i can no where else. without this kind of release my life would seem so stressful. i need this in my life
—Andrew Smith, oxford, NJ

Because it's the right thing to do. Historically, money buys government, and that's a terrible thing. Sound obvious? It is. There isn't even the illusion of choice in content providers. This is an industry that needs disruption, not ways to create more stranglehold. We, the people, have few options and collectively despise the companies that we have to pick from (if there is even more than one to pick from). Comcast, in my area, treats clients terribly. However they are the best option for speed. Letting them further control content throughput is wrong on so many levels. Wake up to how terrible this is. The only reason to push the ending of Net Neutrality through is to hurt the people and help the ISPs. How is that remotely good?
—Jeff Solin, Chicago, IL

Internet providers and cable companies already hold a monopolistic competition over the U.S. If more mergers are allowed, it will likely become a complete monopoly, as it already is on a regional basis. This violates the essences of fair trade and competition. If the FCC allows Net Neutrality to be destroyed, it will be just like Ma Bell and Standard Oil. Do the right thing - change the Internet providers into utilities, with public service commissions just like power companies. That is the only way to avoid a massive backlash from the citizens, which I am certain will happen if this plan is approved. And, if Wheeler does approve this plan, the people will KNOW without a doubt who his masters are - and it certainly is not the people.
—Jessica LaRock, PLEASANT VALLEY, NY

I strongly support net neutrality. Please don't turn internet into a two tiered internet. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Mark Harman, Sacramento, CA

Net Neutrality keeps the internet free and democratic. Without it, the voice of the majority will be overrun by the voice of the rich minority, the banks and the corporations.
—Rebecca Mathis, Edgewater Park, NJ

Net Neutrality is important so that equal access to the internet (And their speeds) is available for all. I'm about to drop the cable companies any way and get some Apple TV, Roku, Or Amazon Fire in my life because I'm tired of contributing to a national monopoly and the illegal acts that accompany it....
—Lauren Campbell, Covington, KY

We get to decide what our future looks like. And having corporations decide which websites get fast speed is not the future I wish to make.
—William, Minneapolis, MN

Please restore Net Neutrality. Rescind the FCC rule that corrupts this elegant and effective service by supporting individualized bargaining and discrimination. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In other words, FCC do your job. Don't sell out.
—James A. Mims, Memphis, TN

Please, by making the internet a common carrier you will ensure Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Colin Kay, Tinley Park, IL

"FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality." "Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it." I oppose FCC Chairman Wheeler's plan. I support Net Neutrality. Please do not implement Wheeler's two-tier plan.
—Marianne L'Abbate, Watertown, MA

Allowing Tele-Com giants to provide internet access as they see fit would not be in the Public's best interest! It should be regulated like any public utility in order to ensure public access/availability is provided equally; not via a multi-tiered system. If this can be achieved by re-classifying ISP providers as Common Carriers, then this is what I am asking the FCC to do.
—Kathy MCCann, Stuart, FL

Democracy, or whats left of it.
—George Chianese, Philadelphia, PA

I feel it would be criminal to allow Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to crate a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those willing to pay extra fees and snail crawl slow for the rest of us. Whatever happened to equality? I do not wish to become a second class citizen to the large internet providers! This looks like another case of the wealthy wanting it all, leaving rotten peanuts for the rest of us. Boo!
—Karen L. Gupton, Nashville, TN

Please so not stop Net Neutrality it would hurt the working classess.
—Joann Gomez, Flushing, NY

The internet, like the airwaves, belong to everyone.
—Barbara Coady, Buffalo, NY

I urge the FCC to stand on the correct side of history on this absolutely critical issue. Defend real Net Neutrality - not the kind the ISPs and interest groups call "Net Neutrality". Thank you for your time and attention to this. Evan Chicago, IL
—Evan Loftus, Chicago, IL

without Net Neutrality, the playing field becomes more uneven and unfair.
—Karen Wilson, sacramento, CA

The internet is an essential public utility and must be treated as one. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers.
—Sudama Rice, Philadelphia, PA

My daughter has a small business on the internet. Without net neutrality, her business will suffer.
—Karlene Gunter, Rochester, NY

Because I am Poor!!!!!
—Carlos R Rodriguez, Vero Beach, FL

Corporate control of the internet will stagnate inovation, growth and deny access to anybody they choose.
—Paul Kerman, Sterling Heights, MI

Equal opportunity is important to me.
—Nathan A Smith, Girdwood, AK

The internet more than represents freedom of communication; it has become the lifeline of of business and personal communications connecting distant people. It enables flexibility of association such that people can connect to innovative ideas, solutions, and even cautionary fail videos to inspire and inform our pursuits. Connection to the net has become so valuable, not because of the hardware and service providers so much as due to the wealth of content freely generated and shared. Efforts to monetize sufficient value to sustain small businesses and initiatives is a practical necessity. However, we all do better when everyone does better. The collective value of online efforts that so far have failed to pay for themselves is self evidently huge. It spurs physical "real world" innovation that takes us off guard and offers new hope to solve problems that threaten human life. Facilitating mechanisms to unfairly ration transfer of data in order to extract more rent is so problematic that in my view allowing it is morally wrong. If fair competition selects for the winners to lead, than competition field rigged by special interests is a corruption that will divert more of societies resources to losers that will mislead our economic and social growth down delusional paths that are less sustainable and more prone to bursting bubbles. We already can see evidence that certain corporations (Comcast, at&t, and Verizon) influence the speed of data transfer in response to the status of negotiations with online service providers (Netflix). The motive to punitively restrict data transfer as a means to charge more rent from particular users is obvious, and sure to be used by institutions that are required by law to maximize profit to shareholders. We know the nature of abuse that will occur, but not at what cost to our economy. We know enough to recognize a bad idea, to recognize evidences of corrupt legislative capture, and efforts to purchase influence with regard to the FCC through lobbying investments that might have been better spent improving service to customers if there were direct and fair competition among ISPs in most metropolitan areas. I urge you to preserve net neutrality as a cornerstone of fair access to efficient use of our nation's communications infrastructure.
—Brian Ashman, Saint Paul, MN

The implications of not mandating net neutrality are OBVIOUS. We cannot allow for a tiered internet to become the norm. Profit-seeking corporations will always do whatever it takes to increase their bottom line, without any regard to the consequences. It is up to us to prevent that from happening.
—Matt Grabczynski, Maspeth, NY

Like most governments work against their citizens, people must have the right to inform themself. The strong mindcontrol has no future for mankind, even if this is what governments think - total controll has no future ! And "Germany" is not Germany, Germany is Deutschland and wants to be independant from US ! I think US-government people hate so much EVERYBODY who is not crazy for the HollywoodDisneyWorld of the US, that I would be afraid to visit their country. Anyway they can do what they want to me even living in my country and I think this is not right !
—Eva Traumann, Stadtoldendorf,

18 million spent on lobbying. Can't wait for Tom Wheeler to go to jail. What a corruption. If net neutrality is lost, they should be ready for the repercussions.
—Patrick Hemmer, Oro Valley, AZ

NET NEUTRALITY IS THE BACKBONE OF INTERNET FREEDOM. PLEASE DON'T LET ISP'S CHANGE THAT FOR THEIR OWN PROFITS.
—Annette Carr, Northport, NY

The internet's great strength is its open access. Don't let greedy corporations sell quick access to the highest bidder.
—Joan Zawaski, Oakland, CA

I want a free internet. Save it's neutrality!
—Emma Bruno, Boston, MA

Freedom of choice is important. The increasing lack of competition is inexorably inching toward monopoly. Have we forgotten or are we simply ignoring the aims of the Taft-Hartley Act?
—Chari Rosales, Naperville, IL

Net neutrality is an important concept that should not be left to the "free market". Please represent all citizens on the internet not just the providers! I support net neutrality and I hope the FCC hears my voice.
—Andrea Bullock, Portland, OR

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike David Jones, West Hills, CA

I am disabled. My disabilities have taken my hobbies away from me, one by one. Only the Internet is left. I am living on Social Security. I cannot afford to pay more than I do now. Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers!
—Jennifer Jerlstrom, Anaheim, CA

Please preserve Net Neutrality! If the government gave in to the demands of the internet service providers it would do two things. First and most importantly, it would destroy the level playing field of the internet and ruin the most important technology of our age (the modern equivalent of the printing press). Second, the American people would completely lose faith in the government due to blatant corruption.
—Mr. James Jessen, Pullman, WA

This is outrageous. I support Net Neutrality and oppose an unfair two-tiered Internet
—Toni G Miller, Saint Pauls, NC

Net neutrality means no longer keeping the US in the dark as one of the worst first-world countries in the world when it comes to internet access and speed.
—Ben Harper, Aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I view arbitrary control of online portals and information as a threat to the integrity of our open market capitalist system we all rely on here in America.
—Lincoln Hoffman, Park City, UT

The system works, stop trying to screw it up by sucking up to corporations that already get corporate welfare subsidies off the backs of the rest of us. Quit prostituting the standards to make money for corporations that already leach off of the system, their CEO's make more money than they are worth as it is.
—Rodney Whisenhunt, Roseburg, OR

Do not let the worst corporation on earth, Comcast… or was that Verizon, and those like them, to get their greedy claws on the internet. Kill Tom Wheeler's plan to kill net neutrality!!!!!!!!! This is CORRUPTION writ big!!!
—Jim Sadler, Granby, MA

The monopolization of the internet will not be tolerated by a public who has been affected by rampant discrimination perpetrated by lobbyists for special interests. The lack of any ethical discourse in regards to setting this issue to rights is astounding, yet, predictable to any who value a society based on the common good of all people. I would add my voice to the growing chorus telling the FCC to cancel its recently proposed rules favoring "special interests" and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you, Joan Futscher
—Joan Futscher, Miami, FL

Keep our net free! We need you to step up to the plate and do the right thing! don't let AT&T and the other take over. We already pay so many fees and taxes we don't want or need more. Just tell them no!!!!!!!
—Susan Slack, Woodland, WA

The issue isn't just treating all internet traffic equally it's economic democracy. Why are we paying 4X as much for 1/4 the speed and bandwidth as Japanese or Korean citizens? There are 4 companies in Korea competing for the citizens account. In 24 hours a person can switch providers of internet at 25+Mb /sec and telephone all for about $23-$28/month. We Americans paid for the invention of all this technology through DARPA. Communications companies have bribed both the Congress and the members of the FCC to do their will. We are petitioning a corrupt agency to keep the companies that are stealing literally billions [see Verizon's profits 2013] from stealing even more. We should be rioting in the streets to have just what other countries citizens have - access everywhere to internet and telephone.
—Robert Irwin, Lorton, VA

Support the open free internet. Do not support Cable Company's fucking their customers.
—Tobin D. Jeffery, Tucson, AZ

The fact that citizens of the United States are paying so much more for internet of worse quality than in other industrialized countries is frankly outrageous. What is also ridiculous is that certain websites would, if net neutrality was destroyed, have priority over others simply for having the financial resources for doing so, actively discouraging American innovation.
—Carol Liu, Lafayette, CA

Please help us get back on the road to being "The Greatest Nation" by allowing the Internet to be deemed a public utility (which it is), and not allow businesses to control how we speak out to our friends and family across the globe.
—Lacy Reinbold, Studio City, CA

There's already too much discrimination and abuse by powerful companies. Please don't let big-name companies and corporations buy their way into more power, and support net neutrality.
—Rob Waara, La Crosse, WI

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Fred Lavy, Harrisonburg, VA

Net neutrality is essential to the egalitarian treatment of all internet users. Entertaining a plan to discriminate is ridiculous.
—Atwood Gaines, Shaker Heights,, OH

I find it extremely unfortunate that our president appointed a former lobbyist for a cable company to be the director of the FCC. Sounds like the fox is in charge of guarding the hen house. What a fiasco. This idea of a "fast lane" stinks to high heaven! Please stop this madness and don't bother "fixing" what IS NOT BROKEN! Everyday Americans are tired of this pay to play mentality. It's utter B.S.
—Sonia Wilson, Sacramento, CA

An neutral internet is paramount to ensuring a free society. If certain carriers and websites are allowed to use faster, more efficient web service, their voices and foothold in our society will grow exponentially. Should this occur, then smaller, less conventional and/or oppositional voices will not be heard, considered or listened to. In essence, making the net not neutral closes marketplace of ideas, and thus, closes democracy. PLEASE PRESERVE THE IDEA OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS FOR EVERY AMERICAN.
—Mr. Maxwell Kessler, Los Angeles, CA

If everyone has the same voice, then no one can shout another down...please maintain net neutrality!
—Maggie Harling, Northborough, MA

Equal access to all is now fundamental to protecting the first amendment
—Dustin Downs, Victoria,

The internet should be a common carrier just like the phone companies or the electric companies. We all use the internet and we should all be considered equal in our use.
—Karen Kincaid, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is in the best interest of the public. The plans to allow internet service providers with the ability to create two-tiered internet will diminish open internet and allow for providers to dictate who can reach the consumer the fastest, if at all. There will no longer be an open internet and ultimately the consumer will pay the price. It is the responsibility of the FCC to protect the public and maintain an open and competitive atmosphere. Please do not exclude yourself out of this responsibility for the internet, which is now a prominent communication conduit.
—Stephanie Clarke, Hartford, CT

free speech, & open communication are needed to keep our country and it's people free from tyranny. The internet is the way our people communicate. No company, or group of companies, should be allowed to interfere. If corporations are allowed to interfere than we run the risk that they will edit, discriminate, delete, and add to whomever or whatever they wish in order to promote and or protect their brand.
—Yvonne Ramos, Colorado Springs, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it does not allow any discrimination. Without it, massive corporations can block what they please and control the internet. The internet is not a place where this should ever be permitted, its a place for all people of all classes and financial status, the average person should not have to pay more for tiers and not have to pay more to corporations that already are worth billions. How much money do you need? How much control you need? Nobody but these corporations want this. No average person is going to be like "yeah!! I want to pay more to these companies that would BE SO COOL TO BE MORE BROKE" This is disgusting and their actions are slightly terrifying for our future, especially considering how much influence these companies have over the government.
—Monica, San Diego, CA

Preserve net neutrality so I can have the same access rich corporations do.
—Susan Nierenberg, Teaneck, NJ

Net neutrality offers the best pricing for consumers by not allowing deep pockets to control resources paid for by public tax dollars. Net neutrality keeps everyone on a level playing field and is necessary for free speech to continue in the U.S. Net neutrality promotes innovation and the business community reaps huge benefits by having open access to this resource. Taking away net neutrality is the same as taking away free speech, making it only possible for deep pockets to have free speech. We do not allow only rich people to have cell phones and televisions and radios. The same rules should be for people's access to the internet.
—Kevin Hill, Webster, NY

In these times, when we are seeing our rights disappear one by one, usually under the guise of "protecting homeland security", it is more important than ever for the FCC to ignore the demands of the ultra-wealthy and corporations to further dismantle what little we have left. After all, it's bad enough that our "public" airwaves have been sold off to the highest bidder (or the largest political contributor)--the LAST thing we need is control of our internet usage--and increased cost of usage determined by the powers that be...
—Allyson Drucker, North Haledon, NJ

Do the right thing and designate the Internet as a common carrier to protect the public's interest well into the future!
—Dr. Andrew Flanagin, santa barbara, CA

Free speech cannot be monopolized nor can it be abridged - if you think it can, you had better re-read, "The Constitution of the United States of America."
—Karen L. Naiman, Denver, CO

Whatever you do, please do it to preserve the open internet & keep cable companies from creating a two tier system. The last thing we need is more lobbyists making a mess of things. Throw out your old rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and that way, Net Neutrality will be preserved.
—Haydn Chambers, Salt Lake City, UT

If ISPs are not common carriers, what are they? Classify them for what they are: common carriers of the most important highway in the world. We will not let your power hunger erode our rights.
—Regina DeAngelo, charlestown, RI

The internet is a utility, just like water, cable, and electricity. It should be regulated as such.
—Virginia Ciaramitaro, Roseville, MI

It makes no sense to allow ISPs to control the Internet. They are not disinterested parties and should not be granted that kind of power. To open the door to this kind of discrimination will be a huge setback for innovation, freedom of speech and business competition. Smaller businesses simply won't be able to compete with bigger businesses that can afford to pay for fast lane service. If you care about any of these issues, you will do the right thing: You will throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ann Mahoney, Santa Barbara, CA

The internet is a great equalizer for so many people of differing economic backgrounds. Once you limit this unlimited resource of information to only a portion of people, it would create an unimaginably large social divide.
—Jed Weiss, benicia, CA

Please keep the internet an open and free medium that isn't controlled and manipulated by a few large corporations.
—Ryan Walsh, San Francisco, CA

They have not proven their ability to be trusted.
—Brecht Geers, Lochristi,

We the PEOPLE, NOT the CORPORATIONS
—Chad Scheppner, topanga, CA

The tendency toward monopoly, especially with regard to something as vital and democratic as the internet, must not be fostered. Please make sire net neutrality is preserved. Thank You, Len Powell @powell933@gmail.com
—Len F Powell, st louis park, MN

Wheeler’s plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Gerald Keller, Brooktondale, NY

The rich and super rich already have the advantage over us, please don't add to our burden.
—Cynthia Ballard, N Richland Hills, TX

I am disturbed that Chairman Wheeler would consider such a plan let alone push it through. We DO NOT NEED A TWO-TIERED INTERNET! It is not right and we need the FCC to protect us from predators like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon, not jump into bed with them.
—Debbie Davis, Flossmoor, IL

Don't commercialize the Internet!!
—Roger Olowski, Montecito, CA

Please preserve Net Neutrality and the inherent value of the Internet as a domain of free expression.
—Timothy Adams, Valencia, CA

Please classify ISPs as common carriers to adopt true net neutrality standards. I own a small law office and cannot compete with someone who could spend significantly more on faster internet speeds.
—William Conrad, CORSICANA, TX

The Internet should remain a place open to free speech and exchange of ideas. Net Neutrality now and forever.
—Mandy Manley, Saint Louis, MO

We see through your lies, there is no way you won't be slowing down speeds to non preferred websites. This is a war on our freedom. You will not win in the long term.
—Matt Clements, San Francisco, CA

It is unfair to have more than one level of access to the internet. The average Joe is having a hard enough time of it without it taking him longer to get news or apply for a job! Fair is fair....Open Internet with no strings or levels! Please for the majority of the people of this country, do the right thing. Thank you.
—Pam George, Davidsonville, MD

The FCC needs to abandon its proposed rules ending net neutrality and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Allowing Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create 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 is discriminatory. These companies should not be granted the power to discriminate against online content and applications. I support the efforts of Free Press.
—Dinah Bahlman, Phoenix, AZ

This is the *one* level-ish playing field that is left in our society--barring oprah reading circles. Please wash away the film of greed from your glasses and realize that what you are considering is bad for this country, society, and humanity; and only serves to help you and a *very* select few. It's despicable that these new "rules" are even a topic of discussion.
—Jon M. Douglas, Phoenix, AZ

I want content that I search to be neutral. I do not want bias content when I use the internet!
—Nicole Willis, Edmond, OK

I do not, nor does anyone else who isn't getting their pockets filled with fat stacks, approve of you giving ISP's the okay to become greedy pigs. You do not have our interests in mind if you let this happen. Let ISP's stay common carriers and stop trying to build monopolies out of cable companies who then have the complete power to give crap-quality service at unaffordable prices. It's a huge restriction on one of humanity's greatest inventions. Are you guys trying to become the most hated company in America, or do you not even care? Silly of me. Why would you care? As long as there's more money for you and the cable companies and less for everybody else, right?
—Dylan LaCoursiere, Fergus Falls, MN

Dear FCC: The success of future start-ups & American enterprise defend on a free neutral web. I strongly vote against the Wheeler's plan or an other plan that would favor major corporations having competitive advantages based on affordability. Why is this not obvious to the FCC?
—Frank Chorba, Overland Park, KS

Net neutrality is important to me because I am a small business person, and would like the same chances at the American dream as more wealthy individuals and companies.
—Jacqueline m Dias, Las Vegas, NV

America needs innovation right now and stifling innovation with a pay-for-access model, based on content, especially when this content is against monolithic monopolies' business models just doesn't seem fair. If the FCC is for businesses, then sure: kill Net Neutrality. But my understanding was the FCC was an INDEPENDENT agency for the US government which is FOR THE PEOPLE, in which case the FCC should be fighting for us, not monopolies.
—Joaquin Casares, Austin, TX

The FCC nor the companies trying to control the internet traffic had nothing to do with the invention of the internet, so why are you and those companies pushing to profit from the rules that you are pushing. An open internet connection without companies tempering with speeds or filtering is crucial and beneficial to everyone. Filtering and speed control can be done when one requests it or even at home. Companies and you(FCC) have no business messing with the internet, net neutrality should be a requirement in this country. I can't believe how politicians are bringing down this country to it's knees. All the rich greedy fat cats along with appointed FCC lobbyist pushing laws that benefit communications companies should be sent to jail for this outrageous injustice been done the american people. Keep the damn internet free, I want net neutrality.
—Jesus Ramirez, chicago, IL

The internet has always been a level playing field for all people, but this may no longer be the case. If Net Neutrality becomes dismantled, the ISP's will get to choose how much bandwidth they want to give to any website, data, etc. Net Neutrality must be protected.
—Erich Haeusser, Justin, TX

I do not want people with a lot of money buying favor to what I can see on the internet and stifling exposure to less popular and less funded causes. Also, as a customer of each, AT&T, Comcast, or Verizon have a lot of problems with their existing service. I do not trust that they can manage a new system while acting in the interest of all.
—Tomas Estinero, Washington, CA

Access to the open internet, without interference from the corporate powers that be and without snooping from the meddling busybodies.
—Natsuri I., Las Vegas, NV

As a hard-working, tax paying citizen, I demand that you do not touch the speed of my internet connection or the content that is given to me. What gives you the audacity to think that you can destroy the last little bit of freedom that citizens have in this country from the dirty hands of corporations. If you think that people are angry already, wait to you see what happens when you mess with their internet. Don't be so arrogant pal!
—Ken Rizzo, Northridge, CA

CORPORATE GREED!!!!!!! IS UN AMERICAN IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY THEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE BEST INTEREST OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AT HEART!!!!!!!!! THEN YOU ARE A PAWN !!!!! PAWN !!!!!! PAWN !!!!!!!
—Al Woodcock, St.George, UT

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality. No discrimination online..
—Dara Rotunno, boulder, CO

Net Neutrality for all!!!! Keep the cable companies out of the business of regulating our access to the internet.
—Kinsley Momberger, Gainesville, FL

Net neutrality is vital to Americans. Net neutrality means an affordable, fast, accessible internet that isn't based on the short term profits of monopoly media conglomerates. Net neutrality means the continuation of a level playing field for small business and innovators to develop the internet to new levels of productivity and practical application. Net neutrality means these huge media companies won't divide up the internet, and then force the FCC to enforce their weak rules once the deed is already done. I do not trust the FCC to effectively take action AFTER Big Media has created a two-tiered internet for fast and slow lanes. Once it happens it will be too late! Reclassify the internet as a public utility, so it will be regulated, not divided up for the benefit of a few monopolistic corporations and their short-sighted push for short-term profits.
—Michael Grish, Austin, TX

No, no, NO! Do not allow corporations to control the web; NO!
—Tom Elder, Boise, ID

Net Neutrality is essential to the preservation of Constitutionally protected and democratically principled free speech and access to information. Allowing even the slightest loophole or crack in the principle of net neutrality will inevitably result in exploitation for the benefit of a privileged few. That is inherently incompatible with the principles of a free and open society. Stop the pretense and say NO to corporate media's attempts to hijack the internet for their own greedy and dubious purposes. By the way, Chairman Wheeler - Your past (and arguably present) association as an industry lobbyist should disqualify you from even serving on the FCC, let alone functioning as the chair person. Whose side are you really on?
—Philip Johnston, Scotts Valley, CA

The free internet provides education, a means of interaction, commerce and entertainment for all who have access. Please keep this valuable tool free!
—Teresa Wall, Mesa, AZ

Stop with the shady semantics "fast lane faster lane reasonable service" bologna. You are creating a two tier system of oppression of free speech.
—Dennis Davidson, rochester, NY

Because corporate America doesn't need it's fingers in everyone's pie. Get your own pie
—John W Lawler, Magalia, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I don't want my ISP to dictate what I can get access to, or how quickly I can access it. I want the freedom of choice, and since the laws have created areas with minimal to non-existant competition between them, I want to ensure that the only thing driving my usage is my preference.
—Aaron Seitz, Carrollton, TX

Everyday people are more important than corporations!
—Edward Janus, Melrose Park, IL

Can you spell Democracy?
—Bryce Hutchinson, Rogue River, OR

Whoever allows ISPs to set up a two-(or more) tiered system for internet users is further subverting our democracy by inches.
—Alese Barkas, Phoenix, AZ

I object to any collusion between government and big business that leaves citizens footing the bill.
—Derek Smith, Pasadena, MD

Because that's what the American people have demanded for starters. How about giving the American people what they've: A. been sold by their providers B. clearly stated how this policy should be C. is obvious COMMON sense <sarcasm>Oh, wait, your a government agency for corporations. I almost forgot. Perhaps you should reread the constitution</sarcasm> The fact I have to write this AGAIN is pathetic.
—Jason Marsh, Bothell, WA

Ending the open internet is antithetical to democracy and epitomizes the dismantling of representation in America. Legislation like this yields inverted totalitarianism and oligarchy; legislative gifts like these to the corporatocracy is why America is collapsing.
—Joseph Moran, Portland, OR

You must reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Otherwise you are breaking the freedom of our internet. Don't take away our freedom to access all of the internet at the same speed. Don't do this because you are in the hands of corporations. The people's voice comes first.
—Will Crouse, Chicago, IL

The Internet was built for everyone (even the most common man) in mind. We don't need tiers for it at all.
—Vaughn Venters, Baton Rouge, LA

Access to the internet should be available to everyone freely. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janice Cragnolin, Unadilla, NY

Please stop making laws for big business and start making laws for people instead. The Internet is the greatest American invention of all time, DONT RUIN IT!!!
—Michael Mauch, Staten Island, NY

Will you allow our rights to be taken away by companies such as Comcast?
—Rachel Finnegan, Naperville, IL

I think it is of the utmost importance to keep the internet the way it is now, available to all. It is ridiculous to think that we may have to pay premiums to visit certain websites.
—Carolyn Boteilho, Baldwin Park, CA

The big cable companies already have too much control over what is broadcast on television; they shouldn't have even more power!
—Susan Dearing, LAGUNA WOODS, CA

Please ENSURE that the internet has free and equal access to all, not simply for big government and big business to dictate what is THEIR best interest!
—Eric Wischmann, Chanhassen, MN

I disapprove of the proposed Payola Broadband being pushed by FCC Chairman, Tom Wheeler. I want an internet with neutrality and no blocking, no discrimination, no slowdown, no speedup. Broadband internet access should be reclassified as a telecommunications service, and ISPs as common carriers. Let the people's voice be heard!
—Barbara Winner, Arnold, MD

I work in a start up like company, so this will affect me in many ways. For one, funding will be harder to get due to the concerns of competing with existing market players, which then everything else is just a chain effect from that. No funding, no job, no job, family suffers, family suffering... I think you get the picture.
—William Pickens, Carlsbad, CA

The internet needs to remain free and open for all, regardless of how much money they have. In this country we do not need another example of more money equaling more voice.
—Karl S. Schumaker, Boulder Creek, CA

I am 69 and retired, but I use the internet several times daily to organize volunteer work, connect with friends & family, and keep up with the news. It's also a place to share creatively and learn about other cultures. However, because I am limited to social security and cannot pay extra fees for speed, I disagree that I should be relegated to a 2nd-class citizen of the Internet. The Internet should be classified as a Common Carrier and the playing field should be level for all users.
—Robyn Lauster, Anchorage, AK

You guys suck
—Eugene Pagani, staten island, NY

The Internet is a public utility and, like the phone system, should be classified as a common carrier. It is also the most crucial communications medium in the world. If you members of the FCC choose to gut it by handing it over to the giant media monopolies you will have betrayed the American people and gravely wounded our 1st Amendment rights. Democracy cannot survive, let alone flourish, if the delivery of information is controlled by by a few powerful corporations. I urge each of you act on behalf of the American people by ensuring that Net Neutrality remains intact. It is critical for the health of our Republic and should be your number one concern.
—William Gibbons, Modesto, CA

Net neutrality is important!! If you would kill it you would not only kill the net neutrality but also new ideas of people on the internet and also small internet platforms that can't afford the money that is needed to bribe you and your friends like At&t not to extra slow down the site to be slower than a snail in the desert! Stop your never ending require for more and more money and money and moooooney.
—Lachner Lachnet, Gaimersheim, AZ

keep the internet a free market!
—Jonathan Cardenales, EDISON, NJ

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Net Neutrality is important to .me because I am sick of my government cosigning the systematic assault on my rights as an American. I am appauled at the position the individual has taken in America bent over in front corporations intent on taking us with no regard for our wellbeing. It is the job of the FCC to protect the individual from these bullies. The FCC has to step up in a real way here.
—Barb Eaves, Webster, NY

This is a key issue. Please make it a priority. Thank you.
—Gregory Morse, Long Beach, CA

INTERNET ACCESS SHOULD BE EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL AMERICANS, NOT JUST THE WEALTHIEST!
—Chris OBUCHOWSKI, Portland, OR

The FCC should not be choosing "winners & losers". The internet is democracy "unfettered". I encourage you to throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Gloria Rouse, Bentonville, AR

I am against the new rules that are being proposed by the FCC in regards to the internet.
—Chris McKeever, Stony Brook, NY

We need you to ensure that big business is not handed an opportunity to strangle my freedom to create an online startup—like Facebook and Twitter. This issue is critical. Please don't let conglomerates like Comcast cause you to make a decision that will destroy everything that is beautiful and possible with the Internet. THIS MATTERS! —Jeniffer Thompson, San Diego
—Jeniffer Thompson, San Diego, CA

Dear Sir or Madam, A few big companies are threatening the openness of the Internet as a forum for speech. It is crucial that policymakers protect that openness, for all the same reasons that free speech is important in the first place; the right to express oneself, the right to organize, to tell truth to power, to criticize others, and to engage in democratic conversation and debate. Comcast has one of the largest and most influential lobbies in the country. To allow the cable industry to influence its own regulation is a conflict of interest in a market where there is already so little competition that it is a virtual monopoly for them. Compared to other countries, Americans currently pay some of the highest rates for the poorest download speeds. The plan proposed is discriminatory and will not improve services to the individual consumer. The first statement on your 'What We Do' page is, "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities." To reclassify ISPs as common carriers is a good start. Thank you for taking comments on this important issue and for taking the time to read mine. Lisa Mott
—LD Mott, Newhall, CA

The internet is meant to be uncensored, you tyrannical fucks!
—Zachery Fisher, League City, TX

I support true net neutrality; the FCC should throw out its current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is irresponsible to give Internet Service Providers the power to create tiers of internet service and discriminate against smaller startup companies that may not be able to afford the extra fees required for "fast-lane" service.
—Jessica Rivera, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers to preserve net neutrality!
—Lauren Taylor, Or, OR

Don't give our band width to big corporations. Preserve net neutrality!
—Jim Autry, Modesto, CA

The net belongs to the world not to groups, special interest or companies!
—Sherry Owens, memphis, TN

My 90 year old mother lives in an assisted living facility. Comcast is the television monopoly there. She watches a little news each week and tennis matches like the French, U.S. and Australian opens. Since tennis is only broadcast on ESPN when there are tournaments, she is forced to subscribe to the sports add on. She pays $80 each month for programing she doesn't want or watch. This model is untenable for cable television and is even more so for the internet and our democracy. It is critical that Net Neutrality is maintained as is!
—Daryl J Shute, Littleton, CO

A free society needs a free and open Internet for all and no special treatment for special interests.
—Gealdine S. Jay, Menasha, WI

It's bad enough what some ISPs charge for access to the internet. The internet is not a luxury, it is a necessity to anyone for communication, news, vital information, job searching, etc. To allow providers even more discretion and to actually discriminate against people with less money, makes the "world wide web" a joke. Do we want to compare the USA to Communist China where they restrict the content that can be viewed? I thought we were better than that. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep Net Neutrality!
—Sharon MacDonald, Windsor, CT

Corporations run this country more than enough as it is.
—Amy Holt, Fitchburg, WI

The internet should remain free and open to all!
—Lisa Thomas, Issaquah, WA

The internet needs to be free! Don't close off the means for innovation.
—Catherine Ramos, Austin, TX

Dear FCC: Please leave well enough alone. If you change the rules for the internet, it's going to destroy more of the economy.
—Rosemarie Schaefer, Plano, TX

We the people, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberity for ourselves and our posterity did ordain and establish a constitution to protect our freedom of speech. Think about the beliefs on which our country was founded. We deserve better.
—Rachel Yount, Mason, TX

The Internet isn't broken. Don't fix it. Net Neutrality ensures our communication is free and open and fair to everyone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet free to all of us -- Protect Net Neutrality!
—Cristina White, Corvallis, OR

I use the Internet for work and Net Neutrality is important to keep my work cost effective.
—Sara Callais, Lafayette, LA

Profiting on democracy spells the end of democracy.
—Jacob Galfano, Shoreline, WA

The early internet emerged from an academic and military context and was designed to suit the needs of its early users. Academics valued free and equal sharing of content and democratic governance. Military users resisted encrypting the network itself, relegating security to an add-on that has proven difficult to implement in practice. There was really no business model in the early DNA of the net. Those fundamental characteristics resonate to this day, on a network that has been transformed in scale and intent. Corporations have now moved in and created a global marketplace where super-monopolies compete to profit from the actions of unaware users. States exploit its "open and boundary-less" nature to spy on citizens and wage covert war. As a sad reflection of power dynamics in our increasingly unequal society, it is a vehicle that often drowns out diverse languages, voices, and opinions, and reinforces views and content that serves the interest of those who largely control it. Despite all these issues, one redeeming element of the early internet survives: net neutrality. Net neutrality means that all traffic on the internet is treated equally. Anyone can start up a website and make it instantly available to the world on an equal basis as the biggest, richest corporations and most powerful governments. Net neutrality is an anti-discrimination policy for the net, and we are on the verge of losing it. Under a new set of rules put forward by the FCC, the oligopolies that provide internet access in the US would be allowed to begin charging content providers for differential treatment—essentially creating a "fast lane" on the internet for content providers who can afford to pay while relegating those who can't to a lower quality of service. This would end the era of democratic access that has driven unprecedented innovation, creativity, and empowerment for millions of people online. US broadband infrastructure is privately owned and operated by huge companies that often enjoy a near-monopoly position in their markets. According to FCC data, as of December 2012, nearly 30 percent of US households had only one choice for broadband provider. Monopoly holders have little incentive to weaken their profits by investing in infrastructure to improve service, so unsurprisingly the US is falling behind on global comparisons of broadband speed. Perhaps most damaging of all, network operators would have a powerful incentive to continue to under-invest in infrastructure. They would be allowed to charge for preferential access to a resource they could manage to ensure remained artificially scarce. The FCC should be looking at the appalling state of US broadband and aggressively moving to strengthen regulation of providers and to promote investment and upgrades. Instead, is is proposing to create new opportunities for giant telecoms to gouge their customers. This would further entrench the dominance of today's market giants and reduce opportunities for disruption by innovative newcomers. The shortsightedness of such a move is astounding. The end of net neutrality would create an elite private toll road on the internet, with grave consequences for us all. For internet users, the cost of those tolls would certainly be passed on via increased prices for the services we depend on. Anyone who operates a website would have to pay up or operate from a permanent disadvantage, further accelerating the trend towards giant digital monopolies. Perhaps most damaging of all, network operators would have a powerful incentive to continue to under-invest in infrastructure. Capacity constraints on their network would be transformed into profit opportunities. They would be allowed to charge for preferential access to a resource they could manage to ensure remained artificially scarce. Other countries understand the importance of net neutrality. In the past few months, legislation prohibiting content discrimination online has been approved in Chile, Ecuador, Brasil, and the European Parliament. Though the US government constantly issues rhetoric opposing the "fragmentation" of the internet and rails against those who would "censor" online activity, it apparently sees no problem with selling network priority to the highest bidder—effectively fragmenting and censoring the net by economic means. A neutral internet puts the power in the hands of the people, not the 1 percent. Without net neutrality, a community like reddit that motivates millions of internet citizens to organize, act, share and create might never have gotten off the ground. An organization like ThoughtWorks that creates jobs and sparks innovation could be stifled. The future of the internet could very well come to be dominated by incumbents and others rich enough to pay new tolls required to succeed online. The internet as a system with value to broader society is on life support. The battle to retain net neutrality is a defining moment for US companies, leaders and internet users to stand up to preserve what remains of this critical public good before it is destroyed forever.
—Austin Hall, Winfield, IL

Corporate giants already have ready access to the US money through rampant corruption. The internet is the only way for the disenfranchised American citizen to still possibly have his or her voice heard.
—Nekita Gandy, Starkville, MS

Net Neutrality is key to innovation on the internet.
—Paul Ghenoiu, Plattsburgh, NY

Net Neutrality is essential. The proposed internet rules will kill the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is a basic utility, just like electricity, telephone and natural gas. Everyone pays the basic rate and has equal fair access.
—Denise Cross, BERLIN, MA

NET NEUTRALITY MEANS THAT THE POOR HAVE AT LEAST *SOME* EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE WEALTHY- HAVE THE DECENCY TO ALLOW CHILDREN WHO LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE ONE TEENY, TINY LEG UP! The end of net neutrality is unconscionable, especially in today's political, social, and economic climate. Be smart about this, folks. You have the ability to be decent human beings. Try it out. Or else you're going to have to deal with the results.
—Heather Rodman, Boise, ID

Keep the Internet fair! Reclassify it as a common carrier like telephone companies and keep big, profitable companies from hijacking the Net in order to make more money!
—Allison McCaleb, Crystal Lake, IL

Equality!
—Susan Hutras, Dublin, OH

In many respects, the Internet has become a vital and global public utility, like phone or cable service. I think the FCC should exercise its option to regulate the Internet as a common carrier under Title II of the federal Telecommunications Act. It is evident that other recent legal challenges have clearly informed the FCC that it can reclassify Internet service providers as telecom carriers, thus allowing users to send and receive information without meddling by ISPs. Do the right thing for the people and regulate the Internet as a common carrier. Thank you
David L. Seals
—David Seals, Fairborn, OH

please reclassify ISP's as common carriers
—Marta, Petaluma, CA

The FCC's recent decision to allow internet service providers to create a multi-tiered system based on price (fast lanes for those who can afford it) undermines net neutrality and should be reversed. The internet has transformed how we receive information, communicate with each other, and learn about the world. Given the relative importance of this technology in our daily lives, it should rightfully be regarded as a public service institution. Therefore, fair and equal access should guaranteed for all regardless of the size of your bank account. For too long, I have witnessed crony capitalism at work in Washington and the FCC is no exception. Tom Wheeler, a former telecommunications lobbyist, has made a decision that in the long run will only benefit giant monopolies at the expense of everyone else. When we pay for internet access, we pay for equal access. It is not the prerogative of the provider to set prices based on what they deem is worthwhile content. If AT&T or Comcast believes we must have fast lanes to handle the ever increasing amount of internet traffic, I say make them ALL fast lanes. Simply put, tell them to upgrade their equipment and improve service but no extra fees for preferred treatment.
—John Connally, Los Gatos, CA

Corporations owning both medium and message (content) will sub-optimize the internet and create economic harm affecting everyone. People who don't trust their ISP not to limit their access so it can make a few more dollars, or who worry about being spied upon, will use the internet less, leading to less economic benefit for all. Net Neutrality should prevent discrimination and predatory behavior by ISP's, and without it we will all be worse off. Please keep the internet as free and open as possible with a strong policy enforcing net neutrality.
—Timothy Prosser, ann arbor, MI

Like me, huge numbers of persons with disabilities depend on the Internet to keep in touch with the community, and conduct necessary business, like paying bills. It is the ultimate cruelty joke that the FCC plans to allow discrimination online, whereby those with the means to afford the fast lane may purchase fast and comprehensive service, but disabled persons, who generally have lower incomes due to their disability, will be relegated to slower and limited service. It is already difficult for me to use the Internet, due to my muscle disorder. Now I may look forward to just another way of being treated like a second-class citizen. It is shameful that our country, which is to be looked up to in the world, has traded its ethics for the almighty dollar.
—Ruth Hardy, cincinnati, OH

Please throw out your proposed Internet rules that would lead to a two-tiered internet. Net neutrality is a key part of true democracy.
—Dr John Hemp, Oxford,

net neutrality is necessary for freedom of speech.
—David Raul Sifuentes, Kapaa, HI

It is our right. Our rights should not be taken away!!
—Billie Sue Braun, Round Lake, IL

These proposed "rules" are unacceptable! Free and open internet for all! No fast/slow lanes are necessary. The internet is NOT broken, it does NOT need fixing!
—Brandon Louthan, Ypsilanti, MI

I want more competition not less, I want cheaper and faster internet, not slow and expensive. In Europe they are kicking our ass with phone and internet service and speed and we need to head that direction, not the way we are headed now. Stop this crap, and save and make net neutrality stronger!
—Paul Harcey, New Hope, MN

You must stop this electorally-ignorant run toward autocratic-tyranny! Maintain an equal flow of information!
—John S. Sonin, Juneau, AK

Please leave the Internet the way is without changing it for the benefit of the rich and ready. Start caring for the masses not the few, we don't have unlimited amount of funds as the rich do. Thanks for listening.
—Craig Whitmire, Chino, CA

Net Neutrality is a necessary component of modern society if we want to continue to have a democracy and civil rights. Those representing the people need to stop giving away power and resources to the rich and powerful that already have too much!
—Perry McCarney, Auckland,

We must NOT give certain companies the power to pick "winners and losers" online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Sandi Covell, San Francisco, CA

YOU CAN RUN YOUR CAR ON HEMP OIL, SOLAR PANAL THE ROADS, CHANGE THE WORLD!!!!!! FUCK TONY ABBOTT!!!
—Fuck You!!!, Please....,

Hello....The net is how I receive my information and learn. The NET needs to be neutral, just as libraries remain neutral in the books and information people receive. Thank You.
—Ms. Marjorie Van Name, Pahrump, NV

IF DEMOCRACY IS IMPORTANT, IT NEEDS TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE WEB.
—Stephen Cox, EUGENR, OR

I AM A STUDENT WHO USES HIGH SPEED INTERNET ON A DAILY BASIS FOR SCHOOL. I AM A MOTHER OF A CHILD WHOSE CURRICULUM INCREASINGLY REQUIRES HIGH SPEED INTERNET. I AM A CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE ECONOMY...I NEED NET NEUTRALITY.
—Kateri Zuni, Albuquerque, NM

Greed based discriminatory monopoly policies unwanted. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!
—Renee Rodden, Sandy, OR

It's not right that only 1 cable TV/internet service provider has a monopoly in an area/neighborhood (Comcast in mine) unless you want to install a dish for TV. I rely on the internet for everything and while they already have a monopoly in providing the internet itself, they should not have (internet speed) control over the content I want to watch.
—Debbie Im, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet should be protected against profit exploitation by corporations big or small because it is the communication vehicle OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. The Internet needs to provide equal availability of information to all worldwide consumers without corporate interference or intervention. The Internet is not the Next Big Thing to be owned or controlled by wealthy corporations or persons. The Internet needs to be kept free and clear of corporate interference. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on this century's very important issue of Net Neutrality.
—Kathy Skaggs, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet should remain a level playing field for everyone. Corporations and governments have lobbyists, advertising dollars, etc. already. Enough is enough.
—Katherine Walters, Bell Island,

This is important, not just to individuals, but to the millions of business internet users who can't compete with the billions that Verizon and Comcast are willing to spend to bend your minds and wills. Please do the right thing, give up the "perks" you may be receiving to accommodate the special interest groups and instead, provide an honest service to the entire world. Thank you.
—Elizabeth Hall, Vida,, OR

ENOUGH WITH THE CORRUPTION AND PAYOUTS BY BIG BIZ FOR PROFITABILITY. WE ARE TAXED TO DEATH IN THE US. WE WORKING AMERICANS PAY FOR ALL THE ILLEGALS, DO NOTHING WELFARE RECEIPIENTS, AND SEC 8 HOUSING. I DONT NEED TO BE CHARGED EXTRA FOR SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN GETTING FOR FREE SINCE THE INTERNET BEGAN.
—Sharon Whitmire, Rochester Hills, MI

The internet is for everyone! Not just the people who can pay lots of money for their content to be faster than everyone else's. Small businesses utilize the internet everyday to reach millions of people that without the internet would not be possible. Map lease do not put us in the shadows of big business. Net Nuetrality is important to give small businesses a chance to compete fairly with big business. Please don't take that away from us.
—Cat Maxwell, Stevensville, MT

This is important to us all
—Mark Low, Houston, TX

When did American politicians and all their lickspittles become the new Nazis? What is WRONG with you people?
—Dorothy G. Wilkinson, Hollywood, CA

An open, fair, and neutral internet is imperative for continued technological, economic, and social innovation and progress in the 21st century. Please do not destroy the internet as we know it.
—Derek Kemp, Fort Myers, FL

Dear FCC, In regards to FCC Docket 14-28, please protect Net Neutrality. The proposed plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon create 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. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is unjust. Please throw out these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you very much for attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Stephen C. Durand
—Stephen C. Durand, Signal Mountain, TN

the Internet must remain free and open to all.
—Philip G Rich, Albany, NY

At the risk of repeating myself: Ted Sorensen said it best--"Government must give priority to the needs of ordinary citizens, . . . and not to the needs of those already sufficiently powerful and affluent to afford their own lobbyists." We the people deserve true net neutrality; not a plan that will allow rampant discrimination online.
—Lynn Fox, Dallas Center, IA

The internet is a being allowing free speech. By regulating it, you're impinging on rights. As a voter, this is a very important issue to me. I don't need to pay extra fees so that big corporations can let the rich have fast internet and the rest of us have slow. I am against all of these crazy rules you've put out. Stop letting big money have all the input.
—Alicia Koeb, Tampa, FL

Net Neutrality is important to give everyone an equal chance. We are sick and tired of large corporations using us and buying politicians and now the FCC to line their pockets. We are sick of it and will continue to fight. Stop the nonsense. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Maureen Kill, Seattle, WA

No single person or group should have control of the internet. The internet is simply our ability to communicate with each other globally. It is for all to benefit equally.
—D Braund, Burgess Hill,

This will just be one more thing to split this country into the haves and have not's go ahead do it lets have a real class war
—Robert Hubbard, Taylor, MI

Internet access should not be tiered. We already pay for so much to access for a family of 4 to have phone data plans and home internet. Its already too much and is disproportionate to the rest of household items. It will only benefit a few and due to the infrastructure in place communications companies will throttle existing service to carve out space for the premium services. This ensure s that existing service will be worse that it is now. The government should be ensuring the exact opposite of proposed changes. That all access is open and not throttled.
—Lester Skinner, Franklin, TN

allowing big companies to control any more of our freedom is just hastening the rapidly degraded state of America. Welcome to a fascist, police state subsidised by indiscriminate greed and unchecked capitalism,
—Wesley Wilson, Barrington, NH

It would be ridiculous to have to explain the importance of this, its just common sense.
—Steven Willhite, Fort Worth, TX

The internet is the greatest equalizer of communication since Gutenberg. Please protect Net Neutrality for the sake of this very valuable shared resource.
—Dana Welch, Santa Barbara, CA

If the FCC destroys net neutrality, it will prove to the American people that FCC rules are not dictated by what's fair or good for America, but by who can pay the most money for lobbyists.
—Sarathi Sathasivan, Austin, TX

real net neutrality ensures that the net's users hear from a diversity of voices, not just those with money.
—SC Whiteside, Christiansburg, VA

Um, let's see... we have this article of the Constitution called the First Amendment. If these new proposals are to try to cut down on internet piracy, well the problem lies with the companies to develop better technology so their products can't be pirated. If it's about censorship, well, that's just plain wrong. Although certain things on the internet shouldn't be accessible to minors, of course.
—Jim Ewing, Fort Worth, TX

Dear FCC Public Relations Representative, In our world, there is scarcity of resources. Sometimes this scarcity is perpetuated unduly by powerful entities and institutions that are more capable, as they have more financial prowess, than ordinary U. S. citizens. The Internet is not and should not be a limited resource. Please do not allow those who profit to ruin this invaluable resource that we refer to as the Internet by creating tiers of usage with prices attached. These companies are so big that people feel powerless when faced with the consequences of their attempts to provide fewer, less involved services to the public while maintaining profit margins that only inflate. Several companies that have arguably more consistent value systems with the general public have been too lax in requiring these "providers" to be more hospitable and offer better, more honest services. I cite Netflix as being at the forefront of companies that have spoken out against these unfair regulations that have been persistently lobbied for by companies that stand to profit from this particular form of oppression, i.e. Verizon and Comcast. Due to the lack of support from our lame duck congress, it is up to the body of government that represents the desires of the public interest in the Internet to hold the line between oppressive corporate money-grubbing and fairness, or neutrality. If the FCC continues to side with companies like Verizon and Comcast, I can only hope that people will join me in resisting, in whatever ways possible, your regulations. Keep in mind that Comcast was named the worst company of 2014, according to a poll by The Consumerist. What do you think the public will think when you side with them and not us? Thoughtfully, Nicholas Goodwin Adjunct Faculty, Merced College
—Nicholas Goodwin, San Jose, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jan Moore, Eugene, OR

Well, clearly, the reason I care about Net Neutrality is because I am among the hundreds of millions of people who would be stuck in the `slow lane' if it's removed -- along with most of the internet content that I currently enjoy. I don't want the Web to become like the Vegas skyline, completely dominated by a few bright signs blotting out the scenery; I'd like to continue to be able to choose, for myself, what I'm interested in.
—Kingsley Lintz, Aurora, CO

Keep the web open and equal to all!
—Meghan Blydenburgh, Fairfax, VA

Broadband access is concentrated in the hands of too few players in too many areas in the United States. Allowing broadband providers to charge services for preferential access on top of the charge to consumers is a bad idea that will stifle innovation and competition. This also allows broadband providers to compete unfairly with competitive video services to the providers' own video services. In short, our disastrous state of broadband access in the USA (i.e., almost no competition with monopolistic pricing power in the hands of the few players who offer the access (and at far too limited speeds compared to most advanced economies) really augurs against allowing those same providers from gouging competitive services that are distributed via the broadband provider's networks to the consumer.
—Zachary S, Beverly Hills, CA

Dear FCC: This country does not need another U.S. Chamber of Commerce. However, it does need a functioning Federal Communication Commission to oversee the communications industries that serve the public. It's been said that democracy withers when public participation wanes. It's the very duty of the public to direct those 'public eyes' on their representative agencies. Internet services are a public utility. The obligation and honor of the FCC is to protect that public utility, despite any and all private peruaion$.
—John Kelly, Philadelphia, PA

No "Net Neutrality" in name only. Keep the Net TRULY Neutral, not dominated by a few companies selling speed to commercial interests while slowing non-commercial users.
—Joseph DeLeon, Orland Park, IL

Any classification short of common carrier will leave the internet vulnerable to corporate manipulation.
—Ruth Pennoyer, West Orange, NJ

the Federal Communications Commission approved in 2010. The point of the rules was to keep the companies that hold the keys to the Web from playing favorites. Internet service providers should not be allowed to block or "unreasonably discriminating" against any legal website or other piece of online content. Why should we have to pay more than we already do for fast internet speeds just to do much of the research or even work and entertainment people do? keep it fair and balanced!!
—Joanne Lynn Benjamin, Marienville, PA

My husband and I are senior citizens and have just started internet usage and it finally means a lot to us. Please don't make it less easy to use or more expensive. If cell phones get expensive (which they are) we might be able to figure out how to communicate next on the internet. In fact we are doing that too now. Please don't change it.
—Penelope Warnholtz, Springfield, MO

For once, do your job: prevent blatant monopoly and the consumer abuse and stifling of innovation that comes with it.
—Ryan Davis, Fremont, CA

The Internet has increasingly become the key to almost everything in modern life. It would be terrible if it became as unequal as everything else in this country. It would be a huge blow to equality (and to freedom of the press). The FCC needs to protect Net Neutrality.
—Rose Beach, Middleton, WI

The neutrality of the Internet should not be overthrown for the mere purpose of corporate profit. We must uphold net neutrality.
—Gray Gannaway, Portland, OR

Please review and revise the Net "Neutrality" plan; and, more importantly, PLEASE stop calling it "Net Neutrality". It's a misnomer that confuses people. I realize that was by design, but intending to confuse the public with PR trickery is downright sleazy. We're willing to give you a do-over if you play fair from now on.
—Amanda M. Pirkl, South St Paul, MN

Catering to the rich & corporate elites while channeling large segments of the population toward a 2d-class citizenry is WRONG, and this misguided "proposal" is evidence of that fact.
—RW Etheridge, Cantonment, FL

It works as it is and gives a level playing field for everyone. The ONLY reason to change is to give bigger profits to the Big Boys.
—Richard Pond, Prescott Valley, AZ

Keep access to the internet free and equal. No fast lanes for cash.
—James Strichartz, Seattle, WA

I strongly urge the FCC to not allow discrimination online by a 2 tiered internet system.. the Internet is a public utility and should be the same speed for all users. We need to keep the internet neutral. Please be fair to all Americans using the Internet and reclassify the Internet as a common carrier. just like Electricity -- there is just one speed of delivery - to everyones home.. the same should be for the Internet. It would ensure competition by making Cable and Cell phone compamies compete on a identical product.. so that the only difference would be who who offer the same product at a better price. This is true competition. Since I believe it is the job of the FCC to protect ordinary American's interests this would best serve that purpose. By alllowing the Cable and Cell phone companies to discriminate by offering 2 speeds that only serves Corp America profit margins and the Rich - who can afford to pay for the faster speeds. That is not what what America is all about. it is about all Americans being equal.. and no discrimination! Please do the right thing and protect every American's interests, by keeping the Internet neutral.. Reclassify the ISP as a common carrier. That is the only way it can be assured that the Internet remains the same for everyone! I really feel that this is a duty you are charged with at the FCC -- that being to protect the interests of the average American in all American communication devices.
—Mary kERR, Schaumburg, IL

This is unacceptable and a limitation to everyone's right to freedom in information and speech.
—Samantha Hilyer, calgary,

THE WORLD RELIES ON THE INTERNET. OPPRESSION OF THE INTERNET WILL RESULT IN A WIDE SPREAD UPRISING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO PRIZE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO PURSUE HAPPINESS! You shall learn the hard way...
—Spencer Dias, Bedford, NH

If it isn't broken don't fix it. Giving some providers extra power is antithetical to the peer to peer design of the Internet.
—Edwin Philbrook, LATHAM, NY

Internet Service Providers are the 21st century's Bell Telephone and should be treated as common carriers. Net neutrality is where the future must lie. A tiered system is where it will die.
—Carol L Couch, Santa Fe, NM

It's about freedom of speech and communication.
—Bonnie Knight, Bogata, TX

Net Neutrality: So the little man can watch the big dogs.
—Simon To, Castro Valley, CA

PLEASE do not go forward with your proposed Internet rules. Everyone needs equal access to the Internet, not your proposed two-tiered system that only classifies media giants like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon as "common carriers". All ISP's need to be classified as common carriers. Thank you, Christine Bourdette Portland, OR
—Christine Bourdette, Portland, OR

I don't trust corporate "gatekeepers" like Comcast, AT&T, et al. to have MY interests at heart when they set broadband policies. THEY should not have the power to decide WHICH content I can access and how fast!
—Amy Carpenter, Eugene, OR

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—V Stone, Cheltenham,

Net neutrality is the only truly fair way. Please, do not allow the internet to go 'the way of all things American' and be controlled and manipulated by the huge corporations and as always at the expense and to the detriment of the consumer.
—John Cesari, Rome, NY

This is essential to democracy and probably survival.
—Joyce Banzhaf, Grass Valley, CA

The Internet is the last real place for democracy to flourish. Unfettered flows of information allow everyone to be well informed. But beyond that: the Internet allows small businesses to flourish in the face of competition from larger competitors. A free Internet protects true capitalism and allows constant market innovation. Net Neutrality may be the last bulwark in the battle against oligarchy.
—Michael C Riehle, Stockton, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet is a tool by the people and for the people. The free exchange of ideas and information is essential for a free and enlightened population. The Internet has become synonymous with free speech not only in the country but throughout the world. A look at the Arab Spring shows how the Internet can spur, organize and inspire the populations of entire nations to enact widespread political and social reform. A service provider should not be given the power to regulate what information or source of information gets preference over another. If access to certain information can be restricted, then the free exchange of information and ideas will be compromised, and the most important tool for the dissemination of information and idea will no longer serve the people. Instead it will serve ISPs and wealthy entities that can buy preferential treatment for their websites. I already know this a land by the rich and for the rich, but if you want to maintain the facade of by the people and for the people, don't brazenly sabotage the people's most influential tool in maintaining liberty and freedom via free speech; the Internet. If you vote to end Net Neutrality this will be yet another piece of evidence that our current government does not care about the voice of the people or its well-being, and yet another piece of evidence that it caters to corporate interests and the wealthy above all else.
—James Dietter, Danbury, CT

Since I do not have a large war chest, nor am I funded by any special interest group I will, under the proposed rules get to live underground and look at everything very very slowly. My own small business will not be able to pay the fees to funnel traffic to my site, so it will shrivel up and die. But I guess the Web should be only for the super rich and the corporate powers that rule our lives... a fact that is proved quite clearly by the craven way the current FCC Commissioners had this gift to their corporate bosses. Soon there will be a nice revolving door for them to a cushy job, where maybe they can afford to surf wherever they like.
—Art Hazelwood, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality protects freedom of speech, levels the playing field for all business on the web regardless of size, protects businesses which have competing services with ISP, represents the interest of the most citizens and businesses.
—Rob Wells, milwaukie, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, thank you. Last time someone allowed what people say and heard resulted in shit.
—Steve, Hamilton,

likes like likes. Net neutrality FOREVER!
—Ronald, Burleson, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect net neutrality.
—Aaron Poukkula, Yakima, WA

We all deserve a free, open internet that treats each of us the same.
—Ashley A Schutt, Surprise, AZ

Now we have an internet that is equal for all. If the new rules are put in place, people will get good internet only if they pay extra money, therefore, we will have the best internet money can buy, instead of great internet equality for all.
—Kimberly L. Lairson, Richmond, IN

Netflix's claim against Comcast and Verizon are valid as I have had similar experiences.
—Joseph Grier, taylorsville, UT

Allowing a system where only those with money can afford decent Internet speeds destroys competition on the Internet. There are zero good reasons why there should be two (or more) speeds for the Internet. The Internet is a world for all the creativity and ingenuity of humanity to flourish and be accessed, allowing richer companies to pay for faster speeds will mean that if you want your original content to be accessed by as many people as possible, you'll have to sign up with a larger company who can pay for those speeds, who will likely then screw you with contracts. Put simply, this is going to create a monopoly where only those with the money to pay for the higher speeds will get the majority of the traffic, and then those costs are going to be passed onto the consumers (creating a host of additional problems). The system works now, don't break it just because it isn't broken!
—Raymond Rez, Sydney,

do not allow big corporations to crush small startup businesses and destroy the internet as we know it
—Jordan Fuller, las vegas, NV

This should not even be considered. No one othe than the providers want this to happen and you know why. You also know exactly what will happen and how if this is approved. Your Sunday morning talking points fool no one.
—Mack Price, Raleigh, NC

The proposal Chairman Wheeler has proposed is a way to segregate the use of the internet. This does not treat everyone and every business the same. The Internet has become the new Library and Encyclopedia for information searches and access. It is just not right to take away free access to the Internet. Even local businesses have set up Free WIFI which is a public service. Access is available to a nominal fee through cable and phone companies. That would change with a tiered system. The Internet should be a 'PUBLIC UTILITY' which would equalize the access for everyone. The United States does not even have the fastest speeds compared to other countries..
—Judy Pigg Behrendt, Kalamazoo, MI

I am a writer and creator of content. I believe anything I create on the internet should have just as much of a chance to thrive as a something created by a company with millions of dollars.
—Robert Flippo, Norman, OK

FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Dawn Turner, elkton, MD

Net neutrality is critically important to all current and future citizens of the United States and if preserved will continue to be a dominant source of innovation, and support for all businesses including small business start-ups and future Apple, Google, Facebook, etc. like companies. The availability of an equal internet for all should be a universal right, and should be protected as such. Without net neutrality, innovation in the US will stifle, employment rates will be unable to meet needs, and the positive fundamentals of the free market will cease to exist. Please do not eliminate equal access to an equal internet. This issue should be a paramount concern of the current generation.
—Erin Arslanagic, La Jolla, CA

Dump Chairman Wheeler's plan and protect net neutrality for the people. Stop giving in to big business. Do the right thing.
—Geoff Lizotte, Wilmot, NH

Small businesses deserve an equal opportunity to participate in the marketplace.
—Lauren Russell, Eugene, OR

It is not broken, so leave it alone. Everyone will abandon the net, if these changes go through, everyone will lose.
—Melvin, Richmond, VA

Equal access to the internet is very important to me.
—Shira Mendes de León, Ashland, OR

Net Neutraility is the cornerstone of Internet freedom.
—Ivan Kohler, Truckee, CA

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed rules and anything else that endangers equitable and fair access to the internet, as are the vast majority of Americans. Please do not adopt rules that threaten net neutrality.
—Reenie De Geus, North Montpelier, VT

Freedom is the cornerstone of our country, not profit. Let the internet reflect that.
—Jordan Hill, Tucson, AZ

Civil Liberties, Expose Corruption and Fraud.
—Ryan Bradley, Greenbelt, MD

Net neutrality is essential to a true democracy and anyone threatening net neutrality is a threat to democracy.
—April Nicklaus, East Windsor, NJ

This is a very important part of a democracy.
—Fran Hickey, Bethesda, MD

Making certain sites faster than others is tantamount to censorship. I thought only in dictatorships did this kind of thing happen. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers--NOW
—J LeBlanc, Lebanon, NH

Hello to the person reading this. Please realize that I am not another dumb beer-guzzling porn-watching idiot. I depend on an open discrimination-free internet for finding the information that I need in every area of my life as well as my loved ones lives. Information that includes preventing cancer, healing diseases, understanding what is happening in the world, economic decisions, consciousness expansion and inspiration from the wisest and kindest among us. An open non-commercial internet that is not ruled by corporate money and restricted by corporate values is valuable beyond anything I can describe here. it is beyond measure AND it is not available through any other means. Please don't make the highly unfortunate decision to make this yet another realm for corporate profit and restrict us to the type of misguided, greedy and limited information that will result from that. If you do that, you will be doing an unspeakable disservice to humanity, that can perhaps even be called a crime against humanity. You have been put in a position of enormous power to decide the future course of humanity, please be aware of this. please let us live our highest potential, please look inside your heart and see if it tells you that corporate profit is the highest value you are meant to promote in this life. I think that your heart will tell you that it isn't. Please keep the internet free and open. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
—David Decoz, Pahoa, HI

I don't want to see the Internet -- a forum for the free exchange of ideas -- to become monopolized for corporation intent on profits at the expense of everything else.
—MIchael Rosa, west hartford, CT

I strongly believe that the proposed rue changes will dampen internet innovation and lead to a more expensive internet for average Americans. This seems clearly intended to benefit only one constituency, the telecommunications industry, and not the common good. Please leave Net Neutrality intact as it stands and reject the current proposed rule changes. Thank you.
—Kelsey Bogdan, Melrose, MA

Please do not create a two-tier Internet. Do not institute a program that creates first- and second-class net citizens.Do not start a discriminatory policy that would affect all content providers.
—Robert Graybill, Ashland,, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Keith Mackin, SEATTLE, WA

We need to preserve net neutrality. Small community groups and nonprofit organizations deserve equal treatment on the internet.
—Teresa Chegin, Seattle, WA

The internet was intended to provide a free equal service to everyone. Not just another way for big money to control us.
—Ms Bettye Short, Austin, TX

You must preserve real Net Neutrality! Based on the court opinions that have come down against the FCC you must reclassify broadband Internet! There is simply no other way to prevent the huge providers like Comcast from turning the net into a two lane highway with the best service reserved only for those who can pay for it. The net as we know it will no longer exist because the little guy won't be able to compete.
—Brian Westphal, Ypsilanti, MI

ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Nauman mangla, Grand Rapids, MI

the free flow of communication equal to all is the key to a true democracy...without it oligarchy and corporations rules the peasants and the Democracy of the United States will be a thing of the past
—Rick Myers, ashland, MA

ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Emily Verville, Grand Rapids, MI

Do NOT destroy Net Neutrality!!!!! It means free speech on the internet and is our only prayer for holding cable and internet companies accountable. Creating a 'two-tiered' Internet where only paying mega-corporations get real service is an incredibly corrupt idea and it's your job to stop it.
—Rachel Story, Cape Girardeau, MO

Net neutrality is essential to preserve the freedom of open communication and removing internet freedoms will only cause many problems. The internet allows people from any background to share their ideas with the world, making websites pay is unethical and would limit the spread of free knowledge. Please do not take away this fundamental aspect of the internet!
—Trisha Thomas, Naperville, IL

Net Neutrality is pretty much the only thing that ressemble to democracy and free speech anymore.
—Vincent Aucoin, Quebec,

If you take away net neutrality, the internet will end up like television is now.
—Ivy Welsh, Franklin, TN

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is the last truly open frontier on Earth. It is currently the only venue left where the haves don't rule the have-nots. Why is it that mankind insists on mirroring it's class structure on every institution in existence? Can we please leave our last bastion of true freedom alone and not pollute it with our insatiable motives for profit that always inevitably lead to command and control? Favoritism for hire has no place on the open Internet. Please, I implore you, do what is just and honor Net Neutrality by safeguarding the Internet against ANY form of discrimination! Thank You!
—Andrew-Wood: Arnold, Austin, TX

Dear Sirs; Net Neutrality is important so that a variety of news is presented, and many different viewpoints are told. That way, a few corporations can't control everything. Sincerely, Lisl Weilgart
—LIsl Weilgart, Sacramento, CA

Equal access to the internet is critical in a free society.
—S Shore, Burbank, CA

Net neutrality is necessary to provide everyone with an equal voice.
—Susan Ellingson, Saint Paul, MN

Please keep the internet neutral. I can see the disaster unfolding if you should eliminate net neutrality. Most of us common people cannot afford the higher rates for internet use and speed that will follow. Don't give the big corporation any more power to run our lives and drain our pockets with this sham. I voted for President Obama and since he appointed Chairman Wheeler I will definitely hold him responsible for this looming disaster. I am as usual totally disgusted that this government will refuse to work in favor of the majority of Americans.
—William Edwards, Staten Island, NY

I don't know what to say. This is so scary, so controlling, so very wrong.
—Jovinita Meisenbach, Crescent city, CA

How can you let a horrible thing like this happen in the United States of America?!!!
—Carol Lynn Harp, Black Diamond, WA

Greedy corporations
—Lois Dunn, Mesa8, AZ

We cannot afford to suppress the innovation that occurs on the web. If there are two tracks, small companies or innovative sites will never attract enough traffic to take off. Furthermore, the companies that provide the Internet service will be able to promote their own content above any other company. The providers want to also control the content. This is represents an unacceptable restriction of free trade and competition. No packet of information should be prioritized over any other.
—Robert Leduc, Saint Paul, MN

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers and preserve Net Neutrality.
—Jill Morrison, San Francisco, CA

Without net neutrality the smaller busininess will never rise to be bigger businessness. We must ensure the future growth of our economy and to do so we must have a fair playing field. We know that isn't the current situation but by creating a two lane system you are kicking the little guy and then knocking him out. Bigger companies and corporations already have the upper hand based on their size and power alone. They truely won't suffer and haven't suffered from the current status of the net as it is. The advantage is already in their favor. This is a matter of class warfare and will only create an even larger divide.
—Cori Carlson, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me as I have access to only ONE non-satellite-based Internet Service Provider, and their ability to manipulate the speed of my service would be catastrophic to my business.
—Conor Flynn, Blairstown, NJ

Please don't go through with this. The potential for abuse is huge. The internet shouldn't become something that you have to pay extra for to get your message or data out there. Where would it stop? Would the companies then charge customers extra to view what's in the fast lanes of the internet. It's just wrong.
—Deborah daigle, Palatine, IL

Net neutrality allows revolutionary ideas and ground-breaking inventions to take root. Most of your buddies populating the mega-corps you bow to began humbly. If they had been constrained, they could not have risen. Likewise, developments, inventions and movements of great impact could not have risen. Make no mistake: crushing net neutrality is paramount to supporting censorship. The US is not (yet) a Communist state. Abolishing net neutrality is a nail in the coffin of Democracy. This serves no one, other than the short-term interests of a few overpaid, power-hungry executives. Don't be seduced.
—Leslie Stock, Napa, CA

Because I need the Internet? Like DUH! Screw the corporations and its $$$
—Danny S Markowski, Buda, TX

It is critical that we move in the opposite direction than that proposed by FCC: We need more competition, not less, we need subsidized access for people, for cities, for rural areas. We cannot function in today's world without internet access. Corporations should not have the right to profit from what is a public service. If regulated, it should resemble that of other utilities. Two tracks means greater corporate profit, not greater access. Do not let this be one more way that America shows the world the way to leave democracy behind. Stand up to corporate interests for the greater good of our nation.
—Ms. Gail Moriarty, San Diego, CA

The internet is a common carrier. You can't fool all of us.
—Naomi Van Pelt, Hoopa, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to the American way of life! Please do not allow the internet providers to CONTROL the internet. Keep access to every site the same as all the others. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect and preserve net neutrality.
—Amy Orlauski, Los Osos, CA

The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Evelyn Bishop, Grizzly Flats, CA

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—Jane Scoredos, LOS OSOS, CA

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—Michael Olson, LOS OSOS, CA

FCC Throw out your rules that are proposed to do away with Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sam Callaway, Carmel Valley, CA

You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No issue has been more important to my generation, or more likely to jeopardize the future of the internet. Data is data. No fast lanes.
—Chris Russell, Norcross, GA

The beauty of the web is the equal opportunity it brings businesses. We need to paintain net neutrality
—Nikki, Brooklyn, NY

This is a public utility, not a private resource for those who can pay the most for the best access. Guarantee open, equal access to the Internet for all.
—Elliott Kim, Riverside, CA

Big companies have enough money and power, leave the Internet alone, better they it is than to controls speed by who pays. So wrong.
—Steve Stevenson, Chilliwack,

Net is one of the few ways one can get information that isn't influenced by either the government, the corporate world or main stream news. These days one needs a variety of information to understand what is going on in the world quickly. Net neutrality is necessary for democracy to exist. Without it our democracy is doomed.
—Gw Derieg, lafayette, LA

The Internet should be equally available to all uses.
—John Acevedo, Simpsonville, MD

We already have horrible service from all of the Internet service providers. I just moved to a new house, and I only have one choice for my broadband Internet. They have horrible service, sky-high prices, and poor customer service, but I have no choice. There is no reason for changing the law except to tip the balances in the favor of these big corporations. I am tired of all of the lobbying, when will politicians actually do something that is good for us? Show some guts and do the right thing for once. You will be judged by this for the rest of your life.
—Pejman Kalkhoran, Lake Forest, CA

The internet is a utility, and monopolistic corporations should not control it.
—Martin Harris, Monument Valley, UT

I work for a public library and volunteer with several not-for-profit charities. These organizations depend on bandwidth and good response time for their work. Our society and our nation needs net neutrality.
—Donna Schumann, Olympia, WA

Too often in this country, opportunities that help many Americans achieve the American dream are tapped out by those who maximize those opportunities not just because of their abilities but because they affect governmental regulations to achieve maximization of those opportunities. Explain to Americans why Net Neutrality laws are being changed for our best interest, and then we can fairly look into why they must be changed.
—Ryan Derico, Chicago, IL

I support net neutrality because the internet is one of the last vestiges of our free speech and large corporations already control almost all of the media we consume as Americans.
—Simon Cox, madison, WI

Net neutrality allows for freedom of information in an ACCESSIBLE manner. How "accessible" will certain sites be if a two-tiered system is put in place with a "slow lane" and a "fast lane" that allows you to stream TV shows instantly but take an hour to download a simple pdf file for school? ALL information on the internet should be EQUALLY accessible. The internet is a common carrier and should stay that way!
—Amanda Wood, Waterdown,

Fast internet is not a vanity service; it's a powerful instrument for economic growth. The government should not compromise this instrument by letting private companies dictate its use. These companies don't own the internet, they are just a gateway. Our government up to now has not been able to promote healthy competition in the telecommunications market. With a virtual monopoly in internet services, a tiny number of companies already generate astronomical profits. They can already slow down the internet from the user end. It is expensive to get fast internet. Now they want to squeeze the other end as well, so that much of the content on the internet may be obstructed. FCC members, Americans are counting on you to protect this economic and cultural resource, not cripple it. Thank you.
—Lisa Gualtieri, Encino, CA

You've sold out broadcast television to the highest bidder. Please don't do that to the Internet.
—Don Peters, Pullman, WA

Net neutrality is the key to repairing democracy.
—Scott Vanrossum, Milwaukee, WI

Our concept of democracy demands equal access to "utility" resources not based on wealth.
—Don Stephens, Portland, OR

The internet works the way it is. Changing it will make the bigger companies control the way content is seen.
—Ann, San Diego, CA

I agree with the young activist Michael Howell: "Would it be fair if public highways made deals with certain car companies to provide faster lanes for their cars only? Of course not! But that's what you're planning to do with the internet... Please DO THE RIGHT THING and keep the internet FREE AND OPEN!"
—Melissa Willer, Shawnee, KS

Net Neutrality is my source of supplements for myself and, just as importantly, for my mother, who is 94 years of age. The Net provides the most in-depth coverage of supplements, medicines that have worked for Mom for 10 years. If you remove Net Neutrality, the search for nutrition may or may not happen. If we're left waiting, the nutrition, the medicine, really, may or may not be available, depending on how long I must wait. I trust you can intuit the process I must repeat again and again. Please save net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Kea Martin, santa monica, CA

Dear FCC, At its core, the internet is a network of information connecting people around the world. By giving certain information and people beneficial treatment in exchange for money, you essentially corrupt the internet and remove the characteristic that makes the internet so valuable.
—Phil Downing, Portland, OR

To keep the free market thriving, we need to enhance - not limit - internet access by individuals and small businesses. We are already behind other developed nations in terms of infrastructure and speed - this will slow the vast majority of content to a crawl for all but the highest bidders. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. Keep the internet open, safe, and equal.
—Teresa Raschilla, Culver City, CA

The net is a utility, not a luxury anymore. And all the best things about it have come from the equal flow of information. Mess with that and you're messing with both democracy and equality. For everyone.
—Tina Aspiala, Helsinki,

If you let companies trample on our freedoms this won't be the land of the free or the home of the brave anymore.
—Zachary Thompson, lilburn, GA

Stopping the corporate dictatorship in America begins on the Internet. The Net is for everyone, don't f%#$ it up.
—Scott Ford, hollywood, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and protect REAL Net Neutrality !
—Andrew Altamirano, Los Angeles, CA

The sharing of information and ideas leads to growth and innovation. Limiting this function in any way is detrimental to all bu those few who stand to gain short-sighted profits that will outweigh concern for the future - in their estimation.
—Jesse Caron, Antioch, TN

ISP'S must be reclassified as common carriers if the Internet is to remain accessible to the American people regardless of their ability to pay. Please do not destroy what has been spontaneously and democratically created. Thank you for considering my comment.
—Theresa Owens, eureka, CA

We need Net Neutrality to stop our country from becoming a total Oligarchy. The rich are rich enough. Do not add more economic burden to the Middle Class. We pay through the nose as it is, while big monopolies get their tax breaks, shelters and even subsidies.
—T P Chang, Indianapolis, IN

Dear members of FCC, I am requesting you people to trow out and forget, please, your proposed rules for Internet. Your proposal is not good for me or for most of the Earth's people. Your proposal is good for the Corporations which benefits a small amount of people, it is not Democracy. Keep the Internet like I know and use it. I know that nothing is perfect and sometimes somebody try take advantage of something or somebody. But I am quite happy with the Internet free. I believe that if have one symbol of Freedom (Democracy maybe) capable to help, inffluenciate, and promote life quality improvement, it is the Internet. Keep the internet free. Thank you Alex
—Alex Vieira, auckland,

Freedom of speech equates with freedom of information! The Internet is a vehicle for freedom of information NOT just commerce.
—Joe Stoner, Bethesda,

Without Net Neutrality we will never know what's really happening in the world. First Amendment rights! Protect them!
—Colleen Blake, Parma Heights, OH

Net Neutrality or boycott, fun events, & local initiatives to prove we don't need you
—Kayleigh Roberts, Sumter, SC

Dear Sirs, Net Neutrality is the reason that many businesses can succeed on the Internet. It promotes innovation and diversity. It's one of the reasons that the Internet is genuinely interesting. Allowing ISPs to create a two-tiered system will destroy that. It will stifle businesses, reduce consumer choice, promote monopolistic behaviour and mediocrity. I ask you to reconsider your proposal to change the rules. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not take Net Neutrality away. Yours sincerely, Matt Gorle
—Matt Gorle, Lydbrook,

The internet should be a free and open source of information, entertainment, and communication. As it stands, people can't afford to get internet in their homes and classrooms- and hiking up the costs is only going to make the internet something for the elite to have. Does this country really need something else just for the elite? We are not dumb, blind, or deaf- the direction of this needs to change soon, or people will rise up- especially without the internet around to distract them.
—Victoria Chandler, Lakewood, CO

It's not right, and will effect my view on the government and how it listens to the people of the United States.
—Christopher Morgan, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such!
—George Schneider, San Diego, CA

The Internet is a public service. The Internet is no different than the Post Office, it is a common carrier. Free, unfettered and unrestricted access to the Internet is vital to me and all the people of this nation. An open and unrestricted Internet, without special "lanes" for those who can pay for them, is in the best interest of our country. It is imperative that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers, because that is what they are.
—Willowbei Eversole, Bloomington, IN

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—Timothy Schacht, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Net neutrality upholds the 1st Amendment as it allows for peoples from all walks of life, social and financial stature to be represented equally. Without net neutrality, the rich companies can buy a bigger voice on the internet, effectively hindering the speech of the less wealthy.
—Emily Westbrook, Independence, KY

Big corporate money will buy even more access at a faster pace spewing their lies and propaganda .Our democracy is virtually gone already but this would the death dealing stab wound in a body already macerated by the vicious self serving blows delivered by our senators and congressmen aka. (revolving door lobbyists). Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We want net neutrality. Anything else is just plain stupid.
—Linda Crammatte, haiku, HI

Those bastards.
—Gary Weaver, Franktown, CO

Mega corporations, such as Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, etc. are controlling the lives of all Americans. It's in the best interest of all citizens, to NOT let a two-tiered system of Internet service, ever become a reality. Please stop the insanity on this issue.
—Warren William Stouch, Berwyn, PA

I am a 70 year old single man with only $1,000 per month from Social Security. To supplement my income I work part time from my home answering telephone calls routed through the internet. The end of net neutrality could hurt not only my income, but the income of hundreds of thousands of others who perform work at home jobs. Internet providers could raise the fees on the companies I represent creating an undue hardship upon them, causing them to lower the already meager monies that all of us earn. Please do not allow this to happen.
—Maurice Harp, ORLANDO, FL

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL! NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS! IT'S AMAZING THAT THIS PLAN IS EVEN UNDER CONSIDERATION! IT'S A NO-BRAINER THAT IT SHOULD BE A NO GO!
—Dave Henderson, NOTTINGHAM, MD

I am a (woefully underfunded) librarian and see the gap between the internet haves and have-nots everyday. YOU KNOW that the outcome of this plan is to create an even wider social gap. THIS IS REPREHENSIBLE. I DO NOT SUPPOR THIS PLAN.
—Judy Doyle, Hyde Park, NY

I feel that the air waves belong to the people.control of the air waves is like controling the press. I belive in a FREE PRESS
—Mr. Kenn Croisant, galveston, TX

I supplement my small social security income by contributing opinion to a website. If you take away neutrality, you will squash opportunities for small, independent sites and little worker bees like myself, not to mention limiting the diversity that contributes to our culture.
—Judith Gayle, Wheatland, MO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! The internet, like our roads, was developed with public funds and must remain open for the public to use.
—Rachael Atchison, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want the freedom to visit the sites I want and to give others the freedom to create the sites they want, to show their ideas online or get people excited about new products. The Internet, while it certainly does have bad things on it, is a very important form of communication, and if we let companies have monopolies on sites and force us to pay extra for them, then our growth socially and technically will halt.
—Annie Stout, Annandale, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because otherwise the most hopeful tool for participation of the people will be taken out of our hands and - like newspapers, television and radio - handed over to those who already wield the power to influence politics and - in effect - to tune out opposition.
—Dr. Alexander Henrich, Hamburg, VA

Free Speech doesn't mean what you can say but how you can afford to say it.
—John Batenhorst, Jackson, WY

You can't stop the internet, it would be like trying to make alcohol illegal all over again. Realize that you do no have this power and stop this nonsense now!
—Eric Hörberg, Stockholm,

I use the internet for online advocacy. NO internet fast lane!
—Amy Faulring, Boston, MA

It imperative that we keep equal access to all americans whether rich or poor. This would be another step towards blocking out the least of our society that has no voice. We see what a lack of access to education is doing to our country. See the correlation between level of education and level of crime in any city in America. Now we want to add one more factor to this already unbalanced equation. Net Neutrality is the most important "freedom" to protect.
—Emile Corneile, Woodbridge, VA

Keep the Internet free and neutral. Thank you for your time.
—Michael Seager, Mentor, OH

Because I still believe in a free America.
—Lane Adams, Grandview, MO

These rules should not be enacted. It seems you are bought and paid for by cable companies. How about do something because it's the right thing to do and not be sold to the highest bidder?
—Corrie Ames, S0UND BEACH, NY

Keep the net open and free. Make it a class 2 communications. It is just like a utilities such as water and power. Making a so called "Fast Lane" is a joke. You give the ISP providers our tax money to lay fiber and they have done nothing but stalled and abused this right that we gave them and now you want to give them more power? When they have shown not be responsible ore caring about the people of this nation. It makes me wonder how well you sleep at night knowing you are in bed with the enemy called corporate America. I remember when this nation was by the people for the people. Now actions such as this and many other are slowly taking our rights and freedoms away.
—Wade Glenn Whitworth Jr, Lake Worth, FL

Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suz Comer, Wallingford, PA

The Internet should be fair! Protect Net Neutrality!
—Kacy Kubeldis, ERIE, PA

Reclassify ISPsas common carriers to protect net neutrality. We're fed up with your bullahit, tommy boy.
—Sean McGlinn, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

The government is blatantly trying to screw over consumers and small businesses and pad the pockets of large corporations. It's disgusting that this is even being considered. You should be ashamed of yourselves and your backdoor deals. As a small business owner - this plus Obamacare are the final 2 nails in the coffin. Why even bother at this point? The American dream is dead and Congress and the current administration slaughtered it. The FCC should 1) not even ALLOW anyone who has been a lobbyist to lead it and 2) throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jane Maccubbin, Nottingham, MD

The net should stay as a place for everyone to use.
—Ruth Keller, Petersburg, VA

Net neutrality is closest thing to free speech we can have. Please enable diverse voices to be heard.
—Melanija Tomic, Potomac, MD

This restricts competition. We need less government interference. We don't need anymore monopolies. We need more competition!
—Greg Fernandez, Macomb, MI

Only Real Net Neutrality saves Real Democracy!
—Harry Schneider, San Jose, CA

Just because I cannot afford the "whole" package, I still need to have a freedom to visit sites I need, not just those available through corporate subsidies. Thanks.
—Kyrylo Kravchenko, Silver Spring, MD

I want to be able to quickly and easily browse the websites of anyone, not just of rich people and corporations. Had net neutrality not existed when the World Wide Web was first created, it never would have been successful. Ending net neutrality would make not only the World Wide Web but the world itself a worse place.
—Frank Podmore, London,

It is important for new businesses to have full competitive access to internet services without paying ISPs.
—Ben Hicks, Richmond, TX

Internet Service Providers should be designated as "common carriers" because they serve the same purpose. Please reclassify them as such and preserve democracy on the internet.
—Mike Lynch, Pensacola, FL

The internet is meant to be free and open, it is this that makes it so great. Tiering the speed of the internet for big payers takes away that freedom, in the same way money has taken democracy from society, as anything can be bought for a high enough price, even governments themselves.
—Vincent Heald, London,

The airwaves are ours. Money is not speech. If you allow those with the most money to buy what belongs to us, people like me, the ones with no money and ideas will no longer be able to get our ideas, our music, our opinions, our creativity out there on an equal playing field. The internet is one of the few places where there is still relative equality of speech. DO NOT give it to the highest bidder!
—Erin Conner, Oakland, CA

Tiered internet will create anarchy, it's as easy as that. It's the one freedom that Americans truly have left and you want to take that away for your own selfish greedy reasons. Don't do it. I'm sure your profit margins are already pretty exorbitant.
—Anthony Gentile, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet is too important to be controlled by oligarchy. The pre-Internet world is almost primitive by comparison to what we have today, and what we could make of it in the future. America has the power to shape a future where every voice has equal weight, and we have the responsibility to do so.
—Kathleen LaVallee, Irving, TX

Net Neutrality is important for everyone to use the internet, therefore it must be defended .
—Dorian Sanchez, Eldorado, TX

All data needs to be treated equally. The FCC needs to support the US public not big cable companies.
—Steve Dickey, San Bernardino, CA

The internet is an incredible source of free speech at a time when newspapers , radio, Tv. News is propaganda paid by a few owners of the media. Don"t let the FCC initiate these new rules that would suffocate free speech on the internet.
—Norma Groverland, Boulder, CO

Net neutrality is important to me.
—Ilene Weiner, Westbury, NY

throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We want our internet Free as it is.
—jaime Munera, Corona, NY

The Internet has thrived precisely because it's always been a level playing field that has fostered innovation and promoted free expression. The FCC's current proposal would change all of that. Please don't let the ISPs take over the Internet. The best way to preserve the open Internet and save Net Neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Amy Kroin, Hadley, MA

No Net Neutrality: No Democracy
—Karen Marie Sullivan, Weslaco, TX

RE: net neutrality. As someone who does not have a choice of internet providers (not many do), I feel companies such as Comcast should be considered a utility, in that they own the "last mile". A company in the position of both carrier and content provider cannot be expected to ignore the inherent conflict of interest and play fairly.
—Dan Wills, LITTLETON, CO

We need competition. Common carrier status would allow resellers into monopoly dominated markets.
—Mark Alexander, Fredericksburg, VA

Please maintain Net Neutrality separate but equal has never worked in the past why would we "little folks" think it will work now.
—Pamela D. Buter, Waldorf, MD

I am against your proposal to alter net neutrality. I understand you want to keep the internet "open," but by charging ISPs a prioritization fee you will stifle online startups, and it will ultimatley raise fees for online customers. The internet should stay neutral. It is working and generating profit and creative new startups. The internet should stay "as open" as it is. Companies like Netflix shouldn't be punished for being successful. The amount of bandwidth they are using is not detrimental to anyone else. Keep the internet open (as open as it is now) and neutral for businesses and customers. Thank you.
—Paula Combs, Warrenton, VA

Net Neutrality means FREEDOM for the Planet. We have a right to FREE SPEECH. Let me repeat..FREE....the internet is a platform for free speech. If you sell out to the Corporations who are trying to CONTROL our speech, then you are responsable for taking away all peoples FREEDOM of speech. THINK ABOUT THAT....you will be remembered for all time for treason against the Democracy we all stand for.
—Nancie evoniuk, woodland hills, CA

You owe it to your fellow citizens to preserve the net neutrality that currently exists. Do not be on the wrong side of history.
—Tom Kurnas, Saylorsburg, PA

It is essential that the internet stay free. It helps to stop the divide betoween the havbes and have nots. It has become a basic freedom.
—Keli Schroeffel, washington, PA

Net neutrality is important because the internet should be available to all at a reasonable rate. Corporations shouldn't have so much control over information
—Diana, Torrance, CA

WE built it and its ours . What's not to understand. Greed can be blinding. Think morally not corporately.
—Lawrence Kherkher, redondo beach, CA

Reverse Chairman Wheeler's plans and,instead, classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Robert M. Brown, Baltimore, MD

"The doors of wisdom are never shut." Benjamin Franklin
—Carl Kirkland, East Elmhurst, NY

I believe strongly that this will be a way "again to have a US a government group cater to large corporations that in effect will end up having the individual consumer pay more for less. The system is not broken only the greedy wanting more $$$$$$in their pockets.
—Annette Wakefield, Saunderstown, RI

The internet is a communications tool; businesses should not have the power to arbitrarily determine how fast information is communicated so as to make themselves richer.
—Patricia Tehan, Rochester, NY

The net should be free and open to all!
—Scott Woodruff, wellington, OH

I'm a Verizon FIOS customer using Only my landline phone and Internet. No TV. I get my news by radio or Internet. I do not download or watch movies. No Games! My greatest use of the Internet is to download materials from my Public Library, personal Banking & Bill Paying, e-mail, and Face Book. I feel that there is sufficient profit to the Internet Providers currently and would appreciate continued Net Neutrality. This is one area of utility access that I would really like to be Public and Not-For-Profit! Thank You [F/67yrs/Retired Library Assistant]
—Patricia L. Cooper, Delmar, NY

Net neutrality is essential for fairness and equality.
—Paula Bourges, los angeles, CA

Do you really want to be the ones who will be remembered for opting for the promise of greater inequality, fewer options, the closure of as yet unthought-of horizons...?
—Mhartman, boulder, CO

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please don't ruin this for everyone!
—Bailey K Zahniser, Seattle, WA

THE INTERNET IS A UTILITY.
—Donald S. McLellan Jr., Bogalusa, LA

Hello FCC government, I think this isn't the solution to fixing the OpenInternet, It would be better if you would re-classify the ISP's, to not being information providers but acces providers to information. Because giving them the power to control: How fast we can or can not enter a site or service online, would be a destruction to the upcoming people who are willing to do something for the entire world. For Example: Athene, Raised over 10 million dollars, just streaming games and making videos for Save The Children Organisation! You would be making a mistake by giving ISP's the power to control what I just said. I ask you just re-classify them and all will be good and even better! Thank you, Best regards, Timme Maebe
—Timme Maebe, Gent,

I did not vote nor lobby for a monopoly, don't take their money and create one.
—Darice Westphal, New York, NY

Our national ideals require as free an exchange of ideas as possible!
—Daniel Cavanaugh, Belleville, MI

I am tired of Monopolies controlling my life!
—William DiAntonio, Mantua, NJ

Please do not let the cable companies dictate internet speeds and access.
—Gary Stuart, Portland, OR

Talk about inside trading! Or is the FCC about to endorse the plan for ELITE as distinguished from COMMON carriers? A reprimand is in order, not an endorsement!
—Maurice Babb, new york, NY

Net Neutrality is a must, not an option. We cannot let the 1% take over the internet. It is bad enough how much they control now, but to give up the innternet is unconscionable. I am disgusted with the FCC for not standing up for the people. There are a lot more of us than there are rich people and we are the ones that truly need a fair internet. Why are you not protecting the very people you have been put in place to protect??? Why?? Why?? Why?? Stop these shananigans and do your job, protect the people!!!! The internet has become critical to our way of life, why do you want to compromise it!!!!??? Throw away your overwhelmingly biased plans and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Moyer, Waukegan, IL

We need Internet Service Providers to be classified as common carriers in order to ensure fair access to the internet for all, not special privilege when a lot of money is involved.
—David Nikkel, Fayetteville, NC

Dear Sir or Madam, free and save roads for everyone are a fundamental requirement for a free country. Equal opportunities are a fundamental requirement for democracy and economy. The United States of America will lead the way. Net Neutrality protects the roads and equal opportunities of the future. Yours sincerely, Michael Schäfer
—Michael Schäfer, Wiesbaden,

DON'T LET INTERNET PROVIDERS BREAK NET NEUTRALITY. Protect consumers and small companies. You know... JUST DO YOUR JOB! Wheeler, just resign and go roll around in your millions. Stop fucking shit up, basically. That's all.
—Steven Doxas, Merrillville, IN

Protect net neutrality! Please do not give in to the ISP's. Keep the internet open and reclassify all ISP's as common carriers!
—Patrick J Cullen, Lincoln, RI

Since all of the other mass media are heavily censored, limited and privately owned, the Internet is now the lungs of our democracy, being the only avenue of the free flow of information. Please do not let this be suffocated.
—Melanie Cordell, San Antonio, TX

Please protect Net Neutrality It is at the heart of our intellectual progress.
—Sasha Leitman, stanford, CA

Net Neutrality is important for the sake of freedom, and a great economy. It gives competition, which constantly strives for greatness.
—Marissa Bosley, baton rouge, LA

It's insane how anybody would think this is a good idea. I own a small business that operates mostly online, if this happens, I can kiss my livelihood goodbye. I will no longer be able to support my family. This is rampant discrimination and goes against everything that our government was put in place for. Net Neutrality is absolutely needed for freedom for the entire world.
—Net Freedom, San Francisco, CA

Let there be one place in the world where everyone is equal, and money does not equate to power. Keep the internet neutral.
—Paula Wray, Mc Clure, PA

Leave the internet FREE. We have enough taxes. Stop imposing more taxes.
—Kitty watkins, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality enables a vibrant internet economy
—Mr. Robert Griffin, North Hollywood, CA

I do not agree with the FCC's upcoming proposal for "net neutrality". I want the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carl J. Grana Jr., Santa Clarita, CA

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—Mark Salamon, SAN MATEO, CA

This rule is nothing more than a boondoggle to benefit monopolistic ISPs enabling them to squeeze more money out of consumers. Last time I checked, stifling innovation and empowering monopolies to rip off the public were beyond the FCCs mandate. This government should not proceed with this rule. Serve the public, not your lobbyist.
—Nils Thomsen, Frederick, MD

Seriously? You guys can't figure out why it's important on your own? Public internet? Equal access. It's that simple.
—Jean Glass, Guilford, CT

Small business as well as large business is done on the internet. Maybe no One of them make it on your radar, but all of them put together can make or break America.
—Ken Gale, New York, NY

I support REAL net neutrality, NOT the currently proposed plan. Internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Michael Fiflis, Scottsdale, AZ

PLEASE STOP CONTROLLING EVERTHING IN MY LIFE. As a government agency you can choose not to limit my low cost use of the internet. I live in an area that has very limited access to "highspeed" anything. Please leave my options open to cheaper internet. If you allow the big companies to charge for Youtube and other information sources online, you will be opting me out of these services. I am retired I will not be able to add it to my expences without cutting something else out of my life. We have no option for cable service here, I barely get a cell phone connection and if I move around the house I loose my signal. Please leave the internet alone and do not cause what limited services I have to increase. Thank you for hearing my situation.
—Mike Volberg, Ramona, CA

We need to encourage competition, not make it more difficult. Our providers are monopolies, in complete control of our viewing and our rates. All ISP providers should be common carriers with an equal playing field.
—Ruth Ahearn, Walnut Creek, CA

Internet providers should not be able to influence what consumers view online. The consumer is paying for the service and should be able to use it as they see fit.
—Sarah Soliday, Valparaiso, IN

LEAVE THE INTERNET RULES ALONE> IT AIN'T BROKE! SO DON'T FIX IT
—Pete Antonopoulos, chicago, IL